



# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP

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## Emergency Services in Pennsbury Township

**H**ave you ever wondered what would happen if your house was on fire or a member of your family needed immediate medical treatment or had been in a serious accident? The answer is you would rely on our local fire companies. That would be the Longwood Fire Company just up the road on Rt. 1., with backup from the Kennett and Po-Mar-Lin Fire Companies. In Pennsbury Township, remarkably, most of the first responders arriving at the scene are volunteers who live in our neighborhoods.

Although they are unpaid, the volunteers recognize that their services are required around the clock seven days a week. That means they are prepared to risk their lives and leave their homes and families at all hours. Some volunteers regularly stay in the fire house over night to reduce the time it takes to respond to an emergency, and others often respond to more than one call on a given day. It is not unusual for a local volunteer to respond to more than 600 calls in a single year.

To provide the level of service the fire companies achieve, and our residents deserve, appropriate national standards for training, equipment, health, and safety are their point of reference. The

first formal training class is about 180 hours, and it typically takes more than a year for a new firefighter to achieve the first rank above “apprentice,” which is required to perform duties such as entering a burning building. The average firefighter will spend well over 100 hours a year just doing regular drills. Many go on to take advanced classes, learning to operate fire trucks, cut cars, perform water rescues, and get EMS training.

Regional growth, inflation, increasing standards and the costs of professional emergency workers have dramatically increased costs for services. In fact, the 2024 contribution from Pennsbury Township to the Kennett Regional Fire Commission represents 1/3 of our overall budget of 1.9 million. Since 2017 township contributions have more than doubled. While the emergency services provided to our community are invaluable, the volunteers’ services also provide very meaningful financial savings to the Township. Replacing contributions of the volunteer firefighters with paid staff would be very expensive. This could happen in the near future as the pool of volunteers has plummeted over the last forty years. In the 1980s, across Pennsylvania, there were approximately 300,000 volunteer firefighters

serving. Today that number is down to approximately 33,000, and fewer than half of that number are certified to enter a burning building.

Pennsbury Township is working closely with four nearby townships to help the fire companies retain their volunteer personnel to maintain current level of services for our residents, along with recruiting new volunteers. •

### FREE Shredding Event

**The truck will be located in the parking lot on Saturday, April 27th from 9 until noon**

as in previous years. This is a popular event and an opportunity to have sensitive documents disposed of properly. Bring your boxes of documents and watch the “shredding.”

### Township Email Addresses

We are updating our distribution list for residents who want to receive township information via email. With the cost of postage going up, the township is looking into distribution by email only for our newsletter. With that being said, please send us your current email address. Email to [manager@pennsbury.pa.us](mailto:manager@pennsbury.pa.us). The Township Newsletter is also found on our website [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us) under “resources” upper right corner.



## Branch Pick-Up

**Monday–Friday, April 8–12**

The road crew will come by only ONCE during the week so have your branches out on Monday. They will not be collected unless they are properly prepared. If you have questions call Road Master, Dave Allen, at 610-388-9180.

This program is for residents to get rid of fallen limbs or small trees. IT IS NOT TO BE USED AS A COMMERCIAL TREE SERVICE OR FOR LOT CLEARING. The Township mulch pile is available for residents use. Contact Dave Allen to coordinate pickup or with questions.

### Preparation of brush and limbs:

- 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. Each bundle should be not 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.
- Only 8 bundles of brush and / or tree limbs and 10 fresh cut branches are allowed per property.

## Roadside Clean Up Day

**Saturday, April 20**

This is a good project for neighborhood groups to clean up the roadside around their homes. It also is a great way for high school students to acquire community service hours. Vests, gloves and bags can be picked-up at the Township Building. Filled trash bags, if left on the roadside, will be picked up by the road crew. Call Dave Allen, Road Master at 610-388-9180 to leave your location and request supplies.

