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TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS

Branch Pickup

Monday - Friday, April 11-15

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.

Dumpster

Thursday, April 28 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm) Friday, April 29 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm) Saturday, April 30 (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 fire with rim

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

Yard Sale

Saturday, April 23 rain date, April 30 (9am - 2 pm)

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.

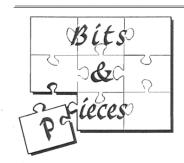
This is the last year unless someone steps up to chair this popular event. Contact the Township office at 388-7323 if you are willing to volunteer your time.

Shredding Event Saturday, April 30 (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.

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP OFFICE 702 Baltimore Pike



*MONEY MATTERS

- •Township property tax bills were sent out as of March 1 by Berkheimer Assoc. If you have not received your bill contact them at 866-309-6969.
- •Local earned income tax returns are due April 18 by taxpayers who earned income in the township. E-file at www.keystoncollects.com. For questions call the Taxpayer Helpline at 1-888-328-0565.
- •The Township audit has been completed and there are no adverse findings. The audit has been filed with the State.

❖THE END OF THE YARD SALE?

Long time volunteer, Bill Reynolds, who has been the guiding force behind this popular event is stepping down. Unless a volunteer can be found to take over, this will be the final year. Please contact the Township office at 610-388-7323 if you are willing to help.

❖ROAD WORK

The following roads will be worked on during the summer months: Denton Hollow, Parkersville (north of Rt.926), Cheryl Lane, Graychal Lane, Whitestone Lane, Raven Lane, Chaddbury Lane, Hillspring Road and Ponds Edge Drive.

\$SPCA

Chester County SPCA is now **Brandywine Valley SPCA**, which better defines their service area. They still provide animal control for the Township and can be reached at 610-692-6113.

On April 30 they will have their annual "Walk for Paws", a fund raiser to support their mission. Registration and info can be found at www.walkforpaws.com.

The SPCA addresses issues with domestic animals, the PA Game Commission takes care of wildlife.

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

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.

growth of algae which depletes oxygen levels, so try not to over fertilize.

♦ ROADSIDE CLEANUP

This does not have to be done on April 30 during Township cleanup day, but can be at any convenient time.

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 will be picked up by the road crew. Call Roadmaster, Dave Allen, at 610-388-9180 to get your supplies.



Planning Commission Update

Jeff Streitel joined the Planning Commission following his appointment by the Board of Supervisors at their January 4 meeting.

As previously reported, work continued on a Cooperative Planning Project involving Longwood Gardens, the Chester County Planning Commission and East Marlborough, Kennett and Pennsbury Townships. We expect to conclude the Pennsbury's role on this project in March and will forward it on to the Board for their review and consideration.

At our January organizational meeting, the following officers were elected for 2016: Chair - Dennis Smith, Vice Chair - Bob Crandell and Secretary - Lynn Luft.

Additionally, the following people were appointed to represent the Township on the listed organizations: Jim Ware - The Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission, Margo Leach - The Brandywine Battlefield Task Force and Lynn Luft - The Historical Commission.

The PC heard a Zoning Variance Application requesting a side-yard setback and voted to recommend that the Board support the application so long as the immediate neighbors have no objections.

Work on the following topics was concluded and forwarded to the Township Solicitor, Tom Oeste, and the Board for their review and consideration: Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on Village Residential, Village Commercial, Accessory Structures and Riparian Buffers.

A joint Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meeting was held to review progress on our 2015 Township goals and establish goals for 2016.

All Township residents are welcome at Planning Commission meetings which are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 5:00 PM in the Township Building.

Dennis Smith

Who says history is boring?

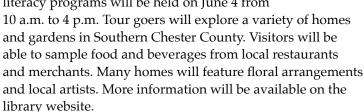
The Chadds Ford Historical Society is offering a new monthly series of Tavern Talks aimed exclusively for adults 21 and older. They will focus on unexplored aspects of early American history and culture with hands-on activities, food and drink tastings, demonstrations and more. The talks will take place at the Society's Barns-Brinton House, an historic 1714 tavern, on US Rte.1 Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for

non-members. Tickets must be purchased in advance over the phone, in person or online as space is limited.

