

# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## CHESTER COUNTY — PLANNING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chester County Economic Development Council has been publicizing its economic strategy for the next 10 years. The strategy is contained in a report entitled "Vista 2025." Surprisingly the Chester County Planning Commission was not involved in the formulation of this report.

The aim of the report is to assure a healthy economic future for the County and its residents. Chester County is one of the few in the nation with a triple A (AAA) bond rating. The report's focus is on enlarging the tax base and increasing jobs in a diversified economy. It pays lip service to the expressed qualities of the County admired by most residents --- Open Space, Beauty, Scenery, Culture, Historic Assets --- but many of its recommendations are inconsistent with maintaining these attributes.

For example, the report wants to create and provide financial incentives for "corridors of opportunity" for de-

velopment, one of which is Route 1 from Kennett Square to the Maryland line. This is now one of the more scenic drives in the region bordered not by factories, malls or office parks but by rolling farmland.

Many concerned citizens and environmental organizations believe that a better strategy would be to encourage commercial growth in the Chester County boroughs, where the necessary infrastructure already exists. In fact the County has been assisting the boroughs in the past. Kennett, Phoenixville, West Chester and Downingtown are good examples.

The good news is that the report is not cast in stone but is an "evergreen document", subject to revision to reflect new input. The County Commissioners should remember that 25 years ago the referendum authorizing a tax for open space received the favorable votes of 82% of the voters.

Wendell Fenton

## TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS SCHEDULE

details on all events on page 3

**Branch Pickup**

**Monday April 13 through Friday April 17**

**Yard Sale**

**Saturday April 25, (rain date Saturday May 2)**

**Dumpster**

**Thursday, April 30, Friday May 1, Saturday May 2**

**Township Roadside Cleanup**

**Saturday May 2**

**Shredding Event**

**Saturday May 2**

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Wendell Fenton



## ❖ PLANNING COMMISSION

The primary focus of the PC (Planning Commission) has been on the following topics:

Having completed our review and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on modifications to the Village Commercial Area and Bulk Regulations, the PC has taken up a similar project for Village Residential. This initiative, which is being led by Lynn Luft and will include input from the Pennsbury Historical Commission is expected to be completed during the second quarter.

As previously reported, a large portion of the PC's time and efforts thus far this year has been on the continuation of the important project of reviewing and upgrading the Township's Subdivision and

Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).

In conjunction with the PC, the project includes key roles from Township Manager Kathy Howley, Township Engineer Matt Houtman and consultant John Snook from The Brandywine Conservancy. We are continuing to make good progress and expect to complete the PC's portion of the project by mid-year.

We welcome Damian Demnicki who was recently appointed to the Planning Commission.

Dennis Smith, Chair

## ❖ ROAD WORK

The following roads will be worked on during the summer months: Wedgewood Dr., Old Baltimore Pike, McFadden Rd., Ridgeway Dr., Running Fox Trail, Little Fox Lane, Twin Turns Lane, Stockford Rd., Whitewood Way, McMullen Farm Lane, Mill Pond and Mistry Meadow.

Residents living along each road will be notified when the work is scheduled. For questions, contact the Road Department at 610-388-9180.

## ❖ DRIVEWAY PERMITS

Residents are reminded that a permit is required when resurfacing a driveway. The permit is available online on the Pennsbury Township website. The permit is necessary to ensure proper storm water management and you may be subject to a fine if it not obtained before the work is done.

## ❖ REDUCING STORMWATER RUNOFF

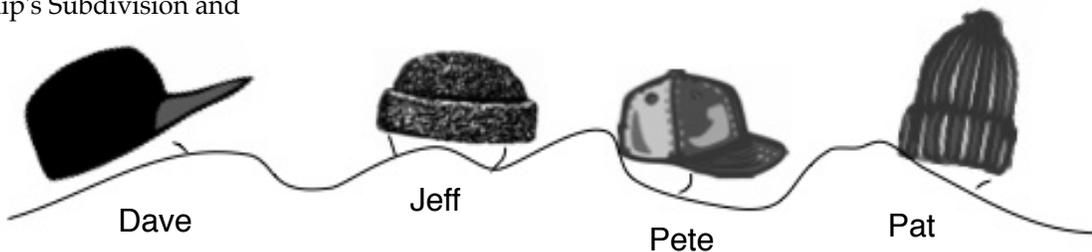
- Consider converting a corner of your property to native warm season grasses. Their extensive roots of 3 to 7 feet deep enrich the soil and absorb many times the amount of rainwater that turf does.

