

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Become a friend or search "Bark Park at Pennsbury Township Park" on facebook
Stay informed and connect with other canine friends!

The Pennsbury Township Park Committee has worked closely with **Eagle Scout, Drew Smallacombe**, who enhanced the park in late spring with his Eagle Scout Project. Drew added 4 beautiful solid wood benches, a divider fence to the park creating space for large dogs to run and a separate area for smaller dogs or older dogs to socialize. He also planted 4 large shade trees donated by **Del Angel's Landscaping, Inc.** and put in the sign indicating the Park Rules which was donated by **Brandywine Veterinary Hospital**. Residents also donated time and money towards both the Eagle Scout Project and Trees.

Canine friends (and owners) can now enjoy a beautiful area of the park dedicated to off leash dog socialization!

Please show your support:

- Donate to Troop 31 (Eagle Scout Drew Smallacombe) 610-500-4609
- Brandywine Veterinary Hospital 610-450-0500
- Del Angel's Landscaping 484-880-5838



THE FARMER'S MARKET IS BACK!!!

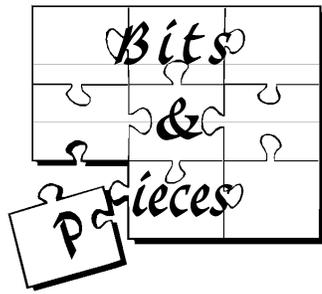
At the Pennsbury Township Building
Friday's 2-6 pm Beginning June 17

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❖ NEW EARNED INCOME TAX (EIT) COLLECTOR

Keystone Collection is the new EIT tax collector for Chester County. They opened an office in Exton, 610-269-4402. Berkheimer will continue to collect the property tax portion of the township tax, 866-309-6939.

❖ PLANNING COMMISSION

Crosslands has submitted land development plans which address the updating of their skilled care unit, updating of health care facilities and a change to their parking lot. Commission members are working with the applicant and township engineer in the review process which should take 60-90 days. There will be a conditional use hearing to address these changes on June 15 at 7 pm in the Township Building.

Windmill Hollow, a ten lot subdivision of the Sanford property on Brintons Bridge Road, has completed the plan review process but has not received final approval.

❖ ORDINANCE CHANGES

Property Maintenance Code was recently updated from the 1993 to the 2009 version. There was little change in the update. The maintenance code was first enacted in 2001 and gives property owners guidelines for keeping their property in good condition.

Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance was passed on March 23, 2011. It address vehicles parked in a township right of way that are not licensed or tagged.

❖ PARK NEWS

Unfortunately there will be no Picnic in the Park this year. There was not enough interest in this event to keep it going. If anyone would like help get it going again, please contact the office at 610-388-7323.

On the plus side, the park fields have been used by several recreational lacrosse groups. It is great to see kids in the park enjoying themselves.

The park was also used for another very successful Yard Sale on April 30. Vendor spaces were sold out and the Dayton's again added to the festivities with their music.



❖ SUMMER ROAD WORK

The following roads will be oiled / chipped this summer — Fern Hill, Sapling, Apple Row, Willow Glen, Hanover Drive, Evergreen Court, Fox Run, Blue Stone Drive, Blue Stone Court, Chadwyck Lane, Conestoga Court, Independence Way, the Township parking lot and driveway.

❖ TRIMMING

Please remember to keep branches and shrubs on your property trimmed in order to improve sight distance for vehicular traffic. DO NOT plant shrubs or trees in the right of way.

❖ WOOD CHIPS AND DIRT

The township keeps a supply of wood chips and

dirt at the township building which residents are welcome to use. Contact Roadmaster, Dave Allen, at 610-388-9180 to arrange for your pick up.

❖ PERMIT NEEDED

A permit must be obtained when RESURFACING a driveway. Applications are on the Township website or can be obtained by calling the township office at 610-388-7323. Please note that a permit is not needed for sealing a driveway.

❖ WALKERS BEWARE

Please remember to walk AGAINST traffic and leave the earphones at home, the better to enjoy nature and hear approaching traffic.

