

# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## Branch Pickup

**Monday - Friday, April 10-14**

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 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 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.



**More Events  
Inside on  
pages 4 & 5**

**Shredding Event  
Yard Sale  
Hazardous Waste  
Disposal  
Recycling  
Road Cleanup  
Open Burning**

## Dumpster

**Thursday, April 27 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm)**

**Friday, April 28 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm)**

**Saturday, April 29 (9 am - 1 pm)**

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**

**see page 5 for hazardous waste and electronics collection information**

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

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| \$4.00 for each car tire                                   | \$8.00 for each car tire with rim |
| \$10 for each truck tire                                   | \$15 of each truck tire with rim  |
| \$15 per refrigerator/air conditioner (freon recovery fee) |                                   |

## REMINDER

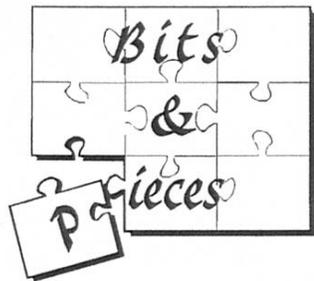
A permit is needed to resurface a driveway. Applications are online or call the office. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO OBTAIN THIS PERMIT.

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

610-388-7323  
Fax 610-388-6036  
email:  
khowley@pennsbury.pa.us

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

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



## ❖ TOWNSHIP AUDIT

The yearly audit has been completed and there are no adverse findings. The audit has been filed with the State. A summary of this report can be found on the next page.

## ❖ HISTORIC HOUSE RENOVATIONS

A reminder, if you have a historic house and are planning any exterior changes/renovations, you must have a review before the Pennsbury Historic Commission. Call the Township office for information.

## ❖ SUMMER ROAD WORK

- All roads in Chadds Ford Knoll will be worked on this summer. The work will be done after school lets out.

- All roads that have striping will be painted. The contracting company will put up cones to alert drivers of wet paint. Line painting will be done after road work is complete. This is done on an annual basis.

## ❖ SMART 911

What if there's a fire, a medical emergency, or a child goes missing? When you dial 9-1-1 under stress, you may not have access to important details, or you may have trouble remembering them. Smart911 is a new service in Chester County that allows you to create a Safety Profile at:

[www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) that includes details you want the 9-1-1 center and public safety response teams to know about your household in an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1, from a phone associated with your Safety Profile, that information automatically displays to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send responders based on up-to-date location and emergency information. With your Safety Profile, responders can arrive aware of many details they would not otherwise know. Fire crews can arrive knowing exactly how many people live in your home and where the bedrooms are located. EMS personnel can know family

members' allergies or specific medical conditions. Police can access a photo of a missing family member in seconds rather than minutes or hours, helping the search start faster.

## ❖ SPRING TIPS FOR REDUCING STORMWATER RUNOFF

- Plant a large stature tree. They are great for stormwater control. At maturity they intercept over 1,000 gallons of rainwater each year. Their foliage and bark intercept rainfall, and their canopies also reduce the force of rain hitting the soil, reducing erosion.

- When you fertilize the lawn, you're not just fertilizing the lawn. **Excess nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn fertilization is frequently a pollutant to streams** by fostering the growth of algae which depletes oxygen levels, so try not to over fertilize.

## ❖ TAX RETURN HELP

The Kennett Area Senior Center offers FREE In-Person Tax Preparation Service with the AARP Foundation TAX-AIDE volunteers. Please call 610-444-4819 for an appointment.

Offering free tax preparation help to anyone and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service, this team is made especially for you.

We understand that retirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of our team of IRS-certified volunteers, we make it easy for you. Hours: 9:00am to 2:30pm (by appointment only).

## ❖ RETIRING SOON?

A free seminar is being offered by the Social Security Administration. It will answer questions on eligibility, when to collect social security and the application process.

To register for one of the programs email to: [Edward.lafferty@ssa.gov](mailto:Edward.lafferty@ssa.gov) or call 866-398-3469, ext 29305.

The sessions will be held on April 4 and 11 at 11:30 am, 1:30 pm or 3:30 pm. at:

The Rose Tree Corporate Center, Bldg. 2, 1st floor, 1400 N. Providence Rd., Media, PA.



## Planning Commission Update

The following news and activities from the Planning Commission (PC) have taken place since the last edition of the Pennsbury Township News.

- Elected officers for 2017 are: Chair - Dennis Smith, Vice-Chair - Bob Crandell and Secretary - Jeff Streitl.
- Appointed responsibilities are: Lynn Luft - Historical Commission Liaison, Corinne Murphy - Brandywine Battlefield Task Force Representative and Jim Ware - Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission Representative.
- We discussed a plan being proposed by Mark Gosik to open up the existing right of way between two homes located on Independence Way by installing a road. The PC stated that all neighbors on Independence Way should be notified about the plan. The PC took a neutral position and referred the matter to the Board of Supervisors.
- To provide further clarity on impervious ground cover, the PC recommended editing a section of the Zoning Ordinance which addresses the calculation of permitted lots and the open space required.