- 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 reduce runoff by intercepting rainfall, and their broad-leaf 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.

## ❖ PLAN AHEAD

Pennsbury Townwatch will once again sponsor a "55 Alive Driving REFRESHER Course" on Saturday, November 14th from 8 am until noon at the Township Building. If you wish to take this course sooner, the Kennett Senior Center offers the course on the third Thursday of each month from noon until 4 pm. Contact the Center to register.



KUDOS and hat off to our Road Crew who continued to do an excellent job of plowing and salting the township roads during this most difficult winter. The road crew used 350 tons of salt this past season, which is 100 tons more than usual. They will now be doing road repairs because of the thawing and heaving of road surfaces, which takes it's toll on road surfaces.

# TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS

## Branch Pickup

**Monday - Friday, April 13-17**

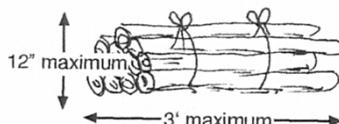
The road crew will come by only ONCE during the week so have your branches out on Monday. They will not be collected unless they are properly prepared. If you have questions call Roadmaster, Dave Allen, at 610-388-9180.

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.



## Yard Sale

**Saturday, April 25**

**rain date, May 2**

**(9am - 2 pm)**

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

This is a very popular event so plan on either buying or selling. You won't be disappointed!

## Shredding Event

**Saturday, May 2**

**(9 am- noon)**

This is free for Pennsbury Township residents and will be held in the parking lot of the Township Building. **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.

## Dumpster

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

**Friday, May 1 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm)**

**Saturday, May 2 (9 am - 1 pm)**

Large item disposal for Pennsbury Township residents ONLY and 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 Township):

\$4.00 for each car tire

\$8.00 for each car tire with rim

\$10 for each truck tire

\$15 of each truck fire with rim

\$15 per refrigerator/air conditioner (freon recovery fee)

## Roadside Cleanup

**Saturday, May 2**

This is a perfect opportunity for neighborhood groups to form a group 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. Filled trash bags will be picked up by the road crew. Call Roadmaster, Dave Allen, at 610-388-9180) to get your supplies.

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# A PENNSBURY HISTORIC BUILDING – CHANDLER HOME / TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING



**Chandler Vacation Home c. 1925**  
**Note: tennis court and swimming pool to the side**



**Township Building as it is today**



**Detail of herringbone brick pattern on west wall of great room**

The Pennsbury Township Municipal Building will be 90 years old this year. Its existence began as a vacation home for the Chandler family from Philadelphia. The building's location on the south side of the Baltimore Pike originally included two parcels of land recently purchased by the Township from Toll Brothers.

The 1925 Craftsman style residence faced south, with the roof line broken by cross gables. The front entry porch, now enclosed as the Township Manager's office, was one of these. Other peaked gables framed doors and windows that looked out over expansive lawns and fields towards the two lane Baltimore Pike, Hickory Hill Road, and distant woods to the south. The western end of the building, highlighted by another cross gable, enclosed a "great room" with exposed rafters and a massive stone fireplace. A slate roof, shed dormers, and exterior stucco walls with brick accents carried out the period design elements of the home. A swimming pool and tennis court, no longer in existence, completed the estate.

After the Chandlers no longer used the house, the building was a children's camp and a nursery facility at different times. By the late 1960's, the Layton family from Wilmington owned the structure and surrounding land. Recognizing the Township did not have its own building or property, the Laytons donated the residence and 7.5 acres to Pennsbury, with the provision that the property would be used for "public purposes."

