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Philadelphia Uses More Water Than Berlin.

According to carefully kept records Ambler uses 200 gallons of water per capita per day, which, according to statistics issued by the Pennsylvania public service information committee, is an average 89 gallons per day more than that used by the resident of Paris.

Statistics of daily per capita water consumption in various sections of the globe, from Australia to Tokio, to Buenos Aires and up to Canada and across to the European capitals, reveal conditions of unusual interest.

For instances, Troy, New York, uses three times as much water as Paris, which holds the European records in per capita consumption. Philadelphians use more than twice the amount of water consumed by the residents of Berlin, Germany, where the quality of the contents of the frothing [liquid] remains unchanged from pre-war standard.

Glasgow, Scotland, alleged by a celebrated writer to be the "soddenest city" he ever visited, ranks second to Paris in per capita water consumption.

Montreal, Canada, which since the advent of prohibition in the United States has been a mecca for thousands of travelers who chart their compasses with the express idea of alleviating thirst, but which is not rated as a great industrial city, uses twice as much water per inhabitant as Melbourne, Australia and almost twice as much as Tokio, Japan, but less than half as much as that required for the needs of the little city of Phoenixville, Pa. More than thirty percent of Montreal's water comes from private sources.

Copenhagen, Denmark, and Stockholm, Sweden, both citadels of European prohibition, use respectively per capita 15.6 gallons and 10.0 gallons. New York, with its world-wide reputation of gayety, averages 122 gallons of water for each of its millions of inhabitants.

Egypt, on the frontier of the Great Sahara, uses 16.9 gallons per capita; Venice, Italy, with 5.4 gallons; Hague, Holland, 5.9 gallons; and Athens, Greece, 6.3 gallons, have the lowest per capita consumption of water of the nations. The foreign section of the great Chinese port, Shanghai, is supplied by the private water supply systems.

In New Jersey, Camden and Trenton hold the water consumption record. The Delaware port requires for each of its inhabitants 119 gallons, considerably more than twice that used by the great city of Manchester, England. Trenton, with 137 gallons per capita, uses almost five times as much water as the average Londoner.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Ambler Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance

Jim Dougherty, Gilmore & Associates

Ambler Borough owns and maintains the Borough storm sewer system. The storm sewer conveys runoff to the local streams and creeks (e.g. the Tannery Run and the Rose Valley, Stuart Farm and Wissahickon Creeks). The Borough is required to have a permit to discharge runoff to the streams. The permit is a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). In Pennsylvania this program is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).

Ambler is within the Wissahickon Creek Watershed. Recently, Montgomery County completed and the PADEP approved an Act 167 Watershed Plan for the Wissahickon Watershed. This watershed plan is created to comply with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act of 1978, also known as Act 167. The Act requires Pennsylvania counties to prepare and adopt stormwater management plans for each watershed located in the county, as designated by the PADEP.

One aspect of both of these programs is that municipalities are required to implement a stormwater management ordinance. In general, the NPDES permit requires the ordinance regulate pollution being discharge to streams; while the ACT 167 plan requires the ordinance regulates the amount of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

By this point you are probably wondering why this matters. Well, the Borough will be required to adopt a new storm water management ordinance by early 2016 to meet the requirement of the NPDES permit and the Act 167 Plan. This new ordinance will be different than the current ordinance, which was adopted about ten years ago. The new ordinance will have smaller areas of new impervious cover and land disturbance than the current ordinance that trigger when the new ordinance applies to a project. Under the new ordinance projects with new impervious cover (concrete, asphalt, buildings, etc.) of 1,000 square feet (e.g. 50 ft. X 20 ft. area) or more or land disturbance of 5,000 square feet or more will be subject to the criteria of the new ordinance. Depending on the project specifics, the work could be subject to requirements such as groundwater recharge, water volume control, peak rate control and erosion and sediment pollution control.

If you would like more information, the Borough website is a valuable resource (www.boroughofambler.com). A link to additional information regarding the Municipal Storm Water Management Program can be found under the "Other Web Resources" section of the website. All Ambler residents and businesses owners are encouraged to review this information and to help in Borough efforts to keep our water clean.



