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News from Council President



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Public Safety "A critical issue facing Ambler is overcrowding and neglect of some rental properties due to absentee landlords. The results are creating unsafe conditions for tenants, neighbors, and an overload of vehicles on these already crowded streets. Our property values are paramount. In response, a committee has been formed of citizens and Council to tackle these problems head on. Our goal is to have enforceable solutions while maintaining the rights of individuals. Yearly rental inspections, and tenant documentation are just a few examples of how we can arrest this problem. Violations would result in fines and/or revocation of a rental license. A hotline for citizens to report problems will be a helpful tool. This will be an effective way to assist the Borough in identifying code violations. More code officers will be needed to insure the success of this initiative. Your support is appreciated in what we are trying to achieve."

Anita Pieri (President)

George Pasceri (committee)

John Pugliese (Chair Public Safety) Tony Isabella (committee)

Street Sweeping ends Friday, November 30

Fall Leaf Pickup

Place your yard waste out on **Monday nights** before

November 6

November 13

November 20

December 4



Pickup happens on Tuesdays, one day earlier than regular trash. Store leaves in cans or brown paper recycling bags. No plastic.

Street Addresses

All residences and buildings **MUST** have **addresses** clearly marked in front, with at least 3 inch tall numbers, so that emergency crews can read them from the street.

Permits

Borough residents are asked to contact the Borough prior to making any home improvements to determine if a permit is needed.



Parks and Recreation "The open space board of Montgomery County is helping Ambler design a moderately sized indoor facility at Knight Park. The current bathroom facility will be slated for demolition. This will be a first for Ambler and it will enable us to offer more supervised programs

for children. It can also benefit community and church groups, seniors and scouts. Public input is welcome by contacting the Borough or e-mailing your representatives via the Borough website."

Anita Pieri, Council President

New Street Lights in Ambler

New street lights have been installed, together with new walkways in the downtown area using Revitalization funds. There are plans for a clock near the Ambler train station also.

A winning cause!

Support Wissahickon Fire Co. Buy a 2008 calendar. Find out how you may be a big winner by lottery. Call 215-591-9501.

Parking in Ambler

Parking is free from noon to 2pm and 6pm to 8am on weekdays. Sundays are free. There will be free parking in December to help your holiday shopping!



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Environmental Corner

Storm Water Runoff Source: PADEP

Rain is an important resource. Like all resources, it is important that storm water runoff is managed properly. As rain water seeps into the ground or runs into our streams, rivers, lakes and oceans it replenishes our drinking water supplies, recreation areas, and healthy wildlife habitats. Storm water becomes polluted as it mixes with materials such as motor oil, lawn fertilizer, and pet droppings. Decreasing storm water pollution is easy. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- 1 Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint – never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- 2 Reduce your use of pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides; use properly and efficiently to prevent excess amounts from mixing with storm water runoff.
- 3 Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- 4 Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- 5 Report any discharges from storm water outfalls along creeks during times of dry weather – a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- 6 Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess – in a backyard or at the park – storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system or directly to a creek.
- 7 Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.



Recycling in Ambler

Please rinse out containers. Look for recycling number on bottom of plastic containers. No lids, pots, pans, aerosol cans, wire hangers, etc.

- Recycle newsprint and other paper, numbers 1 and 2 plastics, aluminum and bi-metallic cans (any can used for food/drink) and all colors of unbroken glass. The borough uses a single hauler. Currently, the hauler is J. P. Mascaro.
- All residents have recycling bins. New residents needing a bin can contact the borough.
- All borough residents place all recyclables out on **Tuesday nights** for curbside collection on Wednesdays.

For additional information on recycling, contact the Borough office: 215-646-1000 or e-mail: eac@borough.ambler.pa.us.

Ambler Tree Tenders Win Award for Community Tree Planting

Due to the success of our TreeVitalize tree planting of 81 trees in April 2007, the Borough will be honored at William Penn Inn on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Special thanks goes to Mr. Jimmy Wack and the Highway Department as well as Borough Council, Manager Rocco Wack and Assistant Manager Mary Aversa for their support in this town project!

WREN Grant produces results

Residents living near stream banks have planted shade borders to improve water quality. Cooler water has more oxygen and a healthier ecosystem. Also, street signs now label streams such as Rose Valley Creek and Tannery Run to increase environmental awareness.

Bo Rit Asbestos C.A.G.