- We recommended that the Board of Supervisors grant approval of the final plan for Windmill Hollow Subdivision to Richard Sanford subject to stated conditions.
- The PC continued working on a water protection initiative which is being led by Jim Ware.
- In addition to several other related activities across recent meetings, we hosted key representatives from Save Our Water who shared their insight and experiences of an on-going water protection matter in New Garden Township. We anticipate recommending upgrades to our ordinances later this year.

All residents are welcome to attend Planning Commission meetings which are scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 5:00 pm and are held at the Township Building.

**Dennis Smith, Chair**

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**PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP**  
**Chester County, Pennsylvania**  
**Summary Financial Statement**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

This presentation is published in accordance with Section 904 of the Township Code. A complete copy of the audit report for the year ended December 31, 2016 is on file and available for inspection at the Township office.

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,473,191
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>549,626</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 4,923,565</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 2,172,135
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>1,536,583</u>
CHANGE IN FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 635,552</u>

Barbacon, Thornton, CPA



# TOWNSHIP SPRING

## Yard Sale

**Saturday, April 22**  
**rain date, April 29**  
**(9am - 2 pm)**

We are fortunate to have a new chair, Barry Heacock. He succeeds Bill Reynolds who devoted many years in organizing this popular event. Thank you Bill!

Information/registration will be available beginning in April so start to put aside items you wish to sell and come out to the yard sale.

Please note the procedure for calling a rain date as there was some confusion last year. We rely on official weather reports and will make the call to cancel by the day before (April 21) at 11 pm. You can get the information by calling 610-388-2561.

Due to traffic regulations, there will be an online lottery that will allocate early bird admittance with time stamps. More information will be provided in the April letter and in local papers.

There are over 70 vendor slots available, lots of free parking and good food — so save the date.

## Shredding Event

**Saturday, April 29**  
**(9 am- noon)**

This is **FREE** for Pennsbury Township residents and will be held in the Township Building parking lot. **No commercial businesses.**

This is an opportunity for you to shred those important documents that should not be sent to the landfill. Identity theft is everywhere so take this opportunity to dispose of sensitive items properly.

## Roadside Cleanup

**Saturday, April 29**

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 will be provided by the Township. Filled trash bags, if left on the roadside, will be picked up by the road crew. Call the Maintenance Garage at 610-388-9180 to leave your location and request supplies.

## Township Restrictions on Open Burning

Pennsbury Township 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 in advance and the fire comply with all fire department requirements. It should be noted that approval by Longwood Fire Co is necessary, but not sufficient. The Township regulations must be adhered to regardless of Longwood Fire Co approval.

There have been several instances of illegal open burning in the Township this past year and some have argued that the Longwood Fire Company said it was OK. Their OK is required, but it alone is not permission to burn. 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.

# CLEANUP EVENTS

## 2017 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Event Schedule

### NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Residential only

[www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)

ALL EVENTS START AT 9AM  
AND CLOSE AT 3 PM SHARP

**Saturday, April 8**

CENTER FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY PICKERING  
CAMPUS (Technical College High School)  
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

**Saturday, April 22**

(proof of residency may be required)  
OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL  
226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

**Saturday May 20**

Owen J. Roberts Middle School  
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19456

**Friday, June 23**

COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER  
1425 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320  
(Stone wall entrance - Veteran's Dr., Same entrance as CAT  
Brandywine- Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)

**Saturday, September 9**

(proof of residency may be required)  
OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BLDG  
125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

**Saturday, October 14**

GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER  
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

FOR A LIST OF ACCEPTED AND NOT ACCEPTED  
ITEMS GO TO: [www.chestercountyswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475](http://www.chestercountyswa.org/DocumentCenter/View/1475)

**All-In-One Single Stream Recycling**

**Follow Guidelines Carefully**

- No Need To Remove**  
Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs
- Please flatten all cardboard boxes
- Empty and rinse all containers

**Not Acceptable**

- No scrap metal
- No VHS/VCR tapes
- No plastic bags
- No needles or syringes
- No window panes, mirrors, ceramics
- No pyrex dishes
- No stickers or address label sheet waste
- No plastics other than those listed
- No electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers)
- No paint, pesticides, oil & cleanser
- No motor oil or antifreeze containers
- No organic material and food waste
- No waxed paper or waxed cardboard
- No Styrofoam or paper to-go containers
- No plastic caps
- No hard cover books

**SECCRA**  
Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority  
313 Street Road, West Grove, PA • 610-668-2832 • [www.seccra.org](http://www.seccra.org)

**ABSOLUTELY NO TRASH!**  
Violators will be prosecuted

## Forgot What You Can Recycle?

All Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) bins at the Township Building have this information posted on the side. Please note the items which may NOT be recycled. If any are found in a bin, then the entire bin is landfilled! If you care enough to recycle, please do it right.