Several years passed before Township renovations began on the Chandler house. Public meetings were held to gather suggestions and residents' support for rehabilitating the property. In 1973, the Supervisors selected John Milner to prepare a staged rehabilitation plan, which was completed over time. By the 1990's the Township Offices needed further work to address safety needs and increased community activities. John Rosecrans of Dimensional Dynamics won the bid for the second renovation. The most recent alterations were completed in 2001, leaving the building as it is today, a functional public meeting place with the footprint and major architectural features of the old vacation house.

Thanks to the structure's original solid construction, adaptive reuse by later owners, the generous philanthropy of the Layton family, and preservation goals of Township Supervisors, the early 20th century residence stands as one of Pennsbury's most interesting Historic Resources, and a unique Municipal Building.

# 2015 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 11

CAT PICKERING CAMPUS

1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

### Saturday, April 25

(proof of residency may be required)

OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL

226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

### Saturday May 16

Owen J. Roberts Middle School

981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19456

### Friday, June 26

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 12

(proof of residency may be required)

OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BLDG

125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

### Saturday, October 10

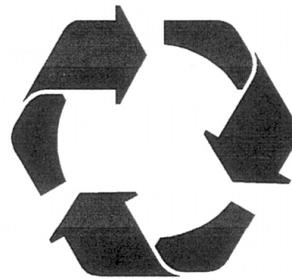
GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

### UNACCEPTABLE HAZARDOUS WASTE

Unidentified Waste	Asbestos
Tires	Infectious / Medical Waste
Fire Extinguishers	Radioactive Waste
Explosives & Ammunition	Pressurized CFCs and HCFs
Latex Paint	Gas Cylinders
Appliances with Freon	Alkaline Batteries
Appliances	50 Gallon drums
Trash	
Propane - Helium Tanks	

## Electronics Recycling



As of January 24, 2013, a law went into effect, banning certain types of electronics (laptops, desktops, monitors, televisions, et al.) from being placed in a landfill with municipal waste. Instead, all such electronics must be recycled in an approved recycling facility.

The manufacturers of such devices are responsible for providing no-cost recycling opportunities for these electronic devices. Municipal trash haulers are banned from mixing these electronic devices with any trash going to a landfill.

Consumers of these electronic devices are responsible for taking their electronics to an approved electronics collection location or utilizing an electronics collection program if one is offered in their area. Some retailers may also offer no-cost collection opportunities. Electronics manufacturers' such as Epson, HP, Dell, Cannon, Toshiba, Apple, Acer, and Sony all offer no-cost recycling. Check their websites. Some retailers may also offer no-cost collection.

Consumers may also bring electronics to SECCRA and dispose of them in the designated electronics collection area for a \$5 minimum fee (up to 140 lbs or fraction of \$64.00 per ton). SECCRA's permit does not allow accepting electronics from businesses or institutions, only individuals.

For more information, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection website or call the Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242.

**If you take the time to recycle, please take the time to do it right!**

*Doing it right* means NO plastic bags. If you use plastic bags to carry papers or other things to recycle, empty them out and take the bags to the grocery store for recycling.

*Doing it right* means flattening all cardboard boxes.

**PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP**  
**Chester County, Pennsylvania**  
**Summary Financial Statement**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

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, 2014 is on file and available for inspection at the Township office.

FUND BALANCE, All Funds, January 1, 2014	<u>\$ 4,229,203</u>
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**REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES**

Taxes	1,314,249
Licenses and Permits	83,487
Fines and Forfeits	1,053
Interest, Rents, and Royalties	109,097
Intergovernmental Revenues	189,696
Charges for Services	126,139
Unclassified Operating Revenues	135,415
Other Financing Sources	<u>5,370,972</u>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>7,330,108</u>

**EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES**

General Government	248,507
Public Safety	256,014
Health and Human Services	2,000
Public Works	
--Sanitation	2,599
--Highway, Roads, and Streets	364,318
Culture and Recreation	46,114
Community Development	5,053,900
Debt Service	135,391
Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items	119,433
Insurance	33,081
Other Financing Uses	<u>1,297,791</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>7,559,148</u>

**DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES UNDER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES**

(229,040)

