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# Home Town News

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## News from Borough Council



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### Meetings at 7pm on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays Except Wed Nov 4

**Vote in the General Election** Be prepared to cast your ballot in the General Election on Tuesday, November 3rd. If you are unsure as to your polling place, you can find it on [voterservices.montcopa.org](http://voterservices.montcopa.org) by selecting Polling Places>Locate My Polling Place or by calling Voter Services at 610-278-3280.

### **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. Telephone: 215-646-1000 Ext. 135.

### **What's Happening in Parks and Recreation?**

Chair: Anita Pieri, members Mary Maxion, Pat Strus. Movie nights are very successful, so buying our own equipment will allow us to have more movie nights, especially in the summer. Final plans for "Skate Park" at Knight Park, paid for by "Station Square", are being reviewed. We will present them for public comment, hopefully by the November 4 committee meeting. We await county approval for the "Green Building and Trail" at Knight Park, paid for by County Green Fields/Green Towns Program and a Borough match. The Green Building is a multi purpose, environmentally friendly community structure. Connected to it is a trail that will link the park to the County Green Ribbon Trail. The EAC (Environmental Advisory Committee) has applied for a grant that would add a riparian buffer along the Stuart Farm Creek. This will beautify and help some with flooding in low lying areas.

### **News from the Water Department**

The Department will begin its \$650,000 rehabilitation of the Loch Alsh Reservoir during summer/fall of 2010. A \$520,000 PA grant was awarded to the Water Department for structural remediation of the dam. The Whitmarsh Pumping Station, near Hope Lodge, has returned to service. Broad Axe Water Tank has been inspected and painted. The Houston Road Tank is scheduled for painting in 2010. Also the sewer department was awarded a \$167,000 grant for sanitary sewer repair.

### **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 holiday shopping!

**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 streets.

**Did you know?**  
A platform is planned for outbound R5 train passengers across from the new station.

**Wissahickon Fire Company Fundraiser:**  
**Firehouse Grill** is open daily for breakfast and lunch. Eagles Game day specials are available as well as a free tailgate party 1 hour before every game. Use side entrance of Main Fire House 245 Race Street, Ambler.

**Street Sweeping** ends for the winter season on Tuesday December 1. Until then streets must still be clear of cars on the usual designated days so that crews can work. Remember to heed parking restrictions during snow emergencies.

### **\*NEW Yard Waste Pickup\***

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

- Tue. November 3
- Tue. November 10
- Tue. December 8
- Tue. December 15

**\*Tue. January 12** Christmas trees and yard waste. Yard Waste must be stored in unlined cans or the brown paper recycle bags. No plastic bags will be picked up. **More dates page 2.**

**\*Yard Waste Pickup to be Year Round in 2010.** Beginning in January yard waste pickup will be year round. **See page 2.**

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**AMBLER, PA**  
**Permit No. 43**  
  
**RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES OF**  
**AMBLER BOROUGH**



## Environmental Corner

### Storm Water – Good Housekeeping

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

Even a light rain washes dirt, oil and other surface pollutants into our streams. This is great for keeping the street clean but is a major problem for the Borough's creeks. All the dirt, oil, lawn fertilizer, road salt, leaves, grass clipping, pet waste, etc. that washes away with even a light rain ends up as pollution in the Wissahickon. "Good housekeeping" can help minimize the amount of pollution that enters the Borough's creeks and streams. The Borough helps by regularly sweeping streets, cleaning leaves and trash from storm inlets, providing trash cans for proper waste disposal throughout town, keeping up with vehicle and equipment maintenance and by maintaining the Borough parks. **Everyone in Ambler** is responsible for keeping our water clean. There are many simple "housekeeping" items property and business owners can do to help with this effort. Some of these include the following:

- keeping properties clean,
- properly storing motor oil, paint, and household chemicals and cleaners,
- preventing oil, paint, chemicals, soap and wash water from entering the storm drains,
- limiting use of fertilizers,
- cleaning up after pets,
- installing rain barrels to collect roof runoff; dispose of yard waste properly.

