

# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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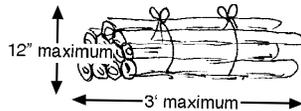
## FALL BRANCH AND LEAF COLLECTION

### Branch Collection

**November 12 - 16**

**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 22 - November 30

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

## Township Zoning Ordinance Update

The Board of Supervisors has been working over the last two years reviewing the final draft of the update of the Township's zoning ordinance. Previous to that, the Planning Commission had been working with our consultant, Chester County Planning Commission, revising the ordinance and producing the final draft. The proposed zoning ordinance, after review and revisions by the Supervisors, will be available to the public for review. A public hearing will be held to receive comments on the proposed zoning ordinance prior to final adoption by the Supervisors.

In 2006, the Township's Comprehensive Plan was updated and adopted. The Comprehensive Plan represents a vision for the Township. It does not impose requirements on land-owners. Land use regulations are contained in the Township's zoning ordinance.

One purpose of the update effort is to assure that the Township's zoning ordinances and the Township's Comprehensive Plan are consistent. Another is to respond to new developments, such as use of solar panels.

The proposed zoning ordinance contains new provisions authorizing Open Space Design options to encourage environmentally responsible development. Related to this is the change in the R-1 (residential) District from three acre minimum to five acres, with the Open Space Design option permitting density (in many cases) equivalent to the prior three acre zoning. A new category, Village Residential, is proposed to apply to the Fairville Village area.

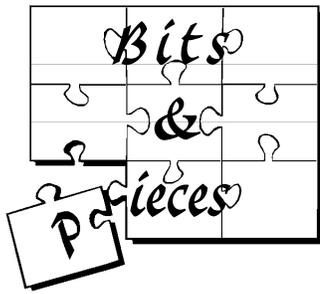
Residents will be notified of the public hearing when the draft is finalized and ready for review.

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## ❖ PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is working on guidelines for solar energy use.

There have been no new subdivision approvals the last three months; however, revisions to Windmill Hollow, a ten lot subdivision off Brintons Bridge Road continue and legal documents are planned for approval by year end.

## ❖ ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Board issued a variance for a lot line change for the Mooney property on Parkerville Road. It added .2 of an acre to the property from the Davis property next door. The subdivision is before the supervisors for approval.

## ❖ TOWNSHIP ACTIONS

- The Township concluded the Agricultural Security District 7 year review plan which added 122.3 acres of land owned by Mr. & Mrs. Kasowski on Brintons Bridge Road to the District.

- The Act 537 Sewage Facility Update has been submitted to Department of Environmental Protection and is in the process of being reviewed by them.

## ❖ JOHNSON WOODS PRESERVE

The Brandywine Conservancy has donated 41 more sapling trees — swamp white oak, slippery elm and tulip. Michael Lane, who planted them, reports that the trees of a previous planting a few months ago are doing great!

## ❖ PENNSBURY PARK

Natural Lands Trust has completed a Pennsbury Park Stewardship Report for the Township. The study, funded by a grant from Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SEC-CRA), outlines the natural resources in the park and gives suggestions for their proper maintenance as well as how to deal with invasives. The study is on file at the Township Building.

## ❖ TOWNWATCH

The Road Department received a \$900 donation from Townwatch to be used for needed materials and equipment.

The road crew provides maintenance and repairs to Townwatch signs and also

augments their work by keeping an eye out for suspicious happenings throughout the Township.

The Board of Supervisors and the Road Department are very appreciative of the donation and will put it to good use.

## ❖ HUNTING

The PA Game Commission controls all hunting. They set the dates, bag limits, rules and regulations. For information and the 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.

Pennsbury Township ordinance allows hunting only with permission of property owner.

## ❖ FLOOD MAPS

A new website, [www.pafloodmaps.com](http://www.pafloodmaps.com), has been launched by the State Department of Community and Economic Development. It contains digital maps from FEMA that will help homeowners determine if they live in a floodplain. The maps highlight areas that are special hazards or risk premium zones to help homeowners determine if flood insurance is required.

## ❖ REMINDERS FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Secure your mailbox NOW for snow plowing.
- DO NOT sweep grass clippings and leaves into storm drains. Hurricane season is here and sudden heavy down pours will cause flooding if drains are clogged.

## ❖ PENNSBURY EMC

This fall the Pennsbury Emergency Management Agency will open its emergency operations center in the Township Building.

One of their first undertakings will be to conduct a "Table Top Exercise" which presents an emergency scenario that has been designed to mimic a real-life incident in the Township. The Board of Supervisors, Pennsbury Road Department, PA State Police and Longwood Fire Company will participate in the exercise which is supervised by the emergency management training department of the Chester County Department of Emergency Services, who will monitor and grade the drill.