Topics and times on page 8.

Kennett Public Library News

The 25th Anniversary Home and Garden Day Tour to benefit children's and adult literacy programs will be held on June 4 from



Funds raised from the 2015 Tour enable the library to host a visit from author Margie Palatini on May 4, 2016 at 10 a.m. whose whimsical books, PIGGIE PIE, MOOSELTOE, BEDHEAD, EARTHQUACK, and BOO HOO MOO have been delighting children for 20 years.

April is National Library Month and adults can get their fill of interesting and informative lectures:

- •Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Beatles: Band of the 60's
- Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. 20th Century Paintings
- •Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. Color Yourself Calm
- Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m. —Turning Point Elections
- •Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m. 10 Days in Paris
- •Thursdays April 7 & 21—at 7 p.m SCORE Seminars
- Wednesday, April 6 Family Finance

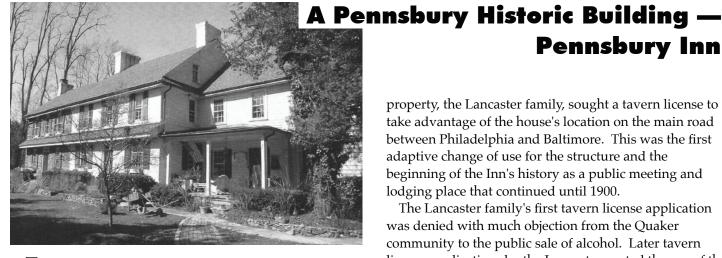
For more information about these programs visit the library website.

Teen programs at the library continue to offer fun, thought-provoking gathering space for middle and high school students. Teens can join us for tabletop gaming nights on April 14 and May 12. Comic book fans can stop in for Graphic Novel Book Club (5th-8th grade) or Geek Gang (8th-12th grade) and explore storytelling through the medium of comics.

In May, the Kennett Library will be hosting a cookbook challenge for chefs of all ages! Check out a cookbook from the collection, choose a recipe and bring your creation to the Cookbook Challenge Potluck at noon on Saturday, May 21! All foodies, Food Network fanatics, bakers and amateur chefs are invited!

Pennsbury residents who have difficulty getting to the library are eligible for Mail Order Delivery providing library materials through the mail. For more information, call 610-280-2644 or email avarley@ccls.org.

The library's Adult Literacy Program is recruiting volunteers for tutoring adults to learn to speak, comprehend, read and write English. For more information, please contact Filomena Elliott in the Literacy office at 610-444-9118, or by email at felliott@ccls.org.



The Pennsbury Inn was once part of the John Hope farm (see 2016 Winter Newsletter). It is located at an important local crossroads on the Chester Road, now the Baltimore Pike, the center of Pennsbury village life in the 1800's. The Inn is on the north side of the Pike, hidden from view by a wooden fence at the highway intersection with Hickory Hill Road. First built as a private residence in the early 1700's, the Inn is one of the best Township examples of historic preservation and adaptive reuse of historic resources.

The Inn's initial construction date is unknown. Provincial tax accounts are vague, lacking specific building descriptions. The design and construction method of the Inn's early stone section are very similar to that of the John Hope House, leading to the supposition they both were built in the early eighteenth century, perhaps by the same craftsmen.

In John Hope's 1749 will, he left his youngest son Amos most of the family farm, and mentioned only one house, assumed to be the Hickory Hill Road structure.

By 1769, when Amos Hope made his own will and died, Court records show he resided in the stone and brick house, now known as the Pennsbury Inn.

Amos specifically instructed his wife in his will to sell the original John Hope House on Hickory Hill Road with 170 acres to Joshua Pierce. Amos asked his friend, Dr. Joseph Pierce, to survey the land and make a division map of the two properties, which has been preserved at the Chester County Historical Society.

Although the Hope family went through a very stressful time, Amos' estate was finally settled in 1772. Dr. Pierce married Ann Hope, Amos' widow, and his nephew, Joshua Pierce, bought the original John Hope House on Hickory Hill Road. The stone and brick house, along with 180 acres, continued to be the private home of Joseph Pierce's family for forty-five years.