## Planning Commission Update

**The following is an update of the Planning Commission's (PC) primary meeting topics and activities since the last edition of the Pennsbury Township News:**

- We wish to thank former PC member Jeff Streitel for his years of service and contributions. 2066 Parkersville Rd.; Spencer and Law, construction of an in-ground pool at 142 Ponds Edge Dr.
- We welcome two new volunteer PC members, Karen Meloney and George Trammell. We are happy to have you join us.
- Judi Wilson, Chair of the Historical Commission (HC) presented a proposed update to the township's historic resource map. At a separate PC meeting, the HC discussed a plan to amend our Zoning Ordinance regarding the demolition of historic structures.
- Beginning in March, the PC's scheduled meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. The time and location will remain as is.
- Subdivision applications for the following properties were reviewed: Darlington/McAnally at 2600 Brintons Bridge Rd. and Atkins 3 lot subdivision on McFadden Rd.
- We held a continuation review meeting on a Conditional Use Application by Freddie and Marshie, LLC for a Bed & Breakfast to be located in an historic former home at 1301 Brintons Bridge Rd.
- The PC continued our discussions regarding potential changes to the zoning ordinances targeted toward improving the protection of specimen trees and riparian buffers. Our township was awarded a grant from Chester County and will be working with Brandywine Conservancy on this project in 2024.
- Zoning Hearing Board Applications were reviewed for the following properties: Bley, construction of an in-ground pool at 8 Penn Drive; Paulsen, construction of a garage at

All township residents are welcome to attend Planning Commission meetings which are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm in the Township Building. •

## The 250th Anniversary is Coming!

**O**n July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond. America 250 PA Chester County (CC250) commemorates our nation's 250th anniversary with interactive, inclusive experiences in our community throughout 2026.

We invite you to join us to explore Chester County's role in American history and consider how we can continue to build a more perfect union for all. We encourage all to be involved, to make this a true celebration and commemoration by We The People. For more info, to join forums and zoom sessions for the County, sign up for e-mail notices, &/or to take the partnership pledge, visit [america250chesco.org](http://america250chesco.org). Please feel free to contact the Pennsbury Historical Commission if you would like to be included in the local conversations. •



## 2024 Pennsbury Land Trust Community Naturalists Education Series

**B**e inspired by the beauty and value of our native plants and learn how to add them to your own landscape using environmentally friendly techniques. All programs are led by experienced regional biologists and horticulturists. **Programs are FREE, but space is limited so registration is required.** To register call 610-388-7323, leave your name, phone number and/or email address, and specify which programs you are interested in.

### “GEMS” AND “THUGS”

**Wednesday, April 24 • 10–11:30am (Register by April 19)**

Since Europeans first arrived in North America non-native plants have been introduced to the region either accidentally or on purpose. Some of these plants have become serious pests, aggressively crowding out native plants and subsequently affecting native animals. In this indoor/outdoor session, see samples of common invasive plants such as multiflora rose, garlic mustard, Asian honeysuckle, mile-a-minute and Norway maple. Learn how to reduce the effects of these “thugs” in our landscape, but also hear how to encourage the desirable “gems” by learning to identify and grow native wildflowers ideally suited for this area. Bring your questions, photos, or native plant samples to identify.

### LOCAL STREAM WALK

**Friday, June 14 • 10am–12 noon • Rain date: June 21 (Register by June 10)**

Join us for a short roadside walk to see common stream management challenges of a bordering local stream. Learn how to analyze and implement environmentally healthy management of stream-side and riparian buffer lands, also applicable to ponds. See how indicator species can inform about water quality. Hear about the best native plants to stabilize banks, control flooding, and reduce pollutants in wetlands and streams, while enhancing property values by adding aesthetic appeal. Wear suitable walking shoes.

### FALL NATIVE PLANTINGS FOR WILDLIFE

**Tuesday, September 17 • 1–2:30pm (Register by September 13)**

Discover the best native plants for supporting food and shelter for desirable wildlife, including both migratory and year-round birds. Learn the value of certain berry and nut-producing plants such as American holly, winterberry holly, viburnums, black cherry, oaks, and native vines. Find out how and where to plant them for best access and appearance. Local sources for these plants will be shared as we look at specimens.