Take the Stormwater Runoff Challenge

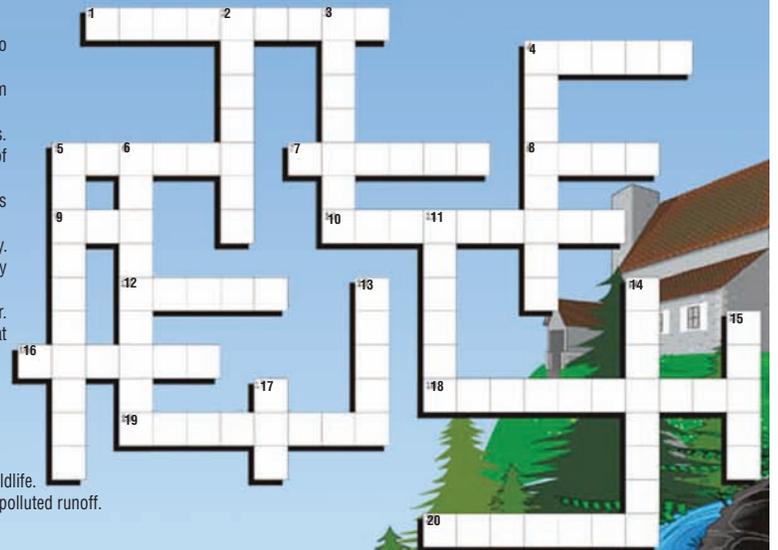
ACROSS:

- 1) The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream, or groundwater is known as a _____.
- 4) The _____ of speeding boats can erode shorelines.
- 5) Maintaining your _____ tank will help to prevent bacteria and nutrients from leaking into groundwater and surface waters.
- 7) Wetland plants act like a natural water _____, removing harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff.
- 8) Leave your grass clippings on your _____ to reduce the need for commercial fertilizers.
- 9) A single quart of motor _____, if disposed of improperly, can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
- 10) Fertilizers and animal wastes contain _____ that "feed" algae and other aquatic plants harmful to water quality.
- 12) Polluted runoff from both rural and _____ sources has a significant impact on water quality.
- 16) Storm _____ don't always connect to sewage treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
- 18) Follow directions carefully when applying _____ on your lawn--more isn't always better.
- 19) Polluted runoff (also called _____ source pollution) comes from so many places that it's hard to "pinpoint" a source.
- 20) Yard and vegetable food waste are suitable additions to a _____ pile.

DOWN:

- 2) Don't dump used motor oil into storm drains. _____ it!
- 3) _____ of soil from barren land can cloud nearby streams.
- 4) _____ prevent flooding, improve water quality & provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, & wildlife.
- 5) Marking "Not Dump, Drains to Bay" on a _____ is one way to educate people about polluted runoff.
- 6) Excess sediment, nutrients, toxics, and pathogens are all types of runoff _____.
- 11) Polluted _____ is the nation's #1 water quality problem.
- 13) The cattail is one wetland _____ that helps purify polluted runoff.
- 14) Too much _____ in water can harm aquatic life.
- 15) Proper crop and animal management on _____ helps to control water pollution.
- 17) _____ impact development helps control stormwater pollution through conservation approaches and techniques.

answers on page 12



CHOICES:			
compost	nonpoint	sediment	lawn
drains	nutrients	septic	runoff
erosion	oil	storm drain	wetlands
farms	plant	urban	Low
fertilizer	pollution	wakes	filter
recycle	watershed		

What Is A Watershed?



What is a watershed? It's the land that water flows across or under on its way to a stream, river or lake.

How do watersheds work? The landscape is made up of many interconnected basins, or watersheds. Within each watershed, all water runs to the lowest point – a stream, river or lake. On its way, water travels over the surface and across the farm fields, forest land, suburban lawns and city streets, or it seeps into the soil and travels as ground water. Large watersheds like the one for the Mississippi River, Columbia River and Chesapeake Bay are made up of many smaller watersheds across several states.

Everyone lives in a watershed. Ours is the **Wissahickon Valley Watershed**. You and everyone in our watershed are part of this watershed community -- the animals, birds, and fish are, too. You influence what happens in our watershed, good or bad, by how you treat the natural resources – the soil, water, air, plants, and animals. What happens in our watershed affects the larger watershed downstream. [Excerpts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service pamphlet, "What is a Watershed?"]

The Importance of Natural Resources Ordinances

Stephen Maakestad, Chairperson, Ambler Environmental Advisory Council

Municipal regulations typically encourage maintaining high standards of air and water quality and the protection of natural resources. Model ordinances are being developed for environmental resources including the following:

