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Home Town News

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News from Borough Council

Meetings start at 7pm on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Come to Share Ideas about Ambler

A SPECIAL MEETING of Borough Council will be held Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 pm to visit with Borough residents and hear their concerns about and suggestions for Ambler. Council now holds special meetings four times a year. We hope to see you there!

Drought Restrictions Notice

Drought Restrictions are in effect for Ambler Water customers. We still need more rain to refill the water table. Check the Ambler Savings Bank message board or *Ambler Gazette* for future notification as to when the restrictions might be lifted.

Code Enforcement Hotline

Code Enforcement Concerns? You may now leave a message (anonymously if you'd like) at Borough Hall for the Code Enforcement Officer. Call 215-646-1000 Ext. 135.



Cavalier Parking Lot

The Borough will be installing new decorative fencing and landscaping along Poplar Street. Grant funding was received from the Montgomery County Revitalization Grant Program.

When is Borough Hall Open?

Borough Hall is open Monday through Friday 8am - 4:30pm. Closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after. Closed at noon on Christmas Eve. Closed Christmas Day and the day after. Closed New Year's Day, open January 2.

What's Happening in Parks and Recreation?

Anita Pieri, Chair Members P. Dooley, M. Maxion, G. Pasceri 1) Plans are underway and will be submitted to Montgomery County for approval of a "Green" Building at Knight Park. This will allow us to expand programs and activities for children and families. 2) Council will consider a professional Parks and Recreation director who will expand and improve activities, oversee maintenance and plan the future of our park system. 3) An ordinance will be considered that will prohibit indecent language in the parks. 4) Security cameras at Knight Park are being considered for the safety of our children and property, with help from a grant sponsored by Rep. Rick Taylor.

Parking in Ambler

Parking is free Sundays, from noon to 2pm weekdays as well as 6pm to 8am all days. There will be free parking in December to help with holiday shopping!

Did you know?

Main St. was once Fulling Mill Rd., leading to Andrew Ambler's mill.

Wissahickon Fire Company Fundraisers:

1) **Open House** Sat Nov 1 from 2pm to 5pm. Refreshments and gift foods for holiday shopping. Call 215 603 8854 for details. 2) **Breakfasts** Every Saturday and Sunday; 6am to 11am. Use side entrance.

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♦ **Street Sweeping** ends on Monday December 1. Until then streets must still be clear of cars on the usual designated days so that crews can perform a sweep of leaves.

♦ **Fall Leaf Pickup** Yard waste pickup is once again on TUESDAYS. Please place your leaves and sticks out on **Monday nights** before:

Tue. November 4

Tue. November 11

Tue. December 9

Tue. December 16

Yard Waste must be stored in unlined cans or the brown paper recycle bags. No plastic bags will be picked up. The next series of collections is planned for April.

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.

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Environmental Corner

Ambler Borough's Storm Water Management Ordinance

By James Dougherty, P.E., Gilmore & Associates, Inc., Borough Engineer

What are the sources of pollution in storm water? Common sources are pet waste in yards, over-fertilization of lawns, washing vehicles in driveways or streets, and improper disposal of cleansers, oil and paint.

Ambler's responsibilities regarding removal of pollution from storm water stems from legislation enacted by the Federal Government. The program that mandates Ambler's responsibilities is the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (NPDES MS4 for short) and is administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In Pennsylvania the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) oversees all Pennsylvania municipalities as they work to comply with the NPDES requirements.

Ambler, like all other municipalities in Pennsylvania, is required to have an ordinance that regulates the elimination of storm water pollution sources and provide requirements for proper management of storm water runoff. In 2004, Ambler Borough Council adopted the Storm Water Management Ordinance. This ordinance contains the requirements that are needed to help keep storm water, and ultimately our streams, rivers, and oceans clean. Ambler has also added several requirements to the Ambler Zoning Ordinance to complement the Storm Water Management Ordinance. For example, impervious coverage limits (i.e. maximum amount of asphalt, concrete and building areas) are in place in most zoning districts in Ambler. Copies of the Storm Water Management Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance are available at Borough Hall for review; copies can be purchased for a small fee. The Zoning Ordinance is also available under the "**Documents and Forms**" section of the Borough website:

www.ambler.pa.us.

All citizens of Ambler are encouraged to check the Borough website, especially the "**Other Links**" and "**Home Town News**" sections to help keep our water clean.

Used Motor Oil Recycle Sites: Contact Lynch's Service Center or Ridge Auto in Ambler.

Borough Energy Audit

Your Ambler EAC received one of only four statewide FREE energy audits through a Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program and LOGICS of EPA. All four Borough departments have been reviewed for possible energy savings by converting to low-energy equipment and light bulbs, or by adopting practices that conserve energy. Lower energy costs to the Borough will mean more of your tax dollars working for you.

Recycling Containers

Soon you may notice blue recycling containers near trash cans in parks, borough parking lots and along the commercial streets. When you visit these areas you are encouraged to deposit your aluminum cans and plastic or glass bottles into the clear bag portion of the container. When cans and bottles are recycled, the state rewards the borough for improved recycling tonnage.