**Note:** All programs meet at the rear of the Pennsbury Township Municipal Building, 702 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA. Remember to register by calling 610-388-7323. •

## Tax Bills

**T**ownship tax bills have been sent out by Berkheimer Assoc. March 1st. If you have not received your bill, please call them at 610-599-3143. Please note there is a FREE SELF-SERVICE OPTION on their website. The County Tax Bill was sent out early January and the School Tax Bill will be mailed by the school district around July 1st. There is an Earned Income Tax of 0.312% in Pennsbury that is collected by Keystone Collections. For online filing, the quick and easy system allows taxpayers to minimize the time required to file a return. 43% of online filers completed their transaction in under 5 minutes. This cumulative percentage jumps to 67% when completing online filing in less than 10 minutes. [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com) Any questions please call them at 888-328-0565. •

## Large Item Disposal

**Thursday, April 18 (6:30am–2:30pm)**

**Friday, April 19 (6:30am–2:30pm)**

**Saturday, April 20 (9am–1pm)**

Large item disposal for Pennsbury Township residents ONLY, proof of residency may be required. The dumpster will be located near the maintenance garage and will be manned by Township personnel.

NO HAZARDOUS-MATERIALS OR ELECTRONICS. The following charges will apply: (cash or check made out to Pennsbury Township.)

\$3.00 for each car tire

\$15.00 for Truck / Tractor

\$12.00 AC / Refrigerator

## 2023 Audit

Township audit is complete. Barbacane Thornton, CPA performed the audit with input from our elected auditors. Township tax remains at 1.49 mils and has not changed for many years. The earned income tax rate is the same at .312% and is collected by Keystone Collections. You should have received your township tax bill at the beginning of March. If you have not, please call the Tax Collector Berkheimer Assoc. 866-309-6939. The Township Budget for 2024 was adopted in December 2023 and is posted on the township website [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us) under township government.

## Bamboo

Bamboo has increasingly been a serious problem during storm events blocking roadways and causing a hazard to the travelling public. BAMBOO is a noxious weed and should NOT BE PLANTED near the road. Even if it is out of the township right of way, the shoots are so long that they bend over into the road and cause problems. Property owners MUST cut back the weeds and clear the road. If this is not done the road crew may have to cut it back.





## Restrictions on Open Burning

Pennsbury Township discourages open burning, but if you must the following restrictions apply. **If township receives a complaint, the burning MUST STOP immediately. It cannot start up again!** Zoning Ordinance 162-1911, sets strict limitations on open burning.

- Open burning of anything other than leaves and small branches is strictly prohibited at all times. There shall be no emission of smoke, ash, dust, fumes, vapors, gases, or other matter toxic or noxious to air which violates the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Laws.
- Open burning of leaves and small branches is prohibited during the following intervals:
  - » On weekends and Holidays at any time
  - » On weekdays between 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM
- Therefore, open burning of leaves and small branches may only be legally conducted during weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at which time the fire shall be fully extinguished.
- Before any legal open burning is conducted, the Longwood Fire Company must be informed and the fire must comply with all fire department requirements. Approval by Longwood Fire Co is necessary, but not sufficient. The Township regulations must be adhered to regardless of Longwood Fire Co approval.
- Also, Township notices regarding leaf and branch pickup carry the underlying ordinance restriction regarding open burning.
- Please be good neighbors and comply with the Township open burning regulations.

## Road Dept Report

The following roads will be resurfaced/oil/chip during the summer—paving done on Cheryl Lane, Grachal Lane as well as Parkersville Road north of Rt. 926. Oil and chip with fog seal will be done on Chaddbury Lane, Shadow Lane, Sparrowhawk, Spindle Lane, Hillspring Road, Ponds Edge Drive.

