



# PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## Historic Commission Report

### Resource Update Planned

Next year will mark ten years since the first Pennsbury Historic Resource Survey was completed. In order to comply with Pennsylvania state mandates for information on Historic Resources, Pennsbury has engaged Jane Dorchester, Architectural Historian, to perform a survey review and update on Township properties constructed between 1940 and 1970.

Properties constructed before this period, which were not included in the 2009 Survey will be added also. Properties already in the Survey, which were renovated in the past ten years will have new information and photographs included in the existing data.

Historical Commission members will assist Ms. Dorchester in the Survey update, which will include site visits, exterior photographs, and data forms for each structure added to the information files. An electronic CD copy and a hard copy of the results will be produced for the Township and kept with the original 2009 Historic Resources Survey.

The project is scheduled for the winter months of 2019, before trees begin to leaf, and next fall, if necessary, to complete photographs. Residents who own 'historic' properties (now defined as construction prior to 1970), or who reside in historic districts, will receive letters to explain the project and ask for a property visit appointment early next year.

The Township asks your understanding and cooperation. It is interesting to note that Levittown is now a National Register Historic District cited for a unique cultural history representative of post World War II single home development. At some point, everything becomes historic!

### 2018 Activities

The Pennsbury Historical Commission had an eventful year, beginning in January with the submission of plans for the National Register Mendenhall property, Springdale

## Winter Road Reminders

• **DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET DURING A WEATHER EVENT.** If our drivers do not think they can salt, cinder or plow a street or cul-de-sac safely, they will SKIP it or plow it last.

• **MAIN SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE PLOWED FIRST.** Less populated areas next. The Township plows ONLY municipal roads — not state highways.

• **SECURE YOUR MAILBOX.** The Township is NOT responsible for damage caused by snow or ice that is thrown from the snowplow blade. Standard mailboxes and posts are replaced by the Township ONLY if either or both are actually struck by the plow and if these are installed to the specification of the US Postal Service. The Township neither replaces or reimburses residents for custom mailboxes or ornate posts. If you believe a properly installed mailbox or post was struck by a Township vehicle, contact Road Master, Dave Allen at 610-388-9180.

• **DO NOT PUSH SNOW INTO THE STREET.** Wait until the roadway is cleared before shoveling your driveway. Shoveling snow into the road creates a safety hazard and could cause an accident.

• **PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE** for winter driving.

• **DON'T DRIVE** if you are too nervous about driving on snow and ice.

Farm. The Mendenhall brothers immigrated to southeastern Pennsylvania in the late 1600's. Springdale was part of family holdings which grew from an initial 600 acre Penn Land Grant, purchased in 1703. The family's history and properties were part of early Quaker settlement in the area, and became important in the antislavery movement prior to the Civil War.

The new owners' plans included a demolition permit application for the barn as well as renovation plans for the main house, which members reviewed according to Article XVII in the 2012 Township Zoning Code. Initially, the HC concentrated on the barn demolition ap-

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## ❖ 2019 BUDGET

The Board of Supervisors passed a balanced budget for 2019 at their public meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. There will be no tax increase. The property tax stays at 1.49 mills and the earned income tax at 0.312%.

The budget is posted on the website at [www.pennsbury.pa.us](http://www.pennsbury.pa.us).

## ❖ 2019 TAX BILLS

Chester County tax bills will be mailed in January.

The Township tax bill will be sent out by March 1.

Please be aware there is an Earned Income Tax of 0.312% in Pennsbury Township which is collected by Keystone Collections. It is your responsibility to make sure this tax is paid by April 15, 2019 if this tax has not been deducted. If you have questions, contact Keystone Collections at 888-328-0565.

School tax bills are sent out by the school district July 1 of each year.

## ❖ ANNUAL TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION

The Board of Supervisors organizational meeting will be held on Monday, Jan-

uary 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Township Building. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

The elected Auditor's organizational meeting will be Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm and the Planning Commission organizational meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8 at 5:00 pm. Both will be at the Township Building.

## ❖ SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

**YOU MUST STOP** when you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended.

**YOU MUST STOP** when you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended.

**YOU MUST STOP** at least 10 feet away from a school bus.

**YOU MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop part has been withdrawn before moving.

**YOU MUST STOP** at an intersection whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST** stop.

**YOU MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

On roadways with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways, you may proceed only if school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

## ❖ PENNSYLVANIA YELLOW DOT AND EMERGENCY CONTACT PROGRAMS

These programs were created to assist drivers and passengers in emergency care following a vehicle accident.

The Yellow Dot program allows residents to complete a personal information form which is placed in the glove compartment and a yellow dot placed in the lower left corner of the rear window. This is intended to alert first responders to the presence of emergency information in the event the occupants of the vehicle are unable to respond.

The Emergency Contact Information Program allows residents to have emergency contacts listed in a secure database, which is available to law enforcement officers.

Information and forms on the two programs are available on the PennDOT website at [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov), or [www.yellow-dot.pa.gov](http://www.yellow-dot.pa.gov).

## ❖ YARD SALE

The 17th annual Yard Sale is set for April 27. Rain date will be the following Saturday. Registration will be sent out to all residents by April 1. There are over 70 sites available, lots of free parking and good food, so mark your calendar now.

