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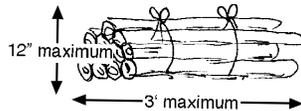
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## FALL BRANCH AND LEAF COLLECTION

### Branch Collection November 14 - 18

Brush and limbs must be properly prepared or they will not be collected.

- ◆ Brush and limbs must be from your Pennsbury Township property.
- ◆ Brush and limbs must be put out before start date as only one pass will be made through each neighborhood.
- ◆ NO roots, stumps and limbs with wire and/or nails.
- ◆ All brush and limbs must be in the right of way .
- ◆ Fresh cut (green) limbs, 2" in diameter and larger, should be left full length, placed along roadside with large ends closest to road.
- ◆ Dry, dead brush must be tied in bundles no greater than 3' long and 12" in diameter. Dry, dead tree limbs are to be cut in 3' lengths and tied in bundles no more than 12" in diameter.
- ◆ A sample bundle is on display at the Township Building along with free bailing twine and instructions.
- ◆ Limit of 8 bundles of brush and/or tree limbs and 10 fresh cut (green) branches per property.



### Leaf Collection October 24 - December 2

Bag your leaves and take them to the designated area at the Township Building.

## Planning for New Sewage Treatment System on Rt. 1

Planning for a new sewage treatment system along Rt. 1 has taken a major step forward. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 25, 2011, the Board executed an Easement from Mr. Jack Becker for the use of approximately three acres of his land along the rear of his properties on Rt. 1 that are located across from the Gables. The land is planned to be used for subsurface disposal of highly treated effluent from a planned new hi-tech sewage plant to be located on the property of Chadds Ford West, adjacent to the pond bounded by Chadds Ford West and Ponds Edge Home Owners Assoc.

The objective of land disposal of effluent has been a long standing goal of the present Board of Supervisors. Their goal has been to avoid the previously planned direct discharge of treated effluent into a stream and to further provide a "belt and suspenders" approach, where the "belt" is use of a hi-tech plant that produces high quality effluent and the "suspenders" is disposal of that effluent into the ground, resulting in the most environmentally friendly solution viable.

The new plant would serve primarily the properties along Rt.1 that are in the Multi-Use and Highway Commercial zoning districts, and the requirements for such have been driven largely by the needs of two developments that currently are in planning: Pennsbury Village at Chadds Ford (PVA) and Penns Village (Mr. Becker).

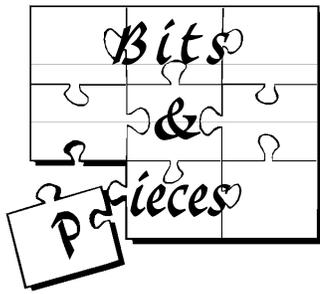
This event also culminates over two years of intense negotiations between the Board and Mr. Becker to come up with a compromise development plan for his properties, which would incorporate an open area for an effluent disposal field to be eased to the Township.

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## ❖ UPDATES

### PLANNING/ORDINANCE

Chapter 5 Land Use and Inventory Plan of the Comprehensive Plan was updated July, 2011. This reflected changes in the Future Land Use Map which corresponds to the zoning update draft.

Zoning Update - the Township board is reviewing the proposed update. When this is a public meeting will be scheduled to discuss the revised draft.

### SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

Crosslands has submitted a plan to renovate its skilled care unit. This plan will also expand the parking lot and redefine their physical activity area. The preliminary plan is being reviewed by our Planning Commission. Crosslands was granted conditional use for this expansion by the Board of Supervisors at its July meeting.

### ❖ RESIDENT AWARENESS PROGRAM

On Tuesday, September 20 a resident awareness program, *Lawn Care- Are all those Chemicals Really Necessary?*

will be presented by Jim Hart, Master Gardener from Penn State Extension. Subjects covered will be lawn maintenance, problems, fertilization and weed control.

Everyone is invited for supper at 6:15 pm, sponsored by the Pennsbury Land & Environmental Alliance. The program will be from 7 to 8 pm in the Harris Room of the Township Bldg.

RSVP to the Township at 610-388-7323 or email [knowley@pennsbury.pa.us](mailto:knowley@pennsbury.pa.us) by **SEPTEMBER 15**.

### ❖ OPEN BURNING

The Township does not have a burning ordinance but encourages residents to make use of branch pickup and leaf collection. For any outdoor controlled burn the

fire company should be alerted at 610-436-4700 (non emergency number).

Residents who use a burn barrel for burning household trash should be aware that one household barrel may release as many toxic chemicals as a large municipal incinerator.

Please be a good neighbor and constrain burning hours to between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays and no burning on weekends, in consideration of your neighbors who may be holding social functions outdoors.

### ❖ HUNTING

The PA Game Commission controls all hunting. They set the dates, bag limits, rules and regulations. For hunting season calendar [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us)

Report road kill on US 1 to PennDot at 484-340-3200 and on all other roads to the PA Game Comm. at 610-926-3136.

### ❖ 55 ALIVE REFRESHER

This course will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 8 am - noon in the Harris Room of the Township Bldg.

