

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Pennsbury's Historic Buildings

BRINTON/KING FARMSTEAD

Traveling East on Route 1 in Pennsbury Township, a farmhouse and restaurant look down from a rise on the north side of the highway at Brinton's Bridge Road. In the eighteenth century this property was known as the Joseph Brinton farm, which included 640 acres of land, one of the largest holdings in the Township.

The Victorian stucco house and barn like restaurant had a different appearance in the 1780's when James Brinton's oldest son, Joseph, first constructed them. The home began as a simple stone structure called a Trinity house because it contained one room on each of its three floors. The front of the building faced Brinton's Bridge Road. The barn was much smaller also.

By 1795, Joseph had doubled the size of his home to four bays (windows) across the facade. In 1838, two years before he died, Joseph enlarged the house again, adding a center hall and new front door that faced the Baltimore Pike.

After Joseph's death his grandson, Brinton King, moved into the house and ran the farm for his maiden aunts until 1851 when he bought his own farm in Chadds Ford. With the coming of the railroad Brinton opened a grain, feed, and coal business. Brinton King's son, George, added a lumber yard to the family holdings in the 1870's which supplied the materials for the last major architectural modification of the Baltimore Pike farm house.



Residence of Brinton King Pennsbury. From "The History of Chester County, Pennsylvania..." by J. Smith Futhey and Gilbert Cope, 1881. Courtesy of Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, PA
Note: The Brinton King house sits at the top of the hill

In 1888, George built a large new barn in the popular late Victorian Queen Anne style and renovated the Brinton family home in the same manner. He gave both structures cross gables, steeply pitched roofs and dormers and added a decorative wooden porch around the entire house. The stone foundation of the new barn and the farmhouse were stuccoed at this time. The two buildings still retain the late nineteenth century designs which exemplify changing tastes, occupations, and a growing prosperity in America.

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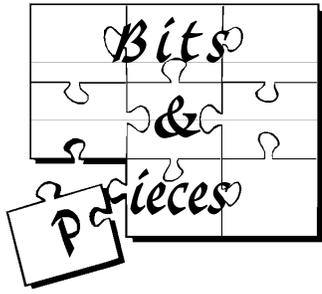
**SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS SCHEDULE
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❖ **ORDINANCE UPDATE**

The Township has hired the Brandywine Conservancy as it's consultant to start work on the update of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).

The new zoning ordinance was passed in December of 2012 and the SALDO must now be reviewed for consistency with that ordinance.

In order to fund this project, the Township has applied for a grant from the County Vision Partnership Program (VPP). This grant is 35% Township and 65% County funded. The Township will know by June if the grant is awarded to it. If it is not, the Township will again submit the grant application for the second round in the VPP and results will be made known by August.

The SALDO update is an 18 month project and the task force overseeing the project with our consultant will be the Planning Commission as well as the Board of Supervisors.

❖ **SUMMER ROADWORK**

Roads to be oiled and chipped this summer are: Brintons Bridge Road from Rt. 1 to Pocopson Road; Hickory Hill Road from Rt.1 to Hillendale Road; Cossart Road from Creek Road to Rt. 52 and Joshua's Way.

If you have questions, call Dave Allen, Roadmaster, at 610-388-9180.

❖ **DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

As of January 24, 2013, Act 108 of 2010 prohibits waste haulers from accepting electronic devices such as laptops, computers, monitors and TVs. These can no longer be disposed of in the regular trash.

Since these devices contain heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury, proper recycling is important. A current list of collection opportunities is available by calling the Department of Environmental Protection recycling hotline at 800-346-4242 or www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword, Recycle.

❖ **SPRING REMINDERS**

- A permit is needed to resurface a driveway. Per-

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Audit Report for 2012

Records were kept in good order and there were no adverse findings. Township employees who handle money are duly bonded.

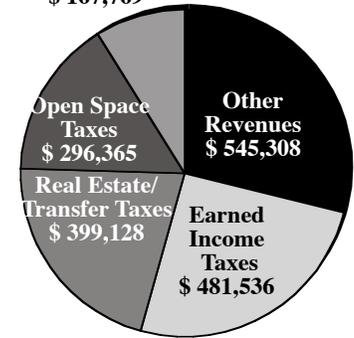
PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PA

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Net Assets as of 1/1/12 \$ 2,846,527