❖ BRINTONS BRIDGE ROAD

It is now open at Route 1. Weather conditions prolonged the opening. Thank you for your patience with the repairs of the culvert.

❖ LEASH YOUR DOG

The Township requires all dogs to be leashed whether in the Township park (except in the Bark Park) or in your neighborhood. It is also common courtesy to keep your animals from disturbing the peace, especially in the early morning or late evening.

❖ SENIOR SUPPORT

The APPRISE program is a volunteer Medicare counseling service which helps seniors navigate the federal medical insurance program. It offers sessions throughout the county. Contact the Chester County Dept. of Aging at 610-344-6035 for a schedule.

Development Update

Pennsbury Village

A stipulation was signed by the Township and Pennsbury Village Associates on April 1, 2011. This revises the approved preliminary plans and dismisses with prejudice litigation filed by the developer against the Township and Supervisor Wendell Fenton. The stipulation also provides for the dismissal with prejudice of the related suit against Supervisor Aaron McIntyre and other township residents, filed when McIntyre was a private resident.

The stipulation modifies the Pennsbury Village development plan so that:

- Land application now has the highest priority for sewage disposal, rather than stream discharge.
- There will now be no commercial buildings.
- A road across the township lawn to connect the development parcels has been eliminated.
- The township now has the option of preserving the historical

core of the Hope House by having it moved, at developer expense, onto township property.

Further details can be obtained from the township.

Two public hearings were held in the Township Building on this issue before the stipulation was signed. It was submitted to the Chester County Court of Common Pleas and approved by Judge Thomas Gavin.

The developer continues to work with the Township on the proposed sewage plant that will serve Pennsbury Village as well as other surrounding properties.

Penns Village

Developer Jack Becker will be granting an easement to the Township for drainage fields for the sewage plant.

Accordingly, the preliminary / final plans for Penns Village were reviewed by the Township Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors conditionally approved them at its public meeting on March 23, 2011.



Stay Safe

You have only to observe the devastation reeked on Joplin, Missouri to see why home-based emergency planning is essential. This doesn't mean just tornadoes but any natural or man-made disaster that could disable public utilities or render your current living arrangements unusable.

Make a Plan — everyone in the emergency management community preaches this over and over because simple preparations can make a huge difference in your safety, mobility and personal comfort in the event of an emergency.

- Meet with Family Members — review simple stuff like staying away from downed wires or flooded streets. Make sure any caregivers are included in the discussion.
- Choose an Out of Town Contact — ask someone to be a clearing house for information about you and your family.
- Decide Where You will Meet — if you are separated from family members. Choose a place outside of your neighborhood in case you cannot return home.

- Complete a Family Communications Plan —which includes names and phone numbers for everyone.
- Teach Your Children How to Call Emergency Phone Numbers and when it's appropriate to call.
- Escape Routes and Safe Places — you may need to evacuate on a moment's notice. Be sure all family members know the escape route AND an alternate escape route.
- Plan for the Disabled —make sure my office at Pennsbury Township has the name, location, phone number and type of disability. This information is kept on file at the county 911 center.

Plan for Your Pets — make sure owners can be identified through a collar or chip.

Get an FRS Radio— these inexpensive devices are a terrific tool in a disaster. They run on batteries and are good for about half a mile. Every FRS radio can talk to any other FRS radio. Keep in tuned to Channel One as each parties know to listen here.

Flooded Roads — NEVER, EVER drive through a flooded road. It takes less than 18 inches of water to make a car or SUV buoyant. "Turn Around. Don't Drown!"