## ❖ BRANDYWINE CREEK GREENWAY

Pennsbury Township is one of sixteen municipalities which participate in the Brandywine Creek Greenway.

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## More Bits & Pieces

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The concept plan for the Greenway was completed in June after final comments were received from the participating members. It is envisioned as a 30 mile long green corridor of varying width, stretching from the Delaware state line through Chester County. It will include an interconnected system of formal trails, informal paths, parks, river access points and riparian buffers.

### ❖ SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Chester County is once again running the School of Government — a free six-week course open to Chester County residents who would like to know more about local

county government and the services we provide. It runs from September 25th to October 30th. For more information contact Becky Brain at 610-344-6279.

### ❖ MANY KUDOS

A BIG thank you to Bob and Susan MacDonnell for their many years of dedication to the township. Susan is the township's representative on the Bayard Taylor Library Board and Bob is chair of the Historical Commission. They will be moving out of the township. We wish them the best and appreciate their years of volunteering to make our township a great place to live. Happy Trails!

## Halloween Howl at The Bark Park

Now that the weather is beginning to cool off, the fall promises to be a great time for our canine buddies at the Bark Park which is located in Pennsbury Park. The Second Halloween Howl will held **Sunday, October 28, 2 - 4 pm, and the parade will be at 2:45 pm.** Pet's will be able to participate in the Costume Parade (and owners can dress in costume too!) — prizes will be awarded to the Best Owner/Pet Costume Combo, Scariest Costume, Most Creative Costume and Best Halloween-Howl!

If you would more information or to volunteer for this fun event, please contact [Kendal401@gmail.com](mailto:Kendal401@gmail.com).



## A Pennsbury Historic Structure: PENNSBURY MILL



**P**ennsbury Mill at Hilendale Farm is an historically significant twentieth-century hydro-electric mill. First owned by John Danby, a Wilmington, Delaware banker, the mill and dam were built in 1918 by the Fitz Water Wheel Company before a commercial supply of electricity was available in Chester County. The technology was simple: water flowed through a race from the dam to the wheel, which was connected to a generator. The resulting electricity powered lights for the property's house.

Although grist mills were plentiful in Chester County, hydro-electric mills were rare. In addition, the rustic design of Pennsbury Mill corresponds to the early twentieth-century "back to nature" trend; its physical appearance is a mature expression of the Arts and Crafts movement.

The mill was considered state of the art for its time. The Fitz Water Wheel Company used its image for advertising, local electricians Garrett Miller & Company had photographs of it on their office walls, and there was even government interest in it as a prototype.

Deeded to Pennsbury Township by the family of the late David H. Dawson, the mill has undergone extensive restoration to return it to its 1918 state.

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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.

**Emergency Management Committee**

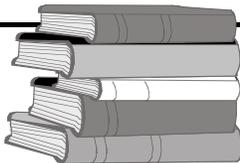
**Office Help** - help with general filing, answer phone, typing, covering office when manager is out.

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

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. (9/13)*



## Bayard Taylor Library News

### BOOK CLUB IN A BAG

The Bayard Taylor Library has begun offering a new service to the residents of Southern Chester County — Book Club in a Bag. It is a convenient way to hold a book discussion group. The bag contains 10 copies of a title, plus one large-type copy (when available). Also included are discussion questions, background information, book reviews, author information — everything you need to have a successful book discussion group.

One person in the group checks out the kit and distributes the books when the group meets. The borrowing period is six weeks. To reserve a bag or to make recommendations for new titles, please call the Service Desk at 610-444-2702 or email [dmurray@ccls.org](mailto:dmurray@ccls.org).

### MAKING SENSE OF MEDICARE

Thurs., Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. OR Tues., Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

If you find Medicare confusing, you are not alone. Whether you are a Baby Boomer going on for the first time, or have been on Medicare for many years, come to this presentation to learn how the program works and how to maximize your coverage. This program is free. Call 610-444-2702 to register.

### LEGO CLUB

The Lego Club continues this fall with meetings after school, evenings and Saturdays. Children aged 5 to 9 are invited to visit the library and create structures with our huge collection of Lego building blocks. This program is free, however registration is preferred. Call 610-444-2702 or email [jhendrix@ccls.org](mailto:jhendrix@ccls.org) for dates and times.

# For Cleaner Creeks, Save Fertilizer for the Fall.

*tips for stormwater management on your property*

## DID YOU KNOW:

- Fertilizers contain nitrogen and phosphorus which wash or leach into our streams and ponds.
- Even small levels of these nutrients can overload ponds or streams, and result in undesirable weed and algae growth. Algae depletes oxygen, killing fish and limiting the diversity of what lives in our streams.