## Electronics Recycling



Please be aware that the PA Covered Device Law prohibits TV's and monitors to be disposed of in a landfill or transfer station. Therefore there is nowhere in Chester County to dispose of these items.

For a \$25 fee Best Buy in Wilmington, DE will take tube TVs smaller than 32", flat panel TVs, LCD, Plasma, LED smaller than 50" and portable TV's.

They offer free TV haul-away with the purchase of a replacement TV and delivery by Best Buy. Stand alone pickup without a qualifying TV purchase is \$99.99.

Chester County Solid Waste Authority in Honeybrook will continue to collect computers and other peripherals at no cost. Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) in West Grove will take computers for a \$5.00 fee.

## Unionville-Chadds Ford School District News



As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are continuing to evaluate changing the school start time. The School Start Time has finalized their recommendation and is currently soliciting community feedback. The recommendation will be for a 25 minute delay for the middle and high schools and a 15 minute delay for the elementary schools. Please visit the web site for more details on the committee's analysis and to provide your feedback.

In February we were fortunate to host Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of *How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the*

*Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success*. She gave a very passionate presentation with advice on how to prepare our children for success after high school. Her presentation to the high school students and to the community are both available for viewing on the school district website.

Visit [www.ucfsd.org](http://www.ucfsd.org) for more information on these 2 initiatives as well as other district activities and feel free to contact me with any concerns.

**John Murphy,**  
School Board  
Representative

## The Native Bird Connection

Thursday, April 6 7:00 pm  
Pennsbury Township Building

*Sponsored by the Pennsbury Land Trust*

Learn to recognize the different kinds of year round and migratory birds we can see in the natural world of our backyards and open space. Get a Bird's eye view of which resources attract them.

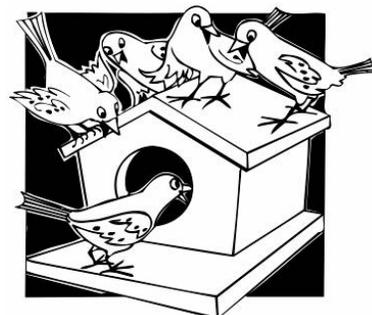
Learn what we can do to welcome birds into our backyards while providing ecological landscaping that helps to create a healthy and sustainable environment for us all.

Guest speaker will be Steven Saffier of the National Audubon Society.

This is a free PTL sponsored event. All are welcome. Reservations are requested, but not required. RSVP by email to: [pennsburylandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:pennsburylandtrust@gmail.com) or by note to:

PLT Speaker Series,  
702 Baltimore Pike,  
Chadds Ford, PA 199317.

Wine, cheese, sweets and coffee will be served. Specific questions for Steven may be submitted in advance.



## Chadds Ford Historical Society Spring Tavern Talks

The Chadds Ford Historical Society is offering a monthly experience (not a lecture!) aimed exclusively for adults 21 and older that focuses on fun topics in early American culture. Guests will experience history with hands-on activities, food and drink tastings, demonstrations and more!

They will take place at the Society's Barns-Brinton House, an historic 1714 tavern, on US Rte.1 in Pennsbury Township. Admission is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Tickets must be purchased in advance over the phone, in person or online as space is limited.

Thursday, April 20 is Tavern Night —Experience what a night at an 18th century tavern would have been like. Chow down on some tavern fare, learn about the latest politics of the day with Ben Franklin, try your hand at some Colonial games, and more!

Future programs include: Thursday, May 18 — Spy Games — Would you have survived as a spy during the Revolutionary War? and Friday, June 9 — Quack-ing Up! (18th Century Medicine).

Complete information at [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org).



# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2017

## Board of Supervisors (elected 6 yr term)

Meets 3rd Wednesday  
7:00 pm

Wendell Fenton, Chair  
610-388-6861  
[fenton@rlf.com](mailto:fenton@rlf.com)

Aaron McIntyre, V. Chair  
610-505-3002  
[mcintyre.supervisor@verizon.net](mailto:mcintyre.supervisor@verizon.net)

Scotty Scottoline  
[supvsrscottoline@aol.com](mailto:supvsrscottoline@aol.com)