Lloyd Bankson Roach, Pennsbury Township EMC

A PENNSBURY HISTORIC STRUCTURE:

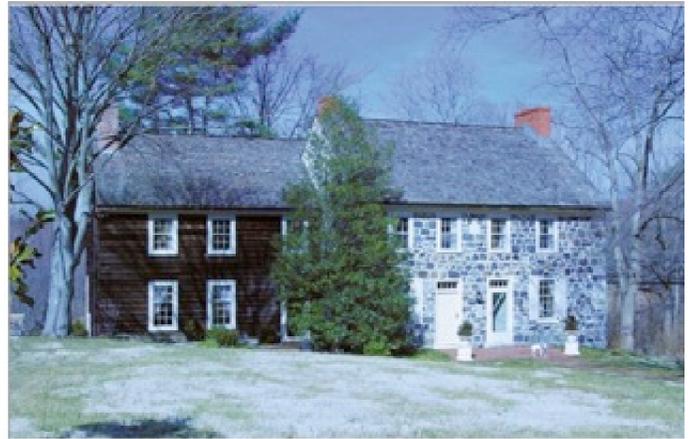
The Isaac Mendenhall House

This historic farmhouse built in 1806 is located in the West central part of Pennsbury Township on the west side of Hickory Hill Road. It is situated on a 3.7 acre lightly wooded parcel of land originally owned by William Penn and reflects the simple architectural styling of the Quakers who built it.

The Mendenhall family settled in Pennsbury in the late 1600's and acquired substantial acreage (about 600) from William Penn in 1703. In 1806, Isaac Mendenhall, a great grandson of one of the original settlers, bought part of the original 600 acre tract and built the present house, which is the earliest of three Mendenhall houses still standing in the Township.

The house remained in the Mendenhall family until the mid-19th century when it passed out of the family through several owners including the Concord Quaker Meeting, which rented it out for farming. By the 20th Century, the house was deteriorating and became vacant for over 10 years until the 1960's when it was bought and restored by two owners prior to the present owner.

The farmhouse is a two-part building facing south and is composed of a two-story, four-bay Federal style core with a two-story, three-bay addition wrapping around the north-west corner. The addition built in 1981 was designed by John Milner, international architect known for historic restorations, whose office is in the Township, was designed to



accommodate today's lifestyle but in sympathy with the original historic house.

The garage/agricultural building is a one-story, three-bay building and has a rectangular footprint. It has a steeply pitched roof that is clad with wood shingles and features an extended gable, two open bays and two batten doors.

A springhouse which is located across the road was once a part of this property and is separately documented in the Pennsbury Historical Survey.

This historic home is architecturally significant and is potentially eligible for the National Register.

Information, pictures and a map showing this and our more than 200 historic structures are available to the public at the Township Building.



WATER: Save It, Care For It

SAVE IT

- Wash your car over the lawn to catch excess water.
- Make sure you water the lawn and not the driveway or street.

- Don't blow grass clippings into the street where a storm could carry them to nearby streams.
- Use a rain barrel.
- Minimize lawn chemicals and don't apply when rain may wash them into streams .

- Water less often but deeper to promote healthier growth.
- Water in the early morning or in the evening when the sun is low and temperatures are cooler. This reduces loss by evaporation.

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR FAVORITE STREAM

Pennsbury Land Trust is encouraging residents to become Stream Watch Monitors. It takes only a few minutes twice a year to collect data about your favorite stream. Training will be provided. For information call 610-388-7401.

THE BRANDYWINE-STRUBLE GREENWAY

The Brandywine Conservancy has embarked on a two-year regional planning initiative that involves 16 municipalities along the Brandywine Creek, from Pennsbury Township to Honey Brook Borough. A slowing economy and dwindling development pressure have provided a window of opportunity for municipalities and other stakeholders to collectively formulate the Brandywine-Struble Greenway Concept Plan. The project is funded with a grant from the William Penn Foundation at no cost to the Township.

The Brandywine-Struble Greenway is envisioned as a thirty-mile long conservation corridor of varying width. It will include an interconnected system of formal and informal trails, parks and river access points that will link the Brandywine Creek with many Chester and Delaware County communities along its path. The Greenway will be dedicated to conserving and restoring natural resources, to helping people better connect with, understand and improve the Brandywine Creek, and to building healthier, more sustainable communities. This effort will strive for consistency with

municipal comprehensive plans and will incorporate current municipal trail and open space projects.