## Spring Programs & Events at Kennett Library

**K**ennett Library is ready for its first spring in the new building! March, April, and May are filled with programs and events centered around growth, imagination, and connecting with the community.



Chris Manna, Executive Director, said, “Spring of 2024 marks the launch of many new partnerships and programs aimed to capitalize on our new library and some of what it has to offer. Many residents are discovering this new jewel in southern Chester County. As part of this discovery, we look forward to bringing excellent library programming to our community and bringing many new people to discover the wonders of the Kennett area.”

At a glance, the auditorium will feature two plays by Pages Alive Theatre: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and a Student Shakespeare Festival, an election-year film festival, and Monday Movie Nights (now hosted by the Friends of Kennett Library).

Environmental programs include the relaunch of the Free Seed Library, the continuation of Friends of Meadowitos lecture series, and a walk in the park identifying wildflowers. The well-loved and attended Toddler Nature Camp will occur in Anson B. Nixon Park from mid-April through mid-May.

Makerspace programs include Coding with Swift Playgrounds on iPad, Video Production with iMovie, Podcasting with GarageBand, iPhoneography, Website Building with Google Sites, and many more 3D printing and laser engraving activities.

Art Exhibits in the gallery will include *Inspiration to Expression* by The National League of Pen Women ( Feb 29th–April 3rd), *World of Jazz* by Al Moretti (April 4th–30th), and a student art show in

May. Other arts-related programs include Where Do Old Books Go (upcycling book pages) and fiber arts groups like the Knit Knook and crocheting classes.

Live Better, the library’s health awareness initiative, brings an entire day (March 4th) dedicated to the Red Cross with a blood drive and information sessions on disaster preparedness. Live Better will also partner with the YMCA and Anson B. Nixon Park on April 20th for WalkFest, a day focused on the health benefits of walking for all ages and abilities.

Special events include a Jazz Festival on April 27th with the Kennett Flash, a performance of *Odysseus* on April 6th, a celebration of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library on April 24th, and a Community Volunteer Fair on May 11th.

The library is especially eager to host its very first *Starlight Soirée* on May 3rd, celebrating the new library under the stars on the Melton Terrace. The soiree will feature a silent auction, local music, and delicious food (tickets will be available soon).

Lou Florence, Collection Development, said, “Are we excited for Spring? Yes, we are! Like the burgeoning flowers, budding trees, romping lambs, fledgling birds, and giddy kids—Spring is all about bursting at the seams with energy; that is how we feel here at the Kennett Library! We have many great things to offer, many great dreams to realize, and many wonderful connections to build with our communities.”

The Kennett Library strives to offer a little something for everyone, and this is just a brief overview of what’s to come this season. To learn more, please stop by the library and pick up our programs and happenings magazine *From The Desk of Alice* or visit [KennettLibrary.org](http://KennettLibrary.org).



## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is Special— Let's be Safe!

*Patti Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager, CCSWA*

If you are Trash Smart, then you know that household hazardous waste (HHW) includes the old gasoline, pesticides, chemicals, and batteries that accumulate in our basements, sheds, and garages. These materials need to be handled differently than other trash and recyclables in our homes, for the safety of people and our environment. “Hiding” hazardous materials in trash and recycling can be especially dangerous!

### These troublesome incidents happened in our region:

- On a household trash route, a Phoenixville Public Works employee was sprayed with motor oil that exploded inside the truck during compaction.
- A lithium battery is suspected of starting a fire in a recycling processing facility in York County, causing major disruption in the region for a year.
- At regional HHW collection events, our contractor has dealt with incidents of people hiding strictly unacceptable, and potentially dangerous, material in their otherwise acceptable materials.
- At one HHW event, a resident brought acid in an unsecured container which leaked during transport, damaging the truck bed, and potentially causing injury to people.

Chester County is home to two landfills, Lanchester and SECCRA. Neither can accept hazardous waste. So, what to do? Register for a HHW event. Bring items such as fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable batteries, oil-based paint and solvents, gasoline, pool chemicals, and pesticides to a regional household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event. Chester County participates in this program with Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties.