## Township Manager

Kathleen Howley  
610-388-7323

## Assistant Secretary

Pat Carpenter

## Financial Assistant

Barbara Biedekapp

## Tax Collector (elected 4 yr term)

Mary Wood

## Code Enforcement Officer

Russell Drumheller  
610-388-1790

## Solicitor

Tom Oeste, Esq.  
610-696-2208

## Township Engineer

Matthew Houtman  
610-565-6363

## Road Crew

Dave Allen, Roadmaster  
610-388-9180

Pete Laws  
Jeffrey Miller  
Patrick Yerkes

## Constable (elected 6 yr term)

Harry McKinney

## Township Auditors (elected 6 yr term)

Pat Barron  
Adelaide Jones  
Reese Reynolds

## Planning Commission

Meets 2nd & 4th Monday  
5:00 pm

Dennis Smith, Chair  
Robert Crandell, V. Chair  
Jeff Streitl, Sec.  
Lynn Luft  
Corrine Murphy  
Jim Ware

## Zoning Hearing Board

John Herdeg  
Greg McCauley  
James Porter

## SECCRA & Recycling

Will Sappington

## Historic Commission

Marcie Gilmartin  
Joan Gummey  
Lynn Luft  
Eileen Mallouk  
Susan Williams  
Rusty Drumheller,  
non-voting

## Rt 52 Scenic Byway Committee

Alma Forsyth  
Joe Carbonell

## Vacancy Board

Robert Luft

## Kennett Library Board

Carolyn Mohr

## Newsletter Editor

Sallie Corbishley

## Computer Assistant

Phil Sinatra

## Animal Control

Brandywine Valley SPCA  
610-692-6113

## State Police

### Avondale Barracks

(non emergency)  
610-268-2022

## To Report Road Kill

On US 1 - PennDot  
484-340-3200

All other roads-  
PA Game Commission  
610-926-3136

## Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board District C

(elected 4 yr term)

John Murphy  
Carolyn Daniels  
Greg Linder  
[www.ucfsd.org](http://www.ucfsd.org)

## Elected Federal Representatives

### U.S. Senators

Robert P Casey (18)  
555 Walnut St., 1st floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
717-231-7450  
<http://casey.senate.gov>

### Patrick J. Toomey (22)

8 Penn Canter  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
215-241-1090  
<http://toomey.senate.gov>

### U.S. House of Representatives District 7

Patrick Meehan (14)  
940 Sproul Road  
Springfield, PA 19064  
610-690-7323  
[www:/meehan.house.gov](http://www:meehan.house.gov)

## Elected State Representatives

### State Senatorial District 9

Thomas Killion  
100 Evergreen Dr.  
Suite 113  
Glen Mills, PA 19342  
610-358-5183  
[tkillion@pasen.gov](mailto:tkillion@pasen.gov)

### State Representative District 160

Stephen Barrar  
1 Beaver Valley Road  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
610-358-5925  
[parep160@aol.com](mailto:parep160@aol.com)

Get Involved!  
Become a  
Township  
volunteer. Help is  
always welcome  
for committees  
and commissions.  
Call the Township  
office for  
information.



# Pennsbury Township Calendar

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

**Supervisors** usually meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Harris Room of the Township Building, however dates may change. For accuracy, call the Township or check the website.

**Planning Commission** meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 pm at the Township Building.

### SCHOOL BOARD

**Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board** meetings begin at 7:30 pm. March 20 at Chadds Ford Elem., April 17 at Hillendale Elem. and May 15 at Pocopson Elem. More info at: [www.ucfsd.org](http://www.ucfsd.org)

#### MARCH

29 Wednesday, 7:00 pm — **The Battle of Brandywine** Spring Lecture series presentation at the Chadds Ford Historical Society on Creek Rd. Fee. Info at: [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org)

#### APRIL

6 Thursday, 7:00 pm — **The Native Bird Connection** presentation by Steven Saffier of the National Audubon Society at the Township Building. Sponsored by the Pennsbury Land Trust. Everyone is welcome. RSVP requested. (see page 6)

10-14 Monday - Friday — **Branch Pickup** (page 1)

12 Wednesday, 7 pm — **Remember Paoli** Spring Lecture series presentation at the Chadds Ford Historical Society on Creek Rd. Fee.

17 Monday — **Last Day to REGISTER for the Primary Election**

20 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm **Tavern Night** at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House. Fee. Info at [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org) (see page 6)

22 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — **Pennsbury Yard Sale** In the Park. (see page 4)

27, 28, 29 Thursday, Friday & Saturday — **Dumpster for Township Residents** at the Township Bldg. (hours and info on page 4)

29 Saturday — **Shredding Event** in the Township Building parking lot (see page 4)

29 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — **RAIN DATE for Pennsbury Yard Sale** (see page 4)

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

#### MAY

8 Monday — **Last Day to APPLY for an Absentee Ballot for the PRIMARY ELECTION**

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

18 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm — **Spy Games** at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House. Fee. Info at [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org) (see page 6)

#### JUNE

9 Friday, 7 - 9 pm — **Quack-ing Up! (18th Century Medicine)** at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House. Fee. Info at [www.chaddsfordhistory.org](http://www.chaddsfordhistory.org) (see page 6)

sara corbishley, editor

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