It is being offered for those who took the course more than three years ago. This will allow you to renew their certification and get the 5% discount on car insurance. The class will be conducted by the AARP and the cost is \$10.00 per individual. Town-watch is picking up the remaining costs. First come, first served - call the Township to reserve a space, 610-388-7323.



September is *National Preparedness Month* and also the 10th Anniversary of the attacks on New York City, Washington, DC and Shanksville, PA.

Do you and your family know what to do to in Pennsbury Township to prepare for a disaster that could leave you without power and other basic

necessities? What do you take if you have only five minutes to evacuate?

Two excellent web resources are: [readyregion.org](http://readyregion.org) (presented by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Task Force) and [www.chesco.org/des](http://www.chesco.org/des) (Chester County Emergency Services).

Check out Jeff Hoagland's Daily Local column of Thursday, August 11 "You have five minutes to leave home: where's your bug-out bag?" The column appears on the Chester County Emergency Services web site.

*Lloyd Bankson Roach*  
Pennsbury Township,  
Emergency Management Coordinator

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# A Pennsbury Historic Structure: CHADDSFORD WINERY

The house and barn at 623 Baltimore Pike adjacent to the Barns-Brinton House was originally known as “The Brinton Sisters House”. The property is now owned by the Chaddssford Winery.

The House was built in 1800 as part of the Barns-Brinton farmstead. The farmstead was bought by James Brinton in 1753. James was the grandson of William Brinton, an original settler of Chester County. The Brinton family owned the farmstead for over 100 years and built “The Sisters House”. The name most likely comes from the fact that Joseph Brinton, an owner of the farmstead, bequeathed the house and farm to his three daughters on his death in 1840. The sisters sold the house and 249 of the original 255 acres in 1859.

The farmhouse has a 2-story, 3-bay Federal style core with large rectangular chimneys at each end and a 2-story rear addition. In the early to mid 20th century, the house appears to have modified in the Colonial Revival style as seen by its window and door treatments of the north elevation (facing Route 1) . The main portion of the house is stuccoed and the addition is clapboard.

The barn is west of the farmhouse and is a late 19th century building, probably built around 1870. It has one story additions on the east and west ends. The “Springhouse”



located in front of the Barn is believed to have been moved to its present location.

After having passed through several owners after being sold by the Brinton Sisters, the remaining 6 acres, the farmhouse, barn and out buildings were bought by Eric and Lee Miller in 1982 and they have been producing wine there since 1983.

More information about the Brinton Sisters House and the other 200 plus significant historic properties in the Township is available to the public at the Township Building in the Historical Commission’s recently completed Historic Site Survey.



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## ❖ INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Longwood Gardens and PennDot have been working on the relocation of Rt. 52 along Rt. 1. The section of Rte. 52 along the Gardens is being relocated.

The intersection of Rts. 926 & 52 will be realigned and new traffic lights installed. There will be a detour for the upgrade starting the week of Sept. 15 and going through the beginning of November. Watch for detour signs during this period. Traffic on Rt. 52 will be reduced to one lane only during construction.

## ❖ REMINDERS

Please do not blow grass into roadways as you mow. It can cause drainage problems which lead to dangerous road conditions when wet.

Another cause of drainage problems can occur when yard debris is disposed of in drainage ditches. This can clog ditches and lead to flooding.

Trim back bushes and shrubs that are in the right of way which can cause visibility problems.

## ❖ FALLEN TREES

When trees fall onto the roadway, the only responsibility of the township is to “clear the road”. Clean up and removal of debris is the responsibility of the property owner. The township does not own trees, they maintain the roads.

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# 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](mailto:khowley@pennsbury.pa.us); or use the volunteer form on Pennsbury's website at [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Traffic Safety Committee** - meets as needed to discuss traffic safety issues. May be asked to make recommendations to the supervisors: when subdivisions are proposed on issues as roads, signage, or driveway locations; when residents complain about speed on roads or driveway entrances; any project or change proposed by PennDot.

**Historical Commission** - surveys historic structures in the township, reviews renovation and subdivision plans containing historic structures, assists the Planning Commission in the review process and the Code Enforcement Officer in the issuance of building permits for historic structures.

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

**Planning Commission** - review and make recommendations to the Board regarding development proposals.

**Park Committee** - make recommendations to the Board regarding park development and use.

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. (9/07)*

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## Bark Park Gets a 5-Woof Rating!



The Grand Opening of the Pennsbury Bark Park on June 25th was a big hit with both canines and humans! The dogs sniffed, ran, fetched, panting and had fun while the owners retrieved toys set up photo-ops and socialized with other owners.

Drew Smallacombe was recognized for completing his Eagle Scout Project of building benches, installing fences and a sign and planting trees on the site. Giggy Bites and Del Angels Landscaping were on hand to help ensure everyone had a good time.

Since the opening the Bark Park has been very active with daily visitors, except those very hot and humid days, The fall promises to be a great time! "Yappy Hours" have been occurring periodically Sundays at 6 pm. If you are interested in helping with events at the Bark Park or volunteering on behalf of Pennsbury Township Park, please contact the Park Committee at 610-388-7323.

To stay informed about the Bark Park, there are social websites, but they are not sponsored by the Township.

# HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

## ❖ YARD CARE TO REDUCE STORM WATER RUNOFF

Here are several simple yard care practices that encourage the absorption of rainfall and water run-off into the soil in residential landscapes. These actions benefit your community by preventing flooding, soil erosion, and polluted run-off that impairs our streams, drinking water, and ecosystems

Consider landscape modifications to help your yard retain excess rainwater and prevent runoff. Redirect all downspouts which drain onto paved surfaces and storm sewers to flow into a rain barrel, rain garden, mulched bed or grassy area, located downgrade from your house.

Labor Day signals the best time of year to renovate your lawn. Core aerate, then overseed a closely mowed lawn with a fine fescue grass seed mixture and spread a slow-acting, organic fertilizer. Fine fescues require less fertilizer and water. Slow release fertilizers are less water soluble and therefore less polluting to streams. Less compacted soils absorb more rainwater.

Fall is the best time for planting most trees and shrubs. The more trees and shrubs on your property, the more stormwater is controlled in your community. Consider volunteering to plant trees in your community with your watershed association, or other conservation organization.

Leave faded blossoms on perennials to mature into seedheads to support birds and other wildlife over the winter.

## ❖ ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Residents can now recycle electronics at the Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) landfill at 219 Street Road, West Grove, PA during hours of operation. Minimum fee is \$5.00. Info at: [www.seccra.org](http://www.seccra.org)

Computers can also be recycled at the hazardous waste collection date on Sat., Oct. 8 in West Chester at the Government Services Center. (See calendar)

## ❖ NEW WEBSITE

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority has a new website:

[www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)  
Access this for information on all trash disposal and recycling questions

## ❖ RECYCLING MADE EASY

The Pennsbury Township residents recycling center at the Township Building is available 24/7. All materials that can be recycled can be put in any bin — no need to sort.

Please follow the directions on the bins as to what and how to recycle. If foreign materials or objects are found in the bins, then they must be land-filled and cannot be recycled. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN THE BINS.**

If you take the time to recycle, please take the time to do it right!!!

## ❖ FALL HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Saturday, September 10 and Saturday, October 8. See calendar for complete information.

## More Community Events

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### NOVEMBER

1 Tuesday — **LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT** for Municipal Election.

8 Tuesday, 7 am-8 pm — **VOTE Municipal Election**  
*Note: Township office closed*

14-18 Monday-Friday — **BRANCH COLLECTION**  
*See page 1*

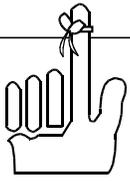
19 Saturday, 8 am-noon — **55 ALIVE REFRESHER COURSE** Harris Room, Township Bldg. *See page 2*

### DECEMBER

2 Friday — **LEAF COLLECTION ENDS**

3 Saturday, 1-6 pm — **CAN-DELIGHT CHRISTMAS** Self-drive tour of decorated homes and sites. Chadds Ford Historical Society. Fee

26 Monday — **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**  
Drop off undecorated trees at the Township Building through January.



# 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.

**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 7:30 pm – Sept. meeting at Hillendale Elem., Oct. at Popson Elem., Nov. at Unionville Elem. Info at: [www.uchsd.org](http://www.uchsd.org)

#### ALL FALL

Monday-Friday, 9 am-2 pm — **WOOD, WOODS, AND WOODWORKERS** Exhibit at Chadds Ford Historical Society Barn Visitors Center, 1736 Creek Rd. Free

#### SEPTEMBER

9, 10, 11 Fri, Sat. & Sun. — **MUSHROOM FESTIVAL** Kennett Square. Admission. Info at: [www.mushroomfestival.org](http://www.mushroomfestival.org)

10, 11 Saturday & Sunday, 10 am-5 pm — **CHADDS FORD DAYS** Colonial Fair at the Ford. Fee

10 Saturday, 9 am-3 pm — **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION** New Garden Township Maintenance Bldg., 8934 Gap Newport Rd., Landenberg.

20 Tuesday, 6:15 — **RESIDENT AWARENESS PROGRAM ON LAWN CARE** Harris Room, Township Building. See page 2

30, 1, 2 Fri., Sat., Sun — **UNIONVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR** Landhope Farms, Rts. 82 & 926. Info at: [www.ucfairinc.org](http://www.ucfairinc.org)

#### OCTOBER

1 Saturday, 10 am-5 pm — **CHESTER COUNTY DAY** Features homes in the southeastern section of the County \$35. Info at: [www.chestercountyhospital.org](http://www.chestercountyhospital.org)

4 Tuesday, 7 pm — **PENNSBURY LAND TRUST SPECIAL MEETING** Township Building. Residents and Land trust volunteers can learn how to protect community streams.

8 Saturday, 9 am-3 pm — **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION & COMPUTER RECYCLING** Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Rd, West Chester.

11 Tuesday — **LAST DAY TO REGISTER** for November Municipal Election.

27, 28, 29 Thursday- Saturday, 5-9 pm — **THE GREAT PUMPKIN CARVE** Chadds Ford Historical Society, Creek Road. Fee [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org)

24 Monday — **LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS** Township Building. See page 1

### NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CALENDAR ON PAGE 5

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