## ❖ CHECK WINTER WATER RUNOFF

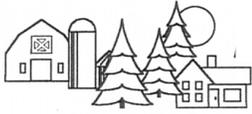
As the wintry mix of snow and rain come along, monitor the runoff and see where improvement might be made next year to keep runoff on your property.

## NO PARKING Ordinance Amendment

An amendment to the Township's parking regulations was passed on October 17, 2018. Where NO PARKING signs are posted, illegally parked cars will be towed **without notice**.

A letter will be sent to all property owners along streets with NO PARKING signs posted advising them of these changes before enforcement takes place.

Please be advised that ALL vehicles must be parked on a hard surfaces and not pulled off the road and parked on grass or any other pervious surface. This is a violation of ordinances and will be strictly enforced.



## PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

The following is an update of the Planning Commission's (PC) activities since the last edition of the *Pennsbury Township News*.

The PC has had an ongoing discussion on event space use and permits in the township which was led by Lynn Luft. We concluded our recommendations on a segment of this broader topic which pertained to large properties with historical resources and forwarded it to the Supervisors and Mr. Oeste for their consideration.

Chester County has now adopted Landscapes 3 which forms the basis for the county's next long-range comprehensive plan. As another ongoing project this year, the PC discussed the proposed plan and provided input to the county on multiple occasions. This process included having members of the Chester County Planning Commission present at one of our meetings to review the draft plan and address comments and questions.

The PC discussed a sketch plan presented by Hillcrest Associates proposing a three lot subdivision at the intersection of Raintree Road and Kennett Pike. Several residents from the Raintree HOA were present and engaged in the discussion.

All township residents are welcome to attend Planning Commission meetings.

Dennis Smith, Chair

## Historic Commission Report

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plication, since the structure had deteriorated substantially over the years.

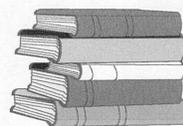
A Commission report to the Supervisors agreed the barn's renovation would be a tremendous cost for repair or replacement of damaged beams, siding and roofing. The Supervisors granted a demolition permit, and the barn was demolished last spring. At the Commission's request, all reusable rafters, beams, siding and flooring have been salvaged and stored on the property. The stone foundations will remain for future use in a new structure or as part of the garden.

The next step for the Commission was to review and comment on exterior plans for renovation to the farmhouse. The entire stone façade will be repointed and new roofing installed. Insulated windows, which keep the original design, will replace existing ones. All wood trim will be repaired and kept, as will shutters and doors. After the Commission's final report to the Township in September, renovation work began on the exterior. It will include complete renovation of the house interior as well.

When the project is finished, Commission members believe Springdale's original front façade will be an almost exact replica of the 1837 residence. The only change will be in an existing eastern addition, to be reconstructed with a side entry and new kitchen in the rear of the home.

Lynn Luft, Historical Commission

## NEWS FROM THE KENNETT LIBRARY



The Kennett Library has a busy winter planned with lots of activities, including events for adults, children and teens. Check the Kennett Library website at [kennettlibrary.org](http://kennettlibrary.org) for the full schedule.

The Library is moving on with planning for the new building in downtown Kennett! Schematics of the design are in development and planning is in process for the capital campaign needed to raise funds for the project. Stay tuned for news of all the exciting things that will be possible in the new facility! But check in to [kennettlibrary.org](http://kennettlibrary.org) for all wonderful programming happening right now.

### ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

A valuable resource housed within the Kennett Library is the Adult Literacy Program. There are both day and

evening classes of English as a Second Language, held from September to June in various locations in Kennett Square, West Grove and Oxford. Although classes have begun for the 2018-19 academic year, new students are still being accepted. To register, please contact the Literacy Program office at 610-444-9118.

Free one-on-one tutoring is also available. Tutors are volunteers from the community who are trained by the Adult Literacy Program director and who agree to teach an adult student. Tutors help adults improve their basic literacy level, or learn English as a Second Language, or prepare for American citizenship, or practice and prepare for the tests for the General Equivalency Diploma.

The program has a waiting list of students, so tutors are always needed! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, please email Director Filomena Elliott at [felliott@ccls.org](mailto:felliott@ccls.org) for more information.



# Pennsbury Township Calendar

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

**Supervisors** meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Harris Room of the Township Building.

**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** usually meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. Locations and more info at: [www.ucfsd.org](http://www.ucfsd.org)

#### DECEMBER 2018

26 Wednesday — **Christmas Tree Recycling Begins** at the Township Building. Drop off undecorated trees.

#### JANUARY 2019

7 Monday, 5:00 pm — **Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting** at the Township Building. Monthly meeting to follow.

8 Tuesday, 7:00 pm — **Elected Auditors Organizational Meeting** at the Township Building.

8 Tuesday, 5:00 pm — **Planning Commission Organizational Meeting** at the Township Building.

31 Thursday — **Christmas Tree Recycling Ends.**

#### MARCH

1 Friday — **Pennsbury Tax Bills** will be mailed by March 1.

#### APRIL

11 Thursday, 7:00 pm — **Pennsbury Land Trust Annual Meeting** at the Township Building. Speaker from the Chester County Health Department will talk on *Maintaining a Healthy Well Water System.*

27 Saturday — **Annual Yard Sale** in the Township Park. Information will be sent to residents before April 1. *See page 2*



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