To minimize the impact of lawn fertilization on our streams:

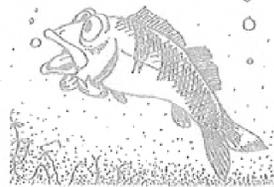
### 1 Fertilize in the fall.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection discourages spring application of fertilizer because it creates excessive top growth of grass. DEP recommends instead that homeowners **fertilize lawns around Labor Day** and use a second application in late October if needed. Fall fertilization promotes vigorous root growth and prevents fertilizer from leaching into streams and ponds in the spring.



### 2 Do a soil test and consider phosphorus-free fertilizers.

Phosphorus is typically the limiting nutrient in algae growth. If your phosphorus levels are already adequate, select a phosphorus-free fertilizer. If your property drains to a stream, pond, or reservoir, do not use phosphate fertilizers. Mail-in soil test kits are available from your County Extension Service.



### 3 Use slow-release and organic alternatives.

Select fertilizers with "slow-release" forms of nitrogen which release more slowly into the soil and are less likely to leach. Choose organic rather than chemical-based fertilizers.



### 4 Limit application amounts to designated levels, and recycle grass clippings.

Lawns typically require 2.5 - 3 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per year. Recycling grass clippings on your lawn can meet between 25% and 50% of nitrogen needs.

### 5 Avoid stream edges and stormwater conveyances.

Do not fertilize stormwater basins, or drainage swales leading to basins, or within 25 feet of stormwater basins or streams.

*This message is brought to you by your municipality and Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).  
Sources: PA Department of Environmental Protection "Grasscycling: It's OK, to Let it Lay."*

## More Community Events

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### DECEMBER

1 Sat., 1-6 pm — **CANDELIGHT CHRISTMAS** Self-drive tour of decorated homes and sites. Chadds Ford Historical Society. Fee

1 Sat., 1-6 pm — **BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD: ROAD TO RECOGNITION** Last day of exhibit that explores the history of the battlefield land. Chadds Ford Historical Society Barn Visitors Center, 1736 Creek Rd. Free

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

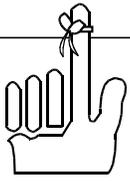
## Pennsbury Land Trust — Stream Watch Event

Saturday, September 15, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Rain date: Sunday, September 16)

Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary!

Volunteers of all ages are invited to join us as we perform tests to monitor water quality in Craigs Mill Run stream. We will study water chemistry and evaluate the species of invertebrates living there. We will also learn what each of us can do to protect our clean water.

Meet at the Pennsbury Township Building at 10:00 am to carpool to the site. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 610-388-7401 or email: [pennsburylandtrust@gmail.org](mailto:pennsburylandtrust@gmail.org).



# 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 – Tues., Sept. 18 at Unionville HS.; Mon, Oct. 22 at Unionville Elem.; Mon., Nov. 19 at Unionville HS; Mon., Dec. 3 at Unionville HS. Info at: [www.uchsd.org](http://www.uchsd.org)

#### ALL FALL

Mon.-Fri., 9 am-2 pm — **BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD: ROAD TO RECOGNITION** explores the history of the battlefield land. Chadds Ford Historical Society Barn Visitors Center, 1736 Creek Rd. Free

#### SEPTEMBER

8, 9 Sat. & Sun., 10 am-5 pm — **CHADDS FORD DAYS** Colonial Fair at the Ford. Fee. Info at: [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org)

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

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

#### OCTOBER

5,6,7 Fri., Sat., Sun — **UNIONVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR** Landhope Farms, Rts. 82 & 926. Info at: [www.ucfairinc.org](http://www.ucfairinc.org)

6 Sat., 10 am-5 pm — **CHESTER COUNTY DAY** Features homes in the West Chester, Unionville, Kennett Square, Chadds Ford, London Grove area. \$40. Info at: [www.chestercountyhospital.org](http://www.chestercountyhospital.org)

9 Tues.— **LAST DAY TO REGISTER** for November Election.

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

22 Mon. — **LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS** Township Building. See page 1

25, 26, 27 Thurs.- Sat., 5-9 pm — **THE GREAT PUMPKIN CARVE** Chadds Ford Historical Society, Creek Road. Fee. [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org)

28 Sun., 2-4 pm — **CANINE HALLOWEEN HOWL** Bark Park at Pennsbury Park. See page 3

30 Tues.— **LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT**

#### NOVEMBER

6 Tues., 7 am-8 pm — **VOTE** General Election  
Note: Township office closed

12-16 Mon.-Fri. — **BRANCH COLLECTION**  
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30 Fri. — **LEAF COLLECTION ENDS**

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