With cooperation and effort from everyone **we can help** keep Ambler's water clean. If you would like more information, Borough Staff and the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) are great resources. The Borough website is a valuable resource ([www.ambler.pa.us](http://www.ambler.pa.us)). A link to additional information regarding the Municipal Storm Water Management Program can be found under the "Other Links" section of the website. All Ambler residents and businesses are encouraged to review this information and to help in Borough efforts to keep our water clean. Contact information for Borough Staff and the EAC can be found on the website as well.

### Remember, You Must Recycle at Curbside

**Metal:** Aluminum, Steel and Tin Cans

**Plastic:** Detergent, Milk and #1 and 2 Containers.

**Glass:** Bottles and Jars

**Paper:** Cereal Boxes, Newspapers, Magazines, Telephone Books, Mixed Paper, Junk Mail.

**Cardboard:** Clean, flattened 2'x2' pieces, tied in a bundle.

**Used Motor Oil Recycle Sites:** Contact

Lynch's Service Center or Ridge Auto in Ambler.

**Recycle Rechargeable Batteries, Cell Phones and**

**Fluorescent Bulbs:** Contact Deck's Hardware.

**Help Us Create a "Plastic Bag Free Ambler" ...**

**Use reusable bags for our children's sake !**

**Why?** Most plastic bags pollute the environment by requiring fossil fuel to create them and release toxic material when incinerated.

**The Solution? The natural twill bag**

This natural twill bag is washable, stronger than a plastic bag, and can be used over and over repeatedly ending the senseless cycle of creating trash and harmful by-products that affect our environment.

- Keep it in your car to have ready for carrying items from every store where you shop.
- Some stores provide a money-back discount for not using their plastic or paper bags.

**You** can buy twill bags with art designed by Wissahickon School District students from Ambler EAC and the schools. Four designs on \$5.50 bags– a bag for life! Bags are also available for fund raising. **Reuse** the bag for life! If you would like to join our effort, **contact Susan Curry** of the Amber EAC **at 215 591 1551.**

### **\*Yard Waste Pickup to be Year Round in 2010\***

For your convenience yard waste pickup will now be available year round. A new Leaf Waste Ordinance #1042 prohibits placing leaf waste in with regular trash. Leaf and Yard Waste materials will be picked up on the following **TUESDAYS** in 2010: **January 12, February 9, March 9, April 20 and 27, May 4, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 16, 23 & 30, December 7.** Separating yard waste materials for pickup will help reduce volume weight and contain costs of regular garbage pickup. Yard waste materials must continue to be placed in unlined cans or brown paper Recycle Bags. Plastic bags are **prohibited**. All uncollected materials must be stored on your property until scheduled pickup or dropped off at Barnside Farm Compost Facility, 430 Dieber Rd, Schwenksville (610-287-8880 or 610-888-7719.)

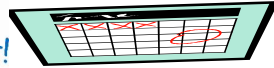


Ambler Main Street

[www.amblermainstreet.org](http://www.amblermainstreet.org) 215-641-1070

Volunteers always welcomed! Please join us.

Daytime, nighttime, anytime...Ambler!



New Businesses/Coming Events

\*\*\*\*\***All About Town**\*\*\*\*\*

**SEPTA TRAIN STATION** – The SEPTA station is undergoing major renovations including a new platform. The inbound and outbound platforms will be located south of Butler Avenue. The Train will no longer stop on the northbound side. This should improve traffic and pedestrian safety on Butler Avenue.

**RACE STREET PROJECTS** – We have received a County Revitalization Grant to improve Race Street. Improvements include a new fence, decorative streets lights and trees.

**FOOD MARKET SEARCH** – The Borough has made it a priority to secure a food market for the old Knopf site. \*\*\*\*\**Information provided by Mary Aversa, Borough Manager*

Ambler Main Street, a non-profit organization with more than 100 volunteers, is dedicated to making "Downtown Ambler" a social, cultural and business center, promoting downtown Ambler as a great place for food, entertainment, shopping or just a walk on the avenue.