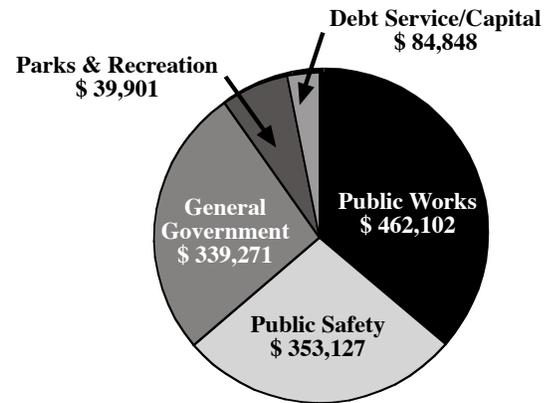
Revenues

Income from State/
Federal Sources
\$ 167,769



Total Revenues \$ 1,890,106

Expenditures

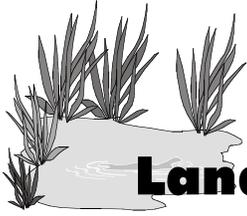


Total Expenditures \$ 1,279,249

Net Assets as of 12/31/12 \$ 3,457,384

Outstanding Debt at 12/31/12 = \$ 615,000

Umbreit, Korengel & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants
714 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA 19348



Pennsbury Land Trust News

Spring Progm: Gems and Thugs in Pennsbury's Landscape

Since Europeans first arrived in North America non-native plants have been introduced to the region whether accidentally or purposely. Several of these plants have become serious pests aggressively excluding native plants and subsequently native animals.

In this indoor-outdoor session learn how to identify some of our delightful native wildflowers as well as common invasive plants such as Japanese honeysuckle, garlic mustard, mile-a-minute vine, multiflora rose and Norway maple. Find out how to encourage desirable plants and reduce the negative effects of the "thugs" in our landscape. Dress for the weather including walking shoes as part of the program takes place in the township park.

Tuesday, May 14

6:30-8:30 pm

Pennsbury Township Building

Cost: \$5 (free for Pennsbury Land Trust members)

RSVP: call the township at 610-388-7323

or email krntravers@toast.net

(space is limited to 20 people)

Annual Meeting

All area residents are invited to to attend the Annual Meeting of the Pennsbury Land Trust on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the Township Building at 7:30 p.m.

A Guest Speaker will present information about current conservation and preservation projects within our municipality and surrounding communities. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP would be nice but not required, 610-388-7323



www.cherstercountyswa.org

All Events Start at 9:00 am and Close at 3:00 pm Sharp

- Saturday, April 13** Cat Pickering Campus
1580 Charlestown Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
- Saturday, April 20** Octorara High School
226 Highland Road
Atglen, PA 19310
- Saturday, May 18** Owen J. Roberts Middle School
981 Ridge Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
- FRIDAY, June 21** Coatesville Middle School
Parking Lot
1425 E. Lincoln Highway
Coatsville, PA 19320
(same entrance as CAT Brandywine - RTE. 30 across from Dairy Queen)
- Saturday, September 7** New Garden Township
Maintenance Bldg.
8934 Gap Newport Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
(proof of residency may be required)
- Saturday, October 12** Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road
West Chester, PA 19380

ACCEPTABLE E-WASTE

- Almost anything with a cord,
except items containing Freon
- Toner/ink cartridges Pesticides
- Antifreeze Gasoline
- Car/truck batteries Oil base paint



SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS

Branch Pickup **Monday - Friday April 15 - 19**

The crew will come by only ONCE during the week so have your branches out on Monday.

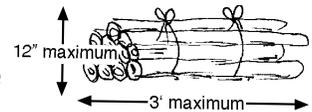
They will not be collected unless they are properly prepared. If you have questions, call Roadmaster, Dave Allen at 610-388-9180.

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 Roadmaster Dave Allen at 610-388-9180 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 no 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 per property.



Dumpster **Thursday, May 2 (6:30am - 2:30pm)** **Friday, May 3 (6:30am - 2:30pm)** **Saturday, May 4 (9am - 1pm)**

Pennsbury Township residents ONLY will have access to the dumpster and proof of residency may be asked. The dumpster will be located near the maintenance garage and will be manned by Township personnel.

The following charges will apply: (cash or check made out to Pennsbury Township):

- \$4.00 for each car tire
- \$8.00 for each car tire with a rim
- \$10 for each truck tire
- \$15 for each truck tire with a rim
- \$15 per refrigerator or air conditioner - freon recovery fee

NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
See instructions for disposing of hazardous waste on page 3

Shredding Event **Saturday, April 27 (11am-1pm)**

Once again this free event is for residents. It will be held in the parking lot of the Township Building. ID will be required. No businesses. This is a great opportunity to get rid of all those financial records that should not be disposed of in a landfill.

FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Annual Yard Sale **Saturday, April 27 (9am-2pm)**

Once again this popular event will take place in the Pennsbury Park. Rain date is Saturday, May 4. Information and applications will be sent out to residents the beginning of April. All information about this event will be included as well as contact numbers.

Start digging out now all those treasures you would love for someone else to buy. What you don't sell at the end of the day can be donated or dumped on the site. Come have fun, get to know your neighbors and make some money.



Roadside Cleanup **Saturday, May 4**

This is a perfect opportunity for neighborhood groups to form a committee to clean up the roadside around their homes. This also can be used for high school students community service hours or even a Scout project to earn a badge.

The Township will provide road vests, gloves and bags. Contact the Road Master, Dave Allen, at 610-388-9180 for materials needed and let us know where the filled trash bags will be alongside the road. The road crew will come by and pick them up Monday morning on May 6.

Bits and Pieces *cont. from page 2*

mit forms are on the Township website or from the Roadmaster at 610-388-9180.

- When your septic system is inspected and/or pumped every three years, remember to send a copy of the report to the Township.

❖ PLANT SMART TO SAVE WATER

Water-efficient practices can produce healthy lawns and landscaping and reduce runoff and waste.

- Use plants native to our area, they require less water.

- Group plants according to their water needs.

- Limit turf, as lawns require a large amount of supplemental water.

- When selecting plants, avoid those labeled hard to establish, susceptible to disease, or needs frequent attention. These often require large amounts of supplemental water.

- Use mulch to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and cut down on weed growth.

- Raise your lawn mower cutting height, longer grass

blades help shade each other, cut down on evaporation and inhibit weed growth.

❖ NEW YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

This idea — part of a nationwide public safety effort that Pennsylvania recently joined — has proven to be an effective way for drivers injured in an accident to relay important information to emergency response teams.

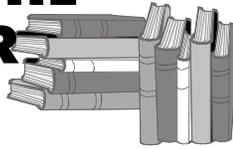
A special yellow sticker is placed in the bottom left corner of your vehicle's rear

window which alerts first responders to check the glove compartment for a personal information form.

This form includes emergency contact information, medical history, medications, allergies, doctors' names and a photo of the driver.

Free Yellow Dot kits are available online at www.YellowDot.pa.gov, driver's license centers and Area Agencies on Aging.

E-BOOKS AND THE BAYARD TAYLOR LIBRARY



A customer in the library recently commented that he doesn't understand why Nooks and Kindles are so popular. He likes to hold a printed book in his hands. He likes the heft and the smell and turning the pages. His wife, on the other hand, now does virtually all her reading on the Kindle she received for Christmas. This couple is a microcosm of the debate about electronic readers versus books in print form. Some readers want a physical copy, others prefer an e-reader, and many library users, often called power library users, get their reading fix from several different formats: print, e-books, audio and magazines, just to name a few.

Some like to speculate that 20 years from now, there will be no more print books; everything will be electronic. Others insist that children love reading picture books, which cannot be replicated on a computer or tablet, and so there will always be a market for the printed page.

In San Antonio, Texas, the BiblioTech opened recently with no printed books, only e-books, e-readers, computer stations, laptops and tablets. The BiblioTech is the first "bookless" public library in the country. (The name is, charmingly, similar

to the French word for library: bibliotheque.)

The e-book world has created a new opportunity for libraries to provide services to the citizens of our area. Today, the Chester County Library System has nearly 11,000 copies of more than 8,000 different titles available for customers to download for free. Bayard Taylor customers have taken advantage of this service, downloading nearly 15,000 e-books in 2012, which accounts for 7 percent of all materials borrowed. That's quite a jump from 2011, when Bayard Taylor customers borrowed 3,408 e-books (2 percent of the total materials borrowed that year). Growth like that is hard to ignore.

However, fans of the printed page should not be alarmed. Bayard Taylor has no plans to go "bookless." In fact, we recently offered – around Valentine's Day – the opportunity for customers to try a "blind date with a book." Visitors checked out a mystery book, and brought it home to unwrap and discover their blind date. Such book-centric programming is and will remain a hallmark at Bayard Taylor library.

Library services are as diverse as our community, and will continue to be fun, educational and varied. These services will, increasingly, include e-books, e-readers and other high-tech materials, in addition to more traditional printed items.

