



Ambler Borough

Home Town News

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News from Borough Council Meetings at 7pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Single-Stream Recycling Residents to begin No Sort Recycling

Now, recycling has never been easier! Single stream (also known as "fully commingled") recycling is a system in which paper, cardboard, aluminum, metals, plastics and glass to be recycled are mixed together in one recycling container - there is **no separate sorting** or bundling required. Studies show that people recycle more when there is no need to sort. No effort recycling is a time saver! **Remember, you must recycle at curbside.**

The Borough's new trash, recycling & yard waste hauler contract begins the first week of January 2011. You'll soon be receiving a mailing from the hauler explaining this new way to recycle. More recyclable items than ever now may be placed at the curb. The hauler will explain it all. Also, please refer to that mailing for the year's leaf/yard waste pickup dates and for a reminder on what you may and may not put out, such as no construction materials, on refuse/trash pickup day.

New Recycling Rollcarts are on Their Way Ambler Borough is purchasing 2,300 64-gallon blue recycling rollcarts, one for every residence in the Borough. These covered rollcarts will hold more than three times the volume of recyclables than your current recycling bins. **RECYCLING IS THE LAW.** If you do not recycle, your regular trash will not be picked up. You must participate. Rollcarts have been ordered and will be delivered around the New Year to your doorstep. Recycling instructions will be included.

Garage Sale Rules A permit for Garage/Yard Sales must be obtained from the Borough prior to holding a sale. Each resident participating in a block sale needs a permit, not one permit for an entire block. Permits cost \$15 plus \$15 off-site sign deposit (refunded if the sign is removed within 72 hours of event). Telephone poles are off limits for posting signs.

Parking in Ambler Parking is free on Sundays, noon to 2pm weekdays as well as 6pm to 8am all days. **There will be free parking in December.**

When to Obtain a Permit The following home projects require permits: 1) installation of fences; 2) installation of furnaces & air conditioners; 3) installation of accessory buildings; 4) additions or remodeling other than non-structural repairs; 5) installation of alarm systems; 6) installation of in- and above-ground fenced swimming pools; 7) curb & sidewalk construction or repair. Consult with the Code Enforcement Office (215 646 1000 ext. 112) before starting any construction project. You can review the permit/fee schedule on the Borough website, www.ambler.pa.us

Street Sweeping ends for the winter season on Wednesday 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.

*** Yard Waste Pickup***

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

Tue Nov 16 Tue Nov 23

Tue Nov 30 Tue Dec 7

The year round yard waste schedule for 2011 has not yet been finalized. Yard waste materials include leaves, branches & branch materials, twig material, vine & hedge trimmings; **no grass clippings.** Please set out your Christmas tree and yard waste (in unlined cans or brown paper recycle bags) Sunday night, **January 9th**. These items will be picked up sometime during the week. Yard Waste must be stored in unlined cans or the brown paper recycle bags. **No plastic bags will be picked up.**



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

Help keep our water clean. Ambler Borough is responsible to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the US Environmental Protection Agency to keep storm water that enters the Wissahickon and its tributaries pollution free. In keeping with the theme of this issue; this article is focused on yard wastes, grass clippings and trash, and how they can affect storm water.

Yard Waste and Grass Clippings – Yard Waste (leaves, branches, shrubs, and twigs) and grass clippings can clog storm drains causing hazardous driving conditions. Back-up of creeks and streams also can occur, causing flooding. These materials add excess nutrients to creeks and streams, causing algae blooms and fish kills. Yard waste should be disposed of properly, not in the storm drains, creeks, ponds, or streams. Grass clippings can be left on lawns as natural fertilizer. Some yard wastes and grass clippings can be composted for fertilizer. **Grass clippings are not permitted in the monthly yard waste pickup.**

Litter and debris – Litter and debris can clog storm drains. Street litter such as styrofoam, plastic, cigarette butts, and paper can be prevented from blowing and washing into inlets by keeping trash or recycle bins **covered** and by **not littering**.

Pet Waste – Pet waste left on the ground gets carried away by storm water, contributing harmful nutrients, bacteria, parasites and viruses to our creeks and streams. **Clean up** after your pet and dispose of the waste down the toilet or in the trash. **Never** dispose of pet waste down the storm drain.

Also not to be poured or flushed down drains: **pills, fats, grease and oils.** **Motor oil** can be taken to a local garage that accepts it for recycling.

All Ambler residents and businesses are encouraged to review the Borough website (www.ambler.pa.us) to help in Borough efforts to keep our water clean. Check the "Other Links" If you would like more information, please contact the Borough Staff and the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), which are great resources.

Citizens Advisory Group Update on BoRit Asbestos Site

You may have noticed recently that the trees behind the LRB Club, Coachworks and McDonald's on West Butler Avenue have disappeared from this 38 acre BoRit Asbestos Superfund Site. The EPA is more than half-way finished with its initial phase of work on the site, with a long-term study underway to determine the extent of harmful materials. When complete, EPA will recommend what should be done ultimately to protect health and safety in the most cost effective way.