**Ambler Main Street,**  
P. O. Box 36, Ambler PA.

**New Eateries on Butler Avenue:** Caffe Maida  
Dettera Wine Bar and Restaurant From the Boot

**New Businesses:** Antique Garden Cottage (N Main St)  
CVS Pharmacy  
Flour Pot (expanded on Butler Ave)  
One of a Kind (Butler Ave)

**Coming Soon to Ambler:** Amy's on Main (restaurant, catering)

**Ongoing Events:** *First Thursdays 5pm Second Sundays 10am  
Progressive dinner and a movie for \$25.*

**Holiday Events for 2009:**

*Pre-Black Friday Wednesday, November 25th 5pm.  
Kick off the Holiday season with extended shopping hours.*

*Holiday Parade—Saturday, December 5th 1pm.  
Santa will stay in town at the Tree after the parade.*

*Celebrate with Strings—Thursday, December 10.  
Ambler Library 4:30pm Ambler Savings 5pm*

*Holiday Sing-along & a Movie—Tuesday, December 15th  
6:30pm. Sing-along inside the Ambler Theater, then movie.*

*Santa by Train—Trax Café located at the Ambler train  
station Thursday, December 17th. 6:30pm arrival and then  
visit with Santa at Borough Hall, York St.*

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Congratulations: 36 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](http://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 Concerts

**Concert #1** at Wissahickon High School Auditorium: Fri Nov. 13 7:30pm. *Grieg's Piano Concerto, Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony.*

#### Dorothy Talley Holiday Concert

Wed Dec. 16 7pm  
at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

#### Young Artist Concerto Concert

Sun Feb 21 3pm at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church. Call 215-503-2256 or visit [www.amblersymphony.org](http://www.amblersymphony.org).

### Ambler Choral Society Concert [amblerchoralsociety.org](http://amblerchoralsociety.org)

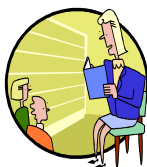
Sun Nov 29 3pm **30th Anniversary Year!** Church of the Open Door with reception. Music by Bach: *Magnificat*.  
Also join the Christmas carol sing to prepare for the holidays!

**Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard** Donations and volunteer help are appreciated for the Cupboard's work of providing food, clothes, furniture, household items.

Call 215-628-3002 to share with others in need.

### Boomer U

**Programs:** **Social Networking** Mon Nov 2 6:30-9pm, \$25; reg. by Oct 29. **Caregiver Burnout** Thu Nov 5 7:30-8:30pm, \$12; reg. by Nov 2. **Natural Solutions to Digestion Problems** Tue Nov 10 7:15-8:15pm, \$5; reg. by Nov 6. Weight control, stress management, **many more** topics offered. Events held at Forest Ave. and North Spring Garden St. Please call 215-619-8863 for info or to volunteer for Meals on Wheels.



### Events at the Library [wvpl.org](http://wvpl.org) 215 643 7775

209 Race Street; 215-646-1072.



**Children** **Story Time with Guitar Music** by Miss Michelle Tuesdays at 4:30pm; also Wednesdays at 11:15am (except 3rd Wed.); Thursdays at 11:15am. Get book bags (trucks, princess)!  
**Comedy Show "Laugharoni"** Tue Nov 10 7pm  
. With author and comedian Matt Rissinger.  
**Beading for Kids** 5th grade and up Thu Dec 3 6:30-8:30pm.  
**Elmwood Zoo Touchable Exhibit** Wed Dec 9 11:15am  
**Sketching for Kids** Tue Jan 12 7pm with John Bieneks.  
**Valentine Party** Tue Feb 9 7pm **Bingo** Tue March 9 7pm.  
Bring your library card! Take out **plenty** of books.

**Adults** **Daytime Book Group** 2nd Thursday each month 1:30pm.  
Nov 12 *Wild Ginger* by Anchee Min. Dec 10 *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez Jan 14 *The Perfect Summer* by J. Nicolson.  
Feb 11 *Stealing Athena* by K. Essex. Mar 11 *The Lace Reader*  
**The Ambler Friends of the Library "Tea and Scones" Speaker Series.** Join the Friends to support our library.

**Seeing the World via Cruise Ship** Tue Nov 24 Joe Alberstadt.  
**Holiday Table Displays** Tue Dec 15 Julie Phillips, Gardener.  
**Philadelphia Waterworks** Tue Jan 19 M. Hitchings-Art Museum.  
**Welcome to Print Collecting** Tue Feb 2 Art Dealer Guy Hall.  
**Aikido Japanese Martial Art** Tue Mar 16 Steve Trinkle 6:30pm Scones; 7pm Program. **Lois McMullen, Librarian**