- Residents of any of these five counties can use the HHW program in any of these five counties.
- In Chester County, you must register online, [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org), for a drive-through event. Registering helps us manage capacity, supplies, and staffing needs. And it reduces wait times for the public.

Nearly 200,000 pounds of materials are safely managed through this program annually. If you are planning to move or clean out a home, make a plan for your HHW NOW! If in doubt, check it out! Stay safe and stay Trash Smart! •



### 2024 Hazardous Household Waste Events

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT HAZARDOUS WASTE AT LANCHESTER LANDFILL. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH EVENT! REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE A FEW WEEKS BEFORE EACH EVENT.**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024 - Phoenixville**

**Friday, June 21, 2024 - Coatesville**

**Saturday, August 24, 2024 - Oxford**

**Saturday, October 5, 2024 - West Chester**

**You MUST Register for the event.** Scan QR code here or go to the County Solid Waste Authority website [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org) to register or for further details on the upcoming Chester County HHW collection events and for a full list of accepted and not accepted materials.



## Keep Pennsbury Beautiful!

**By Resident, Ruth Crawford**

We love our pristine, bucolic countryside. What could possibly disturb it? Plastic! Yes, that lightweight, flexible, inexpensive material ubiquitous in modern life is now being viewed as not so innocuous—in fact, even damaging.

Plastics litter our roadways and pollute our rivers and streams. They threaten wildlife and possibly even human health. It's been estimated that plastics can take up to 500 years or more to degrade. They never truly decompose but rather break down into microplastics—tiny particles that exist in the air we breathe and the food we eat.

Fossil fuel companies manufacture plastics from petrochemicals. Many of these chemicals are known to be toxic. Yet the fossil fuel industry continues to build new plants to manufacture plastics, as their oil and gas stores decline because of climate change regulations.

What's a person to do? Neighboring townships, such as Kennett and East Marlborough, are discussing just that. One place to start is a township ordinance to restrict the use of plastic bags—and perhaps even other single use plastics such as water bottles, straws, utensils, etc. Many of us shop or get takeout food in neighboring townships, so what happens there is relevant to Pennsbury Township residents too. Five neighboring Chester County townships and municipalities have already passed ordinances prohibiting the use of plastic bags: West Chester, West Goshen, Uwchlan, Tredyffrin, and Easttown.

Plastic bags may eventually become relics of the past, as they have in Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. But what can you do in the meantime? Bring your own reusable bags when shopping. Tell businesses that you don't want plastic bags. Avoid single use plastics. Participate in cleanups to remove plastic waste from parks and waterways. Learn more at [earthday.org](http://earthday.org), whose 2024 theme is “Planet vs. Plastics.” Become a part of the plastics solution and help promote a more sustainable environment in Pennsbury and beyond.



## Emergency Management Coordinator Update

Hello residents! My name is Michael Pisano, I am the newly appointed Emergency Management Coordinator for Pennsbury Township. I come to you with over a decade of experience in Emergency Services in Chester County, and I am pleased to serve each of you. With spring rapidly approaching, please remember these safety tips to keep you and your loved ones out of harm's way!

When conducting your spring cleaning keep the following in mind, and, as always, it is important to save the National Poison Control Center (800) 222-1222 in your phone.

- Keep poisons in original containers, away from food.
- Read and follow product instructions carefully.
- Never mix chemicals to avoid harmful gases.
- Use ventilation when using strong chemicals.
- Direct spray away from people and pets.
- Don't sniff containers; discard old products.
- Be cautious with windshield wiper fluid—it's poisonous if swallowed.