A Citizens Advisory Group, or CAG, was formed late in 2007 to serve as an ongoing vehicle for information-sharing, discussion and consensus building regarding EPA decisions. **Monthly CAG meetings, open to the public, occur on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30PM at the Upper Dublin Township Building.**

Your Ambler EAC chair Susan Curry and Borough Council member Peter Amento both have seats on the 26 member CAG group. Email:

Info@BoRitCAG.org. or visit: www.BoRitCAG.org



Poster Contest: Please Don't Litter Campaign

Home Town News is running a contest for poster art and a slogan! This effort will help the PA Department of Environmental Protection's Recycling Performance Grant Program. The goal is to encourage community programs that address illegal dumping and/or littering. You may have seen our current campaign on the Gateway Sign-*Please Don't Be a Litterbug!*

Young artists, or artists young at heart, are encouraged to submit a poster with slogan on an 8 1/2" x 11" page, in either color or black & white. Artwork may be computer generated. The winning artwork will be printed with a "by line" in the spring edition of the Home Town News. Mail your submission or drop it off at Ambler Borough Hall, 122 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler PA 19002. Be sure to mark the envelope "Home Town News."



Congratulations: 37 years of service!
To volunteer call 215 643 4929.

New Businesses in Ambler

- Bella Sorrel Tanning Salon North Main St
- In These Shoes Butler Ave
- Edward Jones Investments Butler Ave
- Prive Salon Butler Ave
- Holistic Apothecary North Ridge Ave
- The Resiliency Center South Bethlehem Pike

- ♦ **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's 60th Year!

Concert #1 Wissahickon High School Auditorium: Fri Nov. 19 7:30pm.
Dvorak's Cello Concerto, Scherzo Fantastique and Suk Fairy Tale.

Dorothy Talley Holiday Concert

Wed Dec. 8 7pm.
Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Young Artist Concerto Concert

Sun Feb 20 3pm Upper Dublin Lutheran Church. Call 215-503-2256 or visit www.amblersymphony.org.

Ambler Choral Society Concert

Sun Nov 28 3pm Church of the Open Door Rutter's *Magnificat*, Schutz's *Hodie*, music for Chanukah, more.

Boomer U Programs

Wed Dec 8: "Candy Making (Chocolate!)" Make treats for gifts. 7pm-9pm, \$15; register by Dec 3.

Wed Dec 15: "Champagne & Sparkling Wines" - Try a range of sparkling wines, from old world and new world producers. 7:15pm-8:15pm, \$20; register by Dec 10. Events held at 45 Forest Ave. (corner with North Spring Garden St.) Please call **215-619-8863** for information or to volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

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.

Events at the Library 209 Race Street

The Library is open again!
Call 215 646 1072 or 215 643 7775 or Visit wvpl.org

Children Story Time with Guitar Music by Miss Michelle Tuesdays 1:15pm; also Thursdays 11:15am.

Stories on Saturdays with Miss Sara 11:15am 2nd Saturday.
Holiday Card Making Mon Dec 13 4:30pm-6:30pm ages 5-8.

Make and Take Crafts Thu Dec 16 7pm.

Dance in Egypt Thu Jan 13 7pm with John Bieneks.

Segal Puppet Theatre Thu Feb 10 7pm **Bingo** Thu Apr 7 7pm. Bring your library card! Take out **plenty** of books.

Adults Daytime Book Group 2nd Thursday each month 1:30pm.
Dec 9 The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton.
Jan 13 The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley.
Feb 10 The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson.

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

Garden Tour of SE England Tue Nov 30 Lois McMullen.

Herbal Dips Tue Dec 14 Peggy Rastiello, Master Gardener.

White House China Tue in Jan TBA Charles Momjian.

Xeriscape Gardening Tue Feb 15 Joann Waddell.

Foolproof Perennials Tue Mar 15 Peggy Rastiello.

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

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***** Holiday Events for 2010*****

Merchant Window Displays Begin Tuesday, Nov 30.

First Thursday Progressive Dinner and Movie Thursday, Dec 2.

Toys for Tots Donation and Movie Ambler Theater Saturday, Dec 4.

Holiday Parade—Saturday, Dec 4 1pm. Rain date Dec 5.

Celebrate with Strings—Thursday, Dec 9.

Ambler Library 4:30pm Ambler Savings Bank 5pm.

Holiday Sing-along & Movie—Wednesday, Dec 15 6:30pm. Sing-along with Ambler Symphony at Ambler Theater; Movie.

Santa by Train—Ambler train station Thursday, Dec 16. 7pm arrival and then stroll with Santa to Borough Hall; Tree lighting.

Window Display Contest Results Tuesday Dec 21. 7pm Borough Hall.