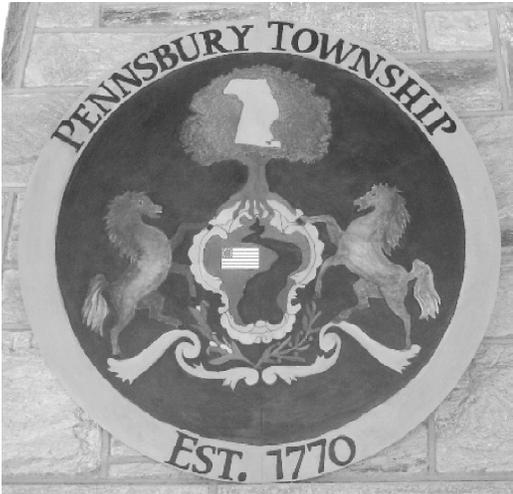


# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

Summer 2012  
Vol. 26, No.3

[www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us)

## NEW PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP EMBLEM



Last July, Boy Scout Conner McShane completed his Eagle Scout Project by designing and constructing an emblem for Pennsbury Township.

Conner enjoys the arts and wanted to incorporate them in the advancement of his scout career. Working with Supervisor Aaron McIntyre and attending supervisor's meetings to get input from the board, he devised a design that symbolizes many aspects of our Township and State.

- The general design is from the PA Coat of Arms. It represents our municipal authority as being granted by the state of PA.
- The blue of the background represents unity, the gold of the border and flourishes represent wealth and fiscal responsibility, the green tree represents the natural environment, and the brown tree trunk and roots represent agriculture and earth.

- The Brandywine River, in the center, depicts our history, geographic border and our environment.
- The thirteen star flag signifies our close history with the founding of the United States and Pennsbury's status as part of the Brandywine Battlefield National Historic Landmark.
- The oak tree is an indigenous tree representing strength and the importance of our natural environment.
- The horses represent agriculture and the opposing pair represents the support and strength given to Pennsbury as a result of differing perspectives,
- The cornstalk and olive branch represent peace and prosperity.

The approximately 5 foot circle rests on top the fireplace in the Harris Meeting Room. Drop by and see it. The Board of Supervisors is grateful for Connor's creative addition to the Township.

## HELP THE ENVIRONMENT THIS SUMMER

**RECYCLE** — Take advantage of Pennsbury's single stream recycling, but please remember to flatten your cardboard boxes and recycle plastic bags at your grocery store.

**PREVENT WATER RUNOFF** — Wash your car over the lawn to catch excess water and make sure you water the lawn and not the driveway or street.

**PROTECT A STREAM** — Volunteer for Pennsbury Land Trust's Watershed monitoring and restoration workshops which will train you to help maintain the

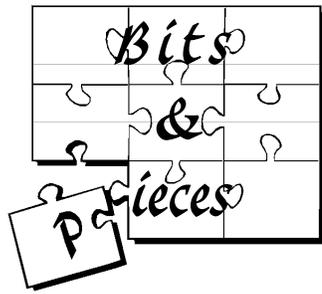
quality of land, water and biodiversity of our Township. For info about workshops call 610-388-7401 or email: [pennsburylandtrust@gmail.org](mailto:pennsburylandtrust@gmail.org).

**PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP**  
702 Baltimore Pike  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

610-388-7323  
Fax 610-388-6036  
email:  
[khowley@pennsbury.pa.us](mailto:khowley@pennsbury.pa.us)

**Office Hours:**  
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday  
Kathleen Howley, Twp. Manager

**SUPERVISORS**  
Aaron McIntyre, Chair  
Scotty Scottoline, Vice Chair  
Wendell Fenton



## ❖ PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

A Solar Energy Ordinance is being drafted with the help of the Brandywine Conservancy

**Updated/ New Zoning Ordinance** continues to be reviewed by the Supervisors and township Solicitor, Tom Oeste. When the final copy is available it will be advertised for public review and a public hearing scheduled. This should take place in the fall and will also be advertised in the next newsletter.

**Windmill Hollow** is a 10-lot subdivision on Brintons Bridge Rd. on property owned by Richard Sanford. It has had additional revisions and review by Planning Commission members. The legal documents and homeowners association agreements will be revised reflecting additional comments. The Planning Commission will review the drafts before they go to the supervisors for final approvals.

## ❖ RESOLUTIONS/ ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Amendment to the Ordinance addressing open space to be set aside in subdivisions was passed. Now all major subdivisions (of four lots or more) will be subject to this rule.

The following resolutions were passed::

- appointed Umbreit Koringle as auditor for 2012 records;
- supported prevailing wage reform;
- adopted a procedure to be used when soliciting a request for proposal for township pension plan administration.

## ❖ PENNSBURY PARK

The park hosted another very successful Yard Sale on April 28. There were more than 60 vendors and although the weather looked questionable at first, it turned out to be a great day enjoyed by all. The Dayton's added to the festivities with their music, Habitat for Humanity was there to accept donations and of course there was the dumpster for things you simply did not want to take back home.

Next year's Yard Sale will be on Saturday April 27.

*Continued on page 3*



## ❖ KEEP RIGHT-OF-WAYS CLEAR

DO NOT plant shrubs or trees in the right of way. Trim branches and shrubs on your property in order to keep sight distances for vehicular traffic.

DO NOT blow grass or leaves onto the road or in the gutter, which is a violation of the PA Vehicle Code.

## ❖ HONOR CONSTRUCTION ZONES

When driving local roads, slow down for any road construction, fines are DOUBLED in these areas. Our Township road crew has had first hand experiences with motorists NOT slowing down, in a hurry to get somewhere and narrowly avoid being hit by cars. Protect our road crew and slow down.