The nineteenth century brought increased commerce to Chester County. By 1822, new owners of the Pierce

property, the Lancaster family, sought a tavern license to take advantage of the house's location on the main road between Philadelphia and Baltimore. This was the first adaptive change of use for the structure and the beginning of the Inn's history as a public meeting and lodging place that continued until 1900.

Pennsbury Inn

The Lancaster family's first tavern license application was denied with much objection from the Quaker community to the public sale of alcohol. Later tavern license applications by the Lancasters noted the use of the Inn as a community meeting and polling place, and as an important stop for travelers crossing the Brandywine or heading to Delaware.

A tavern license was eventually granted in 1826, and the Lancaster (or Pennsbury) Inn opened for business. However, when Joseph Lancaster was fined 10 shillings for 'tipling and drinking' on First Day in 1846, the tavern license was cancelled. In retaliation, the Lancasters halted use of the Inn as a polling place in 1847. Tempers gradually moderated and the tavern license was renewed in 1851.

Despite several other years with license cancellations, the Inn continued to operate as a popular lodging and meeting place until the late 1800's. After the property was sold at Sheriff's Auction in 1900, the Inn reverted to private use, changing hands several times in the early twentieth century.

The Haldeman family became the property owners in 1951. They initiated much needed renovations and built the house's last addition. As the Baltimore Pike was widened and modernized, the Haldemans sought to protect the pre Revolutionary structure by applying for National Register of Historic Places recognition. With National Register status achieved in 1971, highway construction affecting the Inn must follow a special review process.

The present owners of the Pennsbury Inn, Cheryl and Chip Grono, have adapted the house to a new life once again as a bed and breakfast. They reopened the Inn to public guests thirteen years ago, recognizing the growing tourist interest in the Brandywine Valley.

A stay at the Inn and tour of the garden offer a delightful respite from the 21st century, a glimpse into another era with the chance to learn about Pennsbury's place in local history. Further information is available in the Township Historic Resource files and at the Inn's website www.pennsburyinn.com.

2016 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Event Schedule NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Residential only

www.chestercountyswa.org

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

Saturday, April 16

CENTER FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY PICKERING CAMPUS
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Saturday, April 30

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

Saturday May 21

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

Friday, June 24

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 8

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

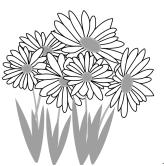
FOR A LIST OF ACCEPTED AND NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS GO TO: www.chestercountyswa.com

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.

Native Wildflower Gems for Local Gardens



Thursday, April 7
7:00 pm
Pennsbury
Township
Building

Pennsbury Land Trust Annual Meeting

Improve your knowledge of top-performing native wildflowers and trees suitable for Chester County. Karen Travers, biologist with Mount Cuba Center who has been teaching about and gardenig with native plants for over 30 years, will share ideas on how to use native plants in formal or naturalistic design within your home landscaping.

This public event is hosted by the Pennsbury Land Trust as part of the continuing education speaker series. Learn how to site, plant and combine 20 tried and true favorites to add color, interest, and natural beauty and value to your backyard.

Wine, cheese, sweets and coffee will be served. Reservations are requested, but not required. RSVP by email (pennsburylandtrust@gmail.com) or by calling 610-388-7323.

Specific questions for Karen may be submitted in advance to pennsburylandtrust@gmail.com.

For more information about planting, plant suggestions and native plant programs see the Mt. Cuba Center website at www.mtcubacenter.org.

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 its other peripherals at no cost. Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) in West Grove will take computers for a \$5.00 fee.

Pennsbury Township Chester County, Pennsylvania Summary Financial Statement For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

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, 2015 is on file and available for inspection at the Township office.

