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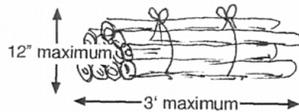
FALL BRANCH AND LEAF COLLECTION

Branch Collection

November 10 - 14

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 20 - November 26

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

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Thus far this year, a major portion of the Commission's time has been spent on the project of reviewing and updating the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). This project is being funded primarily from a Vision Partnership Grant award from Chester County as well as a grant from Brandywine Conservancy.

The project is led by a team consisting of Consultant John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy, Township Engineer Matt Houtman and Township Manager Kathy Howley. They are working in conjunction with Planning Commission members in the development of language that updates all sections of the Ordinance. We expect to complete the SALDO Project in the second half of 2015.

Recent additional Planning Commission agenda items have included:

- Fairville Village Area and Bulk Regulations
- Accessory Buildings
- Zoning Hearing Board Applications.

We plan to begin our review of the Land Development Plan for #1699 Fairville Road at the second August PC meeting.

Dennis Smith, Chair

NO PARKING PLEASE

For the safety of drivers and our children on school buses. Please do not park vehicles, especially landscapers trucks, on roadways. It often impairs the line of sight which creates a hazard.

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❖ STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

The Pennsbury Township website contains links to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for information on best management practices for storm water management.

❖ EIT Reminder

Since 2004 Pennsbury Township has had a .312% earned income tax (EIT). It is a separate bill and invoices are sent from **Key-stone Collections** (610-269-4402) around the end of each year. It is the responsibility of residents to make sure they receive all tax bills.

Real estate tax bills are handled by **Berkheimer Assoc.** (866-309-6939) and are received by taxpayers March 1.

❖ REMINDERS FROM THE ROAD CREW

- * Secure your mailbox before the snow falls.
- * Do not sweep grass clippings and leaves into the road. It may clog storm drains and creates a dangerous roadway for the traveling public during a rain fall.
- * Be aware of working road crews. Slow down

For Cleaner Creeks, Save Fertilizer for the Fall.

tips for stormwater management on your property

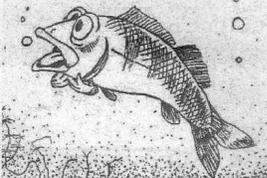
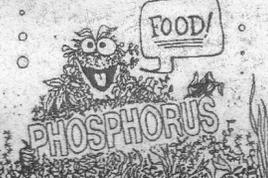
DID YOU KNOW:

- 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.
Sources: PA Department of Environmental Protection "Grasscycling: It's OK, to Let it Lay."



while passing. The road crew will be mowing road banks and trimming back branches and bushes in the right of way in preparation for the new school year.

- * Be aware of school buses and children waiting to be picked up along the side of the road.
- * **Planting bamboo along roadways is not permitted.** It is considered

an invasive plant and can bend and break and fall onto roads, especially when covered with snow.

- Do not plant or place anything in the right of way, which is the area abutting the side of a road. Plantings hinder snow plowing and maintenance and if necessary, may be removed by the township if considered a hazard.

❖ PENNSBURY PARK

PA has a leash law, so all animals in the park must be on a leash and under your control at all times. If you are using the Bark Park, your dog must be on a leash until you get to the park and also on leaving.

A Pennsbury Historic Building — William Harvey House

Located on Brinton's Bridge road this large four-story stone bank house originally consisted of a winter kitchen and root cellar on the lower ground floor, two parlors and hall on the entry level, two bedrooms heated by the chimney on the third floor and an attic on the fourth.

The exact construction date is unknown but it is known that the owners at that time submitted claims for damages incurred during the Battle of Brandywine. in 1777.

In 1957, large, sympathetic addition was added. Earlier changes included removing the partitions between the two parlors and collapsing two corner fireplaces into one.

The 7.8 acre property also includes a frame barn and a stone springhouse.

The current owners, Jeff and Beth Beck, have lived there for 18 years but are now moving on.



Bayard Taylor Library News

As we move forward into the cooler months, we continue to have programming for all ages

Our youngest patrons will continue to enjoy our popular story times, art classes, and Lego club. On September 25, local apiarist Daniel Borkoski will host an afternoon of information about honey bees.