## ❖ WALKERS

Please remember to walk AGAINST traffic and move to the side when cars approach. Leave the earphones at home, the better to enjoy nature and hear approaching traffic.

## ❖ STEER CLEAR LAW

Passed in 2006, it requires motorists to use caution at the scene of an emergency, a traffic stop, or a disabled vehicle being assisted by emergency responders.

The law states that motorists are to move into the left lane when responders are stopped on the right shoulder. Failure to do so can result in a summary offense that carries a fine of up to \$250. In work zones this is doubled. If a worker is injured, the driver could have his license suspended for 90 days.

The bottom line is that motorists must use caution when they see emergency responders, law enforcement, fire officials, tow truck operators, highway workers or any emergency vehicle along the road.

## ❖ PERMIT NEEDED

A permit must be obtained when RESURFACING a driveway. Applications are on the Township website or can be obtained by calling the township office. A permit is not needed for sealing a driveway.

# PENNSBURY TOWNWATCH



## WHAT IS PENNSBURY TOWNWATCH?

Have you noticed a car on your street or a township road with Pennsbury Townwatch signs on the side and thought you'd like to know more about Pennsbury Townwatch?

Pennsbury Townwatch has been patrolling the township roads since 1984. It is made up of almost 500 contributing members, 71 of who are regular patrollers. The objective of Townwatch is to have a presence in the township and to look for things that seem out of place.

Patrollers volunteer to patrol twice a year. A patrol week consists of an area patrol, a neighborhood patrol and a parking patrol. The total time required for a patrol week is approximately 3 hours. Patrolling is both a productive and pleasant way to serve the community while driving our roads and enjoying the beauty of our township.

I'd be happy to tell you more about our organization and what we do. Please call me at 267-718-8179 or send me an email at [kevindmel@gmail.com](mailto:kevindmel@gmail.com) for more information.

## TOWNWATCH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 7 is National Night Out. Leave your lights on outside, take note of your surroundings and neighbors and help take a "bite out of crime". Townwatch Patrols will be out in support of this event.

*Kevin D. Meloney, President*



## STAY SAFE WITH PA READY NOTIFY

Recently, several Pennsbury residents have asked if there was a way for the Township and/or Chester County Emergency Services could contact them individually for notification in the event of a storm, road hazard or other incident that may affect them. On Wednesday, May 16th, I met with the Pennsbury Board of Supervisors and made a presentation about the PA Ready Notify System, which will contact you via your home phone, email, pager, cell phone or text message. The notification originates in Pennsbury and/or Chester County Emergency Services. The choice and the amount of notifications and method of delivery is up to you.

You may register at PA Ready Notify by visiting <https://chesco.alertpa.org/index.php?CCheck=1>

Follow the instructions on the page and select which level of notification you desire. Only residents who are registered will be notified. Because of a recent and serious message error, Chester County Department of Emergency Services has chosen not to participate in the Broadcast Emergency Alert System (EAS) over broadcast radio TV and cable. ReadyNotify will easily replace that notification.

*Lloyd Bankson Roach, Pennsbury Township EMC*

## More Bits & Pieces (cont. from page 2)

On the park "to-do" list is enhancing the park entrance. If you have any ideas and/or would be willing to help get this going, call the Township Office or send an email.

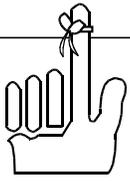
The park continues to be a great gathering place for residents and dogs. To determine if your dog is bark park ready, watch for signs of aggression and/or anxiety and whether the tail is wagging. To test your dog's comfort level with other dogs around, keep him on that leash and walk around the park before letting him in the play area or visit the bark

park when it is not crowded to test the excitement level.

If your dog is not ready – take a nice long walk with your dog on a leash.

### ❖ SHREDDING EVENT

This part of the Yard Sale was well received. We expect to continue this event in light of the fact that there are so many cases of stolen identity and credit card fraud which re-enforces the fact that all important papers should not be thrown in the trash.



# 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 at 7:30 pm. on Monday, June 18 at Unionville Elem. More info at [www.ucfsd.org](http://www.ucfsd.org).

#### ALL SUMMER

Mon-Fri, 9 am - 2 pm  
Sat & Sun, 1 - 5 pm  
**BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD: ROAD TO RECOGNITION**  
Exhibit at the Barn Visitors Center of the Chadds Ford Historical Society, 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Free

Sat & Sun, 1 - 5 pm  
**JOHN CHADS & BARNS-BRINTON HOUSE TOURS** led by colonial guides. Special programs at Barns-Brinton House some Saturdays. See the beehive oven in action at the Chads House. Fee [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org)

#### JULY

21 Saturday, 1-4 pm — **FOOD PRESERVATION** at the Barns-Brinton House. Join Junior Guides as they try out some colonial techniques for saving food.

#### AUGUST

7 Tuesday — **NATIONAL TOWN WATCH NIGHT OUT** See page 3

25 Saturday, 1-4 pm — **KEEPING CLEAN** at the Barns-Brinton House. Join the Junior Guides of the Chadds Ford Historical Society as they make soap the Colonial way.

#### SEPTEMBER

8&9 Sat & Sun, 10 am-5pm — **CHADDS FORD DAYS Summer's End Fair - Celebrating the Battle of Brandywine**, 1736 N. Creek Rd, Chadds Ford. Fee

8&9 Sat.& Sun.— **MUSHROOM FESTIVAL** in Kennett Square. Info [www.mushroomfestival.org](http://www.mushroomfestival.org)

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

sara corbishley, editor

**Pennsbury Township**  
Mary McMullan Building  
702 Baltimore Pike  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317



Standard Presort  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Chadds Ford, PA  
Permit No. 60