The Greenway is envisioned to consist of publicly and privately owned lands. Several municipal parks located near the Brandywine Creek can easily function as "green nodes" along the Greenway corridor. In addition to municipal parks, Chester County owns the Struble Trail, various sections of abandoned rail lines north of the Struble Trail and Springton Manor Farm County Park. The Greenway corridor is anchored by three state-owned attractions: the 386-acre Struble Lake Recreation Area in Honey Brook Township; 1,727-acre Marsh Creek State Park in Upper Uwchlan Township; and the 50-acre Brandywine Battlefield Preserve in Chadds Ford Township.

For more information visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.brandywineconservancy.org/greenway/"](http://www.brandywineconservancy.org/greenway/) www.brandywineconservancy.org/greenway/ or email Sheila Fleming at [HYPERLINK "mailto:sfleming@brandywine.org"](mailto:sfleming@brandywine.org) sfleming@brandywine.org.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Pennsbury Township's recycling center for residents is located at the Township Building on Route 1 and is available 24/7. All materials that can be recycled can be put in any bin, no need to separate.

Please follow the directions on the bins as to what and how to recycle. SECCRA (Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority) handles the recycling and if foreign materials or objects are found in the bins, then the contents of the whole bin must be land filled and cannot be recycled.

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

Doing right means NO plastic bags, if you use plastic bags to carry papers, empty them out and take the bags to the grocery store for recycling.

Doing it right means flatten cardboard boxes.

Recycling Made Easy

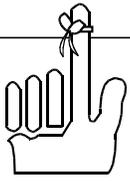


Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates and Locations

Saturday, September 10
9 am-3 pm —
New Garden Township
Maintenance Bldg., 8934
Gap Newport Rd., Landenberg. *No Computers*

Saturday, October 8
9 am-3 pm—
Government Services
Center, 601 Westtown
Road, West Chester.
Computers accepted

For information: www.chestercountyswa.org



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 meets at 7:30 pm. on Monday, June 20 in District Office Public Meeting Room, 740 Unionville Road.

ALL SUMMER

Mon-Fri, 9 am - 2 pm
Sat & Sun, 1 - 5 pm
WOOD, WOODS, AND WOODWORKERS Exhibit at the Barn Visitors Center of the Chadds Ford Historical Society, 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Free

Sat & Sun, 1 - 5 pm
JOHN CHADS & BARNs-BRINTON HOUSE TOURS led by colonial guides. Special programs at Barns-Brinton House some Saturdays. See the beehive oven in action at the Chads House. Fee www.chaddsfordhistory.org

JUNE

25 Saturday, 9-11 am —
GRAND OPENING OF THE BARK PARK AT PENNSBRY PARK

JULY

23 Saturday, 1-4 pm —
BROOM MAKING & TAPE WEAVING at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barn Visitors Center. Junior Guides will be making corn brooms and using their tape looms.

30 Saturday, 1-4 pm —
REVOLUTIONARY WAR LIFE at the John Chads House. Revolutionary War re-enactor Ned Hector will help the audience understand what life was like for soldiers and men of African descent in Colonial Pennsylvania.

AUGUST

2 Tuesday — **NATIONAL TOWN WATCH NIGHT OUT**

20 Saturday, 1-4 pm —
DRESSING UP YOUR DRESS at the Barns-Brinton House. Join the Junior Guides of the Chadds Ford Historical Society as they transform fabric and ribbon into decorations for both men's and women's clothing

SEPTEMBER

10&11 Saturday & Sunday, 10 am-5pm — **CHADDS FORD DAYS** *The Dog Days of Summer II*, 1736 N. Creek Rd, Chadds Ford. Fee

9,10,11 Fri.-Sun. — **MUSHROOM FESTIVAL** in Kennett Square. Info www.mushroomfestival.org

10 Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm —
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION New Garden Township Maintenance Bldg., 8934 gap Newport Road, Landenberg.

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