Water System Maintenance

Please do not flush pills down the drains. Also, oils, grease and fats should not be poured down drains.

BoRit Asbestos Piles

The EPA has recently proposed listing the 38-acre long-standing un-remediated asbestos piles along Maple Street on the National Priorities List. This action would make the area eligible for Super Funds but does not guarantee that the funds will be available. If funded it is likely that a five year process will ensue to determine then perform the best measures for cleanup. Contact Mayor Bud Wahl for more information. A Community Advisory Group that represents your concerns meets the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Call (484) 686-1016 to take part.

Downtown Tree Care Enhanced

Your Ambler EAC is working with an arborist consultant, Bill Graham, to develop a set of policies and procedures for managing the trees along the commercial streets of Ambler and borough parking lots. New policies will address replacement of aging trees with the species of trees most successfully grown along city streets, care of trees to ensure their longevity (watering, proper mulching and pruning), sidewalk pits, and other matters. This project is funded by Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development with the support of House Representative Rick Taylor. A community tree planting event will be scheduled this spring.



Coming Events

HOLIDAYS IN AMBLER



First Thursday—Thursday December 4th

*Progressive dinner and a movie. Tickets on sale from 5-7pm
in the movie theater lobby - \$25.*

Tree Lighting—Friday December 5th @ 7pm

Sip Hot Chocolate and sing your favorite carols.

Holiday Parade—Saturday December 6th @ 2:30pm

Santa will stay in town at the Tree after the parade.

Celebrate with Strings—Thursday December 11

Library 4:30pm Ambler Savings 5pm

*Holiday Sing-along & a Movie—Wednesday December 17th
@ 6:30pm. Sing-along inside the Ambler Theater.*

*Santa by Train—Trax Café located at the Ambler train
station Thursday, December 18th 6:30 pm arrival and then
visit with Santa at the tree in front of Rita's Water Ice.*

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Congratulations: 35 years of service!
To volunteer call 215 643 4929.

Reminders from the Manager

- ♦ **Call before you dig:** 1-800-242-1776. **PAOneCall** locates underground utilities. Visit www.paonecall.com.
- ♦ **Winter weather:** Clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after snow stops. Make a 36" wide path. Clear fire hydrants and street corners. No placing or blowing snow in streets.



Ambler Symphony

Concert #1 at Wissahickon High School Auditorium: Fri Nov. 14 7:30pm. *Brahms' Double Concerto and Academic Festival Overture.* Borodin's *First Symphony.*

Dorothy Talley Holiday Event

Wed Dec. 3rd 7pm. at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Young Artist Concerto Concerts:

Sun Jan 18 Junior and Tues Feb 22 Senior. Call 215-503-2256 www.amblersymphony.org.

Ambler Choral Society Concert amblerchoralsociety.org

Sun Nov 30 3pm Church of the Open Door with reception. Music by Puccini, Mendelssohn, Pachelbel and John Rutter. Also join the Christmas carol sing to prepare for the holidays.

Community Cupboard will soon offer a Health Program which will assist the nurses already on staff. The After School Tutoring Program and GED Programs continue. Donations and volunteer help are appreciated for the Cupboard's work of providing food, clothes, furniture and household items to people.

Senior Adult Activities Center

Programs: **Come Help the Environment** Thu Nov 5 7-8pm, \$5; reg. by Nov 4. **Angelspeake** Thu Nov 12 7-9pm, \$12; reg. by Nov 10. **Animal Communication** Thu Nov 12 7-8:30pm, \$15; reg. by Nov 17. Events held at Forest Ave. and North Spring Garden St. Please call **215-619-8863** for info or to volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program.



Events at the Library wvpl.org
215 643 7775



Children **Story Time with Guitar Music by Miss Michelle** Tuesdays at 4:30pm; also Wednesdays at 10:30am (except 2nd Wed.); Thursdays at 10:30am. Get book bags (trucks, princess)!

Animal Show Wed Nov 19 at 10:30am New Jersey Academy for the Aquatic Sciences.

Fun Holiday Music! Tues Dec 16 at 7pm Bruce Fagan.

Puppet Show Tue Jan 20 at 7pm Segal Puppet Theater's "Tooth Buddies" music and comedy.

Valentine Party Tues Feb 10 Wear costumes. Enjoy snacks. Bring your library card! Take out **plenty** of books.

Adults **Daytime Book Group** 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30pm. Nov 13 *French Lessons* by Alice Kaplan. Dec 11 *What You Have Left* by Will Allison Jan 8 *Glass Castle* by J. Walls.

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

Deck the Halls with Garden Décor Tues Nov 11 Julie Philips

Karakorams Trek Tues Nov 18 Jerry Martindale.

History of Hats Tues Feb 24 Sue Snyder

Four Season Gardening Tues Mar 3 Peggy Rastiello. 6:30pm Scones; 7:00pm Program. **Lois McMullen, Librarian**