For young adults we will host a weekly Maker-Space on Mondays for students in grades 8 to 12 to get hands on tech experience. Also happening weekly will be a Tuesday night hangout for casual *Magic: The Gathering* players to meet new challengers. Girl Gang, a twice-a-month hangout for girls ages 12 through 18 will have DIY crafts, a book club featuring strong female characters.

Japanese language club will continue and a new Graphic Novel Book Club targeted to high school students will be offered.

Adults will have the opportunity to learn gardening techniques from the staff of Longwood Gardens on October 16 with a succulent garden crafting demonstration and nature talks throughout the Fall. On October 22 historian Roger Arthur will present "The Causes of the Great War: Why Would They Do That?" and on October 10 the library will participate in Kennett's Fermentation Festival with a panel of authors and experts.

For those looking to help their community, the library is always seeking volunteer shelveers.

For more information on volunteering and any of our Fall programs, email Ivy Weir at iweir@ccls.org, call 610-444-2702, or just stop in the library – we'd love to see you!

Stream Ecology Workshop

Sponsored by Pennsbury Land Trust

Where: Craig's Mill Run, Pennsbury Historic Mill Site Meet at Pennsbury Township Municipal Building, 702 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, 19317 to carpool to the site

When: Saturday, September 20 - 9:30 a.m. (Rain Date: Sunday, September 21.)

Cost: Free

Join this practical hands-on workshop to learn about the importance of clean water and how to assess and monitor water quality in our streams. Water quality is evaluated through analysis of physical characteristics and chemical tests.

Find out how you can be part of our stream watch team. Suitable for adults and children ages 10 and up. Wear outdoor clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy.

For more information and to register: call Pennsbury Township Office 610-388-7323 or email pennsburylandtrust@gmail.com



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 Bldg.

SCHOOL BOARD

Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board meeting at 7:30 pm on Monday, September 15 at Unionville High School; October 20 at Unionville Elementary, November 17 at Unionville-Chadds Ford District Office. Info at: www.ucfsd.org

ALL FALL

Mon - Fri, 9am-2 pm — A Toast to the Tavern: 300 Years! Exhibit celebrating the 300th birthday of the c.1714 Barns-Brinton House. Barn Visitors Center of the Chadds Ford Historical Society, 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Free

SEPTEMBER

6, 7, Sat & Sun, 10 am - 5 pm — CHADDS FORD DAYS 49th annual fair celebrating the Battle of Brandywine. Held on the CFHS grounds on Creek Road. Fee for non-members. More info: www.chaddsfordhistory.org

6, 7, Sat, Sun — MUSHROOM FESTIVAL in Kennett Square. Info at: www.mushroomfestival.org

6 Sat, 9 am - 3 pm — HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE COLLECTION New Garden Township Maintenance Bldg., 8934 Gap Newport, Landenberg

20 Sat, 9:30 am — STREAM ECOLOGY WORKSHOP Sponsored by Pennsbury Land Trust at Craig's Mill Run. See Page 3

OCTOBER

3-5 Fri - Sat, 9am - 9pm Sun 10am - 5:30 — UNIONVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR Landhope Farms, Rts. 82 & 926. Info: www.ucfarinc.org

4 Sat, 10 am - 5 pm — CHESTER COUNTY DAY Features homes in the Northeastern part of the County. www.cchosp.org

6 Tues — LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

11 Sat, 9 am - 3pm — HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE COLLECTION Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester.

20 Mon — LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS Township Bldg. See page 1

23-25 Thurs - Sat, 5 to 9 pm — THE GREAT PUMPKIN CARVE at the Chadds Ford Historical Society. Fee. www.chaddsfordhistory.org

28 Tues — LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT for the November Election

NOVEMBER

4 Tues, 7am - 8 pm — GENERAL ELECTION

10-14 Mon - Fri — BRANCH COLLECTION See page 1.

26 Wed — LEAF COLLECTION ENDS

DECEMBER

6 Sat, 1-6 pm — CANDLE-LIGHT CHRISTMAS Self-drive tour of homes and the Pennsbury's Barns-Brinton House. Fee www.chaddsfordhistory.org

26 Fri — CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING BEGINS Drop off undecorated trees at the Township Bldg through January

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