| FUND BALANCE, All Funds, January 1, 2015 | _\$ | 4,000,163 |
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| REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | |
| Taxes | | 1,435,623 |
| Licenses and Permits | | 86,118 |
| Fines and Forfeits | | 7,005 |
| Interest, Rents, and Royalties | | 117,525 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | | 188,659 |
| Charges for Services | | 150,428 |
| Unclassified Operating Revenues | | 1,055 |
| Other Financing Sources | | 158,610 |
| Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources | | 2,145,023 |
| EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES | | |
| General Government | | 201,458 |
| Public Safety | | 318,292 |
| Health and Human Services | | 2,000 |
| Public Works | | |
| Sanitation | | 3,287 |
| Highway, Roads, and Streets | | 623,056 |
| Culture and Recreation | | 45,226 |
| Debt Service | | 361,818 |
| Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items | | 115,720 |
| Insurance | | 34,816 |
| Other Financing Uses | | 151,500 |
| Total Expenditures and Other | | |
| Financing Uses | | 1,857,173 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | |
| OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES | | 287,850 |
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| FUND BALANCE, All Funds, December 31, 2015 | \$ | 4,288,013 |
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| The Gross Debt of the Township at December 31, 2015 | \$ | 4,149,000 |
| The Assessed Valuation of the Township at December 31, 2015 | \$ | 389,564,715 |
| The Addedda Valuation of the Township at December 31, 2010 | Ψ | 000,004,713 |

Barbacone, Thornton CPA

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2016

Board of Supervisors (elected 6 yr term)

Meets 3rd Wednesday 7:00 pm Wendell Fenton, Chair 610-388-6861 fenton@rlf.com

Scotty Scottoline
610-793-3591
supvsrscottoline@aol.com

Aaron McIntyre, V. Chair 610-388-9795 mcintyre.supervisor@verizon.net

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 Jeff Streitel Jim Ware

Zoning Hearing Board

John Herdeg Greg McCauley James Porter

SECCRA & Recycling Vacant

Emergency Management

Michael Hochhaus

Historic Commission

Marianne Cameron
Damian Demnicki
Marcie Gilmartin
Lynn Luft
Eileen Mallouk
Rusty Drumheller,
non-voting

Rt 52 Scenic Byway Committee

Alma Forsyth Joe Carbonell

Vacancy Board

Robert Luft

Kennett Library Board

Betsy DelVecchio 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 Commissionn 610-926-3136

Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board District C

(elected 4 yr term) John Murphy Carolyn Daniels Greg Linder www.ucfsd.org

Get Involved!

Become a

Township

volunteer. Help is

always welcome

for committees

and commissions.

Call the Township

office for

information.

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 Philadelhia, 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

Elected State Representatives

State Senatorial District 9

Vacant - a special election will be held April 26 to fill this seat

State Representative District 160

Stephen Barrar

1 Beaver Valley Road Chadds Ford,PA 19317 610-358-5925 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 28 at Chadds Ford Elem., April 18 at Hillendale Elem. and May 16 at Pocopson Elem. More info at: www.ucfsd.org

MARCH

28 Monday — Last Day to REGISTER for the Primary Election

30 Wednesday, 5:30 open house, 6:30 presentation — Update on Rte. 926 Bridge Project by PennDot at Pocopson Elementary School. The public will have an opportunity to comment.

APRIL

7 Thursday, 7:00 pm — Native Wildflower Gems for Native Gardens presentation by Karen Travers at the Township Building sponsored by the Pennsbury Land Trust. Everyone is welcome. RSVP requested. (see page 5)

11-15 Monday - Friday — Branch Pickup (see page 1)

19 Tuesday — Last Day to APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT for the Primary Election

21 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm Beer for Breakfast! Drinking Habits of the Colonists at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House (see page 3) Fee. Info at www.chaddsfordhistory.org
23 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — Pennsbury Yard Sale In the Park. (see page 1 & 2)

26 Tuesday, 7 am - 8 pm — PRIMARY ELECTION

29, 29, 30 Thursday, Friday & Saturday — **Dumpster for Township Residents** at the Township Bldg. (hours and info on page 1)

30 Saturday — **Shredding Event** in the Township Building parking lot (*see page* 1)

30 Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm — RAIN DATE for Pennsbury Yard Sale (see page 1)

MAY

7 Saturday — **Boy Scout Camporee** in the Township Park.

12 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm **Digging Through Trash** at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House (*see page 3*) Fee. Info at *www.chaddsfordhistory.org*

JUNE

9 Thursday, 7 - 9 pm **Herbs and Potions** at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Brinton House (see page3) Fee. Info at www.chaddsfordhistory.org

sara corbishley, editor

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