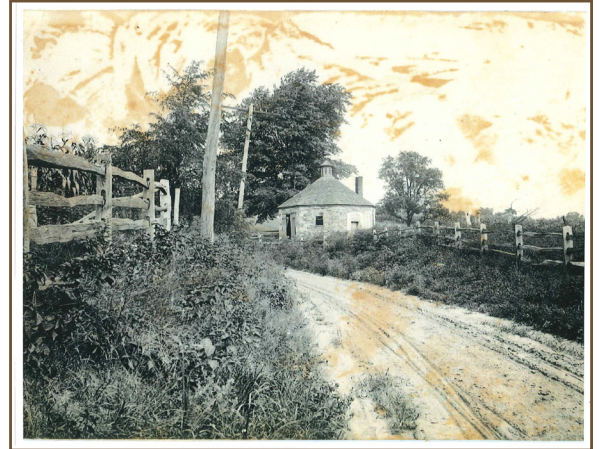
Be ready for any emergency! Please visit [Ready.PA.gov](http://Ready.PA.gov) for some amazing resources to prepare your households for unexpected emergencies.

## Driveway Permits

Driveway Permits needed for resurfacing your driveway. Permits MUST BE OBTAINED by the property owner BEFORE the job is done. Permit application can be found on our website at [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us) under Forms and Applications.

## The Parkersville Octagonal School

In about 1820, the Quakers from the old Kennett Meeting raised funds from members, and from neighbors in what is now known as Parkersville, to build and conduct a school in Parkersville. The octagonal school was built by a mason, John Parker, Jr. (1786-1857), probably with the help of his nephew and apprentice, Ephraim Baily (1803-1837).



The exact location of the structure is not certain, but appears to have been at the SE corner of Street Road and Parkersville Road. The school was operated as a private one by the Quakers until the passage of a Public School Act, which turned it over to Pennsbury Township in 1837. The 1837-1863 Pennsbury Township school board minutes of the then public school are preserved in a journal at the Chester County Historical Society.



These minutes show that the salary for teachers was \$66.00 per year, increased to \$88.60 annually by 1863. There were four board members.

According to the History of Chester County, Futhey/Cope, the early schoolhouses were either log or stone, sometimes built in an octagonal form, and called eight-square school-houses. The desks were placed around against the walls, and the pupils occupying them sat facing the windows. Benches without backs, for the smaller children, occupied the middle of the room. A desk for the teacher, a huge stove in the centre of the room, a bucket, and what was called the "pass"—a small paddle, with the words "in" and "out" written on its opposite sides—constituted the furniture of the building.

After the construction of a new Parkersville School in 1860, across the road from the Friends meeting house, the old octagonal school served for several years as a blacksmith shop, then as a mushroom house. Today, there is no trace of the building. •

## Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission Update

The Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway (BVSB) Commission has been busy since the creation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad (HT/UGRR) Byway in November 2022. We are developing a partnership with Chester County to jointly tell the story of the Path to Freedom as part of the America250PA celebration on July 4th, 2026. We applied for and received grants to enable us to develop a website for the HT/UGRR Byway. We are very proud to announce our new website for the Tubman Byway. Please visit this site at: [www.harriettubmanbywaypa.com](http://www.harriettubmanbywaypa.com).





## Unionville-Chadds Ford School District Update

The Centennial year of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District (UCFSD) has been one to remember! The celebration kicked-off in the fall with a parade before the Homecoming game and highlighted students from all the schools, alumni and retirees, the marching band, and many others. Don and Ray McKay have been giving monthly historical bus tours of the district with a final stop at the restored Locust Grove School. In November, Unionville Elementary hosted an open house to welcome UCFSD community members into the building where it all started. The culminating event, a formal Gala at Longwood Gardens, will be held in mid-April with proceeds benefiting the UCFSD Education Foundation and the Community Scholarship fund. Visit the district website for more details.