FUND BALANCE, All Funds, December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 4,000,163</u>
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The Gross Debt of the Township at December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 4,402,000</u>
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The Assessed Valuation of the Township at December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 385,880,555</u>
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Barbacane Thornton LLC, Auditors

# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2015

## Board of Supervisors (elected 6 yr term)

Meets 3rd Wednesday  
7:00 pm

Scotty Scottoline, Chair  
610-793-3591  
[supvsrscottoline@aol.com](mailto:supvsrscottoline@aol.com)

Aaron McIntyre, V. Chair  
610-388-9795  
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Wendell Fenton  
610-388-6861  
[fenton@rlf.com](mailto:fenton@rlf.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)

James Sears, Chair  
Adelaide Jones  
Reese Reynolds

## Planning Commission

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
5:00 pm

Dennis Smith, Chair  
Robert Crandell, V. Chair  
Lynn Luft, Sec.  
Damian Demnicki  
Margo Leach  
Jim Ware

## Zoning Hearing Board

John Herdeg  
Greg McCauley  
James Porter

## SECCRA & Recycling

Fred DeVries

## Emergency Management

Michael Hochhaus

## Historic Commission

Barbara Camp  
Marianne Cameron  
Damian Demnicki  
Marcie Gilmartin  
Lynn Luft  
Eileen Mallouk  
Charles Nichols  
Rusty Drumheller,

non-voting

## Rt 52 Scenic Byway Committee

Alma Forsyth

## Vacancy Board

Robert Luft

## Bayard Taylor Library Board

Susan Mckey Kallis

## Newsletter Editor

Sallie Corbishley

## Computer Assistant

Phil Sinatra

## Animal Control

Chester County 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)

Kathleen Do  
Carolyn Daniels  
Greg Linder

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

Get Involved, be-  
come a Township  
volunteer. Help is  
always welcome  
for committees  
and commissions.  
Call the Township  
office, for informa-  
tion.

## 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 (16)

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 Senator

#### District 9

#### Dominic Pileggi

100 Evergreen Dr.  
Suite 113  
Glen Mills, PA 19342  
610-358- 5183  
[www.senatorpileggi.com](http://www.senatorpileggi.com)

### State Representative District 160

#### Stephen Barrar

1 Beaver Valley Road  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317  
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[parep160@aol.com](mailto:parep160@aol.com)



# 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 Tuesday 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 16 at Chadds Ford Elem. Sch., April 20 at Hillendale Elem. Sch. and May 18 at Pocopson Elem. Sch. More info at: [www.ucfsd.org](http://www.ucfsd.org)

#### APRIL

9 Thursday, 7:00 pm — **The Garden Design for Naturally Beautiful Home Landscapes**, presentation by the Mt. Cuba Center staff at the Township Building sponsored by the Pennsbury Land Trust. Attendees will be provided with a resource guide of native plants and local nurseries. Everyone is welcome.

13-17 Monday - Friday — **Branch Pickup** (see page 3)

18 Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm **Massive Barn Market** at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barn visitors Center will have vendors offering unique collectibles, vintage items and antiques. Plus there will be a variety of food trucks.

25 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — **Pennsbury Yard Sale** In the Park. (see page 3)

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

30, May 1 & 2 Thursday, Friday & Saturday — **Dumpster for Township Residents** (hours and info on page 3)

#### MAY

6 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — **RAIN DATE for Pennsbury Yard Sale** (see page 3)

2 Saturday — **Township Cleanup Day & Shredding Event** (see page 3)

16 Saturday, 8 am - noon **Chadds Ford Historical Society's Spring Yard Sale** at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barn visitors Center.

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

22 Friday, 5:50 - 7:30 pm **Come to the Faire: 50 years of Chadds Ford Days** exhibit opening at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barn visitors Center. Begun in 1965 as a way to raise awareness of the historical and cultural heritage of the area, Chadds Ford Days has remained true to preserving the area's colonial roots with revolutionary re-enactors, authentic colonial crafts and demonstrations as well as an art exhibit which exemplifies the unique heritage of the Wyeths.

sara corbishley, editor

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