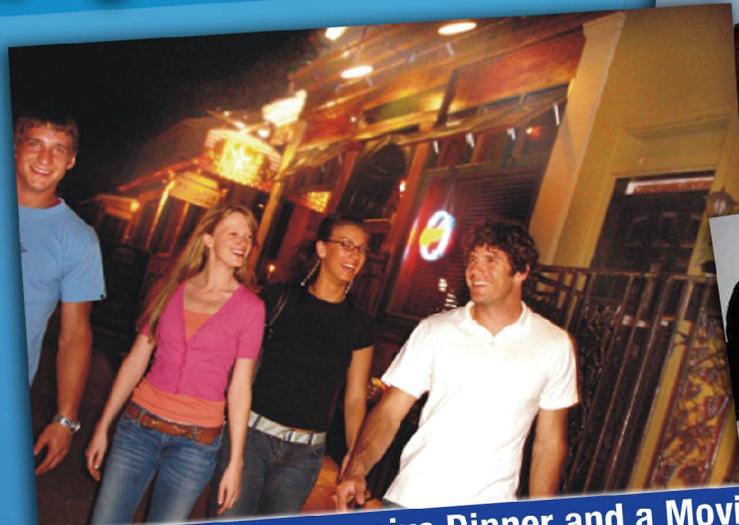
An official Community Advisory Group was established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and community members to represent the interests of the communities surrounding the 32 acre BoRit Asbestos Site near the intersection of Whitpain Township and Ambler Borough, Pennsylvania in providing advice and input regarding the site. The CAG is designed to serve as an ongoing vehicle for information-sharing, discussion, and, where possible, consensus-building regarding decision-making on agency efforts regarding the BoRit site. Anyone wishing to observe the meetings or give input may contact: Melinda Holland at melindaholland@alltel.net or 828-817-0883

The **Environmental Advisory Committee** is seeking members. If you live in the borough and have an interest in serving, please call 215-591-1551.

Always Ambler!



Starlight Nights
Holiday Shopping Thursdays
in December 'til 8pm



1st Thursday Progressive Dinner and a Movie



Art Show at Artman
Lutheran Home &
Downtown Ambler
November 1, 2, 3 & 4



Parade - December 1, 1:30pm
Sing-Along - December 5
Santa by Train - December 13

Deck's Hardware
1908-2008 - Congrats!
27 N. Main Street



215.641.1070
www.amblermainstreet.org



Daytime, nighttime, anytime...Ambler!

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122 East Butler Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002
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Ambler Choral Society

Concert: Sunday, November 25 at 3pm

Songs by Mozart, Holst, Faure, Chilcott and Rudolph. Carol sing along and reception too!

Church of the Open Door

Reminders from the Manager

Call before you dig: 811 or

1-800-242-1776. PA One Call locates underground utilities. www.pa1call.org.

Leaves or yard waste should not be left in streets. Compost or recycle.

Clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after snow stops. Make a 36" wide path. Clear fire hydrants and street corners.

Ambler Symphony

1st Subscription Concert Wed, Nov 14, 7:30pm at Wissahickon High School Auditorium. Piano Concerto by Robert Schumann and Shostakovich Symphony No. 5.

Chamber Concerts at Act II

Oct 28 Dec 2 Feb 10. 7pm. Tickets: 215 654 0200. **Holiday Concert** at Ambler Theater Wed Dec 5, 6:30pm with carols, movie. **Children's Concert** Sat Jan 19 at 1:30pm: WHS.

Visit www.amblersymphony.org

Senior Adult Activities Center launches Boomer U

Boomer U @ Ambler SAAC at 45 Forest Ave., is a new venture in town for anyone aged 55 or more. Educational, cultural and recreational activities/programs/workshops/seminars are being offered during early evenings and on Saturdays.

Call 215-619-8863 for more information and to register. Most events have a nominal cost or donation. A sampling appears below. Call to get the whole list.

****The Geator With the Heater, Jerry Blavat**, will host Boomer U's Boomer Blast on Saturday, Dec 8, from 7-12 p.m. at the Fort Washington Conference Ctr. (formerly Holiday Inn). Advance Tickets only- \$40. Call 610-584-1383.

Estates and Trusts Oct 29 **Singles Group** 1st meeting Nov 1
Womens' Healthcare Nov 14 **Act II Playhouse Readings**
Nov 19 **Mortgage Information** Nov 28 **Hospice Care** Dec
10 **Flowers on Location** Dec 11(for Christmas/Holidays)



Events at the Library

209 Race Street; 215-646-1072.

www.wvpl.org



Children **Story Time with Guitar Music by Miss Michelle** Tuesdays at 4:30pm; also Wednesdays at 10:30am (except 3rd Wed); Thursdays at 10:30am. Get book bags (trucks, princess)!

"Creepy, Crawly Bug Museum Show" from the Insectarium will be the main event at the Halloween Party on **Tuesday, Oct 30** at 7pm. Children ages 5 and up: Wear your costume.

Bingo Night Nov 6, 7pm. **Origami for Kids** Dec 11, 7pm.

Talent Evening Jan 15, 7pm. **Valentine Puppet Show** Feb 12.

Magic Show Mar 18, 7pm. **Art Classes:** Dec 4. Jan 22. May 6.

Adults **Join a book discussion group!**

Discussion on To Kill a Mockingbird Oct 25

The **Ambler Friends of the Library** are sponsoring the "Tea and Scones" speaker series. Join the Friends to support our library.

Rajasthan travel talk Nov 13 **Williamsburg Centerpiece** Dec 18 **Sculpture Tour** talk by Philadelphia Museum of Art on Mar 11.

Tea and Scone events on **Tuesdays**. Please register in advance!

6:30pm Scones; 7:00pm Program. **Lois McMullen, Head Librarian**