Two Unionville High School (UHS) students, Arjun Praphulla Suryawanshi and Lilly Zhang, were among the top 300 Scholars in the 2024 Regeneration Science

Talent Search (STS). UHS is the only high school in Pennsylvania--and one of only 49 high schools in the United States--with two or more Scholars to receive this prestigious recognition. Suryawanshi and Zhang will each receive \$2,000. In addition, UHS will receive \$4,000 for STEM-related activities. Suryawanshi, a senior, titled his winning project: ArmLev—A Low-Cost, Wearable and Dual-Mechanism Arm-Stabilizing Device Aimed To Mitigate Tremors. Zhang, also a senior at UHS, titled her winning project Urban Heat Island Mitigation With Aerogel Composites. It presents a solution to the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect.

On Monday, January 15, Hillendale Elementary and Pocopson Elementary united together at Hillendale to participate in Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, a day dedicated to volunteer service in honor of Dr. King's legacy. The two schools and about 400 people joined forces to learn,

create, and donate their time and effort in support of seven local charities. Representatives of each organization were on site and volunteers had the opportunity to learn about how they make our communities better. Volunteers created items such as OT busy boards for seniors, cat toys, inspirational signs for transitional housing, clothing kits for children, surgical caps for children, craft kits for pediatric patients, and sorted coat donations.

Lastly, thank you to the community for your book donations! The PTO Used Book Sale has been part of the community since 1996 and is Unionville High School's largest fundraiser. Judging by attendance, this year's event was incredibly successful raising tens of thousands of dollars. All proceeds go to curriculum enrichment grants. In 2023-24 The High School PTO has already funded laptops for the engineering department and started to outfit the new student lounge. •

## Pennsylvania State Police

My name is Trooper Michael Carter and I have been with the Pennsylvania State Police for six years. I am assigned to the patrol section and also serve as an alternate Community Service Officer.

My goal as a Community Service Officer is to maintain a good connection between the community and the Pennsylvania State Police, Avondale Station. I will be participating in current and upcoming events for schools and other community organizations as well as creating new events. I believe it is also important to keep up with and provide the community with information regarding events going on in their communities.

For those that do not know, the Pennsylvania State Police conduct school checks daily. This means a Trooper will stop by every school each day. We sometimes conduct walk throughs of the

school and stop in classrooms to say hello to the students and staff. The students may even have fun at recess with a Trooper! We want the students to feel safe at school and let them know we are here to help. We want to be able to stop by a school on a positive side and not make it seem we are only there when something is wrong.

For more information for Pennsylvania State Police events or incidents, please follow our Twitter: @PSPTroopPIO. You can also visit the Community Access to Information Dashboard (CAID) to see the most up to date information/statistics regarding calls in your township. The link is <https://reports.py.pa.gov/psp/powerbiui>.



### UPCOMING EVENT: Chester County Camp Cadet August 11-17

This is a FREE overnight camp for boys and girls between the ages of eleven and thirteen supervised by Pennsylvania State Troopers and local police officers. This camp was established in 1971. It is a program that provides kids with an understanding of law enforcement activities as well as comfort with the professionals that serve their communities. Cadets will learn about teamwork, making good decisions, self-discipline, and most importantly HAVE FUN! They cadets will do multiple activities such as zip-lining, swimming, team-based activities and more!

Registrations are available now. For more information about the camp as well as to register, visit [www.cccampcadet.org](http://www.cccampcadet.org). •



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## PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2024

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*(elected 6 yr term)*  
Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

Wendell Fenton, *Vice Chair*  
*(term ends 2029)*  
610-388-6168

Aaron McIntyre, *Chair*  
*(term ends 2027)*  
610-388-9795

Dan Boyle *(term ends 2025)*  
484-757-9776

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Michael Quinn  
Patrick Yerkes

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*(elected 6-year term)*

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*(elected 6 year term)*

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Russell Drumheller

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm

Dennis Smith - *Chairman*  
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### ANIMAL CONTROL

Brandywine Valley SPCA  
610-692-6113

### STATE POLICE

Avondale Barracks  
(non emergency)  
610-268-2022

### TO REPORT ROAD KILL

On U.S. 1 (PennDot):  
484-340-3200

All other roads  
(PA Game Commission):  
610-926-3136, prompt #0

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