Donna Murray, Director Bayard Taylor Library

Brinton/King Farmstead (cont. from page 1)

Family ownership of the property ended in 1908 as George King's health declined. The new owners from New York City used the farm as a country place, making interior renovations to the house and adding a deep wooden porch to the barn. However, no great changes occurred until 1947 when the Dario family bought the property. They sold the farmhouse but kept the barn and turned it into a restaurant.

The Gables Restaurant, aptly named by its creator, Jack McFadden, was the latest metamorphosis for the Queen Anne barn. Ann and Dan Kolenick, who live in Pennsbury, have been the owners since July, 2011.

If you visit their restaurant you can tell where the porch was added and see posts and beams from earlier times in the main dining room and second floor private function

room. Stone walls have been constructed on a north terrace to facilitate outdoor dining in warm weather.

The farmhouse remained a residence until this century. Lisa Vonderstuck transformed the home into Brandywine View Antiques in 2008, filling three floors with collectibles, accessories and furniture from the past.

Pennsbury has changed tremendously since the 1700's, but it is reassuring and interesting to see that some of our oldest structures have survived. The full account of the Brinton/King Farmstead history was researched by Jane Dorchester for a National Register nomination and can be found at the Township building.

Lynn Luft, Historic Commission

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2013

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7:00 p.m.

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610-388-9180

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Jeffrey Miller
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Constable (elected 6 yr term)

Harry McKinney

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Meets: 2nd & 4th Tuesday
7:00 p.m.

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Chip Horne, Sec.
Lynn Luft
Margo Leach
Troy Brady
Jim Ware

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Greg McCauley
James Porter

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610-692-6113

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610-268-2022

To Report Road Kill

On US 1 - PennDot
484-340-3200

All other roads -
PA Game Comm.

610-926-3136

UNIONVILLE- CHADDS FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (elected 4 yr term) District C

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Greg Linder

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U.S. Congress, District #7 Patrick Meehan (14)

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Springfield, PA 19064
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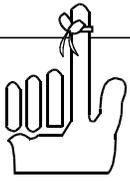
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Help is needed for the —Historic Commission, Office, Newsletter

Call the Township office for information



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 meetings begin at 7:30 pm. on March 18 at Chadds Ford Elem., April 15 at Hillendale Elem., May 20 at Pocopson Elem. and June 17 at Unionville High School. More info at: www.ucfsd.org

MARCH

26 Tuesday, 7:30 pm — **Trollies Of Chester County.** Ray McKay will follow the tracks that once connected the hubs of Chester County. Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Chadds Ford Historical Society at the Barn Visitors Center. Fee \$10 non-members, members free. Reservations 610-388-7376

21 Thursday, 7:30 pm — **Townwatch Annual Meeting** at Chaddsford Winery. All welcome. Speaker - Harry Mckinney, K9 handler for Chester Cty.

APRIL

10 Wednesday, 7:30 pm — **Pennsbury Land Trust Annual Meeting** at the Township Building. All welcome. Speaker on Value of Protected Open Space. (see page 3)

13 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm — **Household Hazardous Waste and E-waste Collection** at CAT Campus (see page 3)

15-19 Monday - Friday — **Branch Pickup** (see page 4).

20 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm — **Household Hazardous Waste and E-waste Collection** at Octorara High School (see page 3)

20 Saturday, 8 am - noon — **Spring Sale** sponsored by the Chadds Ford Historical Society at the Barn Visitor Center. www.chaddsfordhistory.com

22 Monday — **Last Day to Register Before the Primary Election**

27 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — **Pennsbury Yard Sale** at Pennsbury Township Park (see page 5)

27 Saturday, 11 am - 1 pm — **Shredding Event** in the parking lot of the Township Building (see page 5)

MAY

2, 3, 4 Thursday, Friday, Saturday — **Dumpster Available for Residents** (see page 4 for hours)

4 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — **Yard Sale rain date**

4 Saturday — **Roadside Cleanup** (see page 5)

17 Friday, 5:30 - 8 pm — **Exhibit Opening, What's In A Name: Roots to Branches of an Old Family Tree** at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barn Visitors Center on Creek Rd. Everyone welcome. Exhibit will continue through Dec. 7.

18 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm — **Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection** at Owen J. Roberts MS (see page 3)

21 Tuesday, 7 am - 8 pm — **PRIMARY ELECTION**

25, 26 Saturday, Sunday 1-5 pm — **John Chads & Barns Brinton Houses** open on weekends for tours through Sept. 1. Fee: www.chaddsfordhistory.org

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