- **Wetlands** – Wetlands act as a natural filter for pollutants in stormwater. Ordinances require a buffer zone around wetland areas to ensure that they continue to absorb and enhance stormwater quality. Protecting wetlands also increases groundwater recharge and preserves important wildlife and aquatic habitats.
- **Flood Plains** – Significant earthmoving and development in the flood plain is usually not allowed as it can result in worsened flooding conditions. Prohibiting development in the flood plain will prevent further widening of the flood plain and avoid damage to property in flood-prone areas.
- **Riparian Buffers** – Ordinances can preserve a zone of natural vegetation around the banks of existing waterways. These buffers control nutrient and sediment pollution, reduce flooding, and support healthier streams by stabilizing the stream banks. Tree canopies over streams keep the water temperature cool which helps them retain more dissolved oxygen for the fish and encourages the growth of diverse types of algae and aquatic insects.
- **Steep Slopes** – Slopes exceeding 20% to 25% are considered steep slopes and developing on these slopes can augment erosion and sediment problems that ultimately impact downstream waterways. Limiting development on these slopes will prevent increased peak runoff rates to our creeks and streams.
- **Woodlands** – Trees provide significant environmental benefit to the community including water filtration, erosion and sediment control, reduced heat island effect and air quality improvement. Woodlands protection ordinances may call for replacement of existing mature trees when they are removed.



Even in highly developed neighborhoods such as Ambler, these features play an important role in the health and ecology of our natural areas. Ambler has experienced flooding problems causing property damage and degradation of the Wissahickon Creek and its tributaries. The high rates of stormwater runoff are a result of the impervious area that came with urban development as well as diminished natural areas. These natural areas slow down the flow of stormwater and provide water quality improvement to the stormwater by letting it infiltrate into the ground. The intent of these ordinances is to reduce flooding, erosion and sediment loads, sustain neighborhood property values, and enhance the quality of life for residents.

NOTES FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT Philip Benigno, Water Supervisor

- The **Water Payment Lock Box** has been relocated to the new Borough Hall parking lot. You may access the lock box from the Poplar Street entrance to the parking lot.
- **On-line credit card and E-check payments** are accepted for payment of water bills. Visit the Borough's homepage at www.boroughofambler.com and click on "Pay Your Water Bill." A convenience fee will be charged.
- Please keep your **contact information** with the Water Dept. current, simply by accessing the Swiftreach™ icon on the Borough website homepage. In the event of a water quality emergency, we need to get in touch with our customers!
- The **Water Dept. Annual Drinking Water Quality Report** for 2014 was mailed out to water customers in June and is currently available on the Borough website.

Recycling News

Recycling is Required in Ambler Borough -- Ambler Borough requires that residents, commercial establishments and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. Check the Borough website for our hauler's list of accepted recyclable materials. Commonly recycled materials include:

- **Paper** – newspaper, office/copy paper, glossy paper, color paper, cardboard, junk mail, phone books, cereal/cracker boxes
- **Plastic** – bottles and jugs No. 1-7
- **Glass** – clear, green and brown containers
- **Metal** – aluminum, steel, tin, and bimetal cans and containers



Interesting Facts about Glass Recycling --

- **Glass almost never wears out** – it can be recycled forever. It takes approximately one million years for a glass bottle to break down at the landfill
- **Bottles and jars made from glass are 100% recyclable** and can be recycled endlessly without loss of quality.
- **We save over a ton of resources for every ton of glass recycled** -- 1,330 pounds of sand, 433 pounds of soda ash, 433 pounds of limestone, and 151 pounds of feldspar.
- **Most bottles and jars** contain at least 25% recycled glass.
- In 2011, **34% of all glass containers** were recycled.
- **Approximately 8 out of 10 households recycle**, and of those that do, 82% recycle glass bottles and jars.
- **An estimated 80% of recovered glass containers** are made into new glass bottles, and it can happen quickly. A glass container can go from a recycling bin to a store shelf in as little as 30 days.
- **The use of recycled glass is more environmentally friendly than new.** Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours, or power a television for 20 minutes.
- For every six tons of recycled container glass used in the manufacturing process, **one ton of carbon dioxide creation** is avoided.
- **There are 48 glass manufacturing plants operating in 22 states.** On average, a typical glass processing facility can handle 20 tons of color-sorted glass per hour.
- **About 39% of beer and soft drink bottles were recovered** for recycling in 2009, according to the U.S. EPA. Also recovered were about 18.1% of wine and liquor bottles as well as almost 18% of food jars. In total, 31.1% of all glass containers were recycled.

Ambler Borough is a member of the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission (NMCRC). For more information on recycling, go to the NMCRC website at www.northmontcorecycle.com.

Service Days at the Ambler Borough Park Follow-up

Rachel N. Rosenfeld, Ambler Environmental Advisory Council



Over two weekends in July, the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council along with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association organized a successful community effort to remove several invasive plant species from the Ambler Borough Park. This being Ambler's only natural park, it is essential to ensure its continued maintenance for both residents' enjoyment and native wildlife as it provides vital habitat.

Thanks to the dedicated participation of local community members, the Ambler EAC was able to manually remove 25 bags of invasive plants, old deer fencing posts and netting and debris throughout the park. The invasive species targeted included the following: Japanese Knotweed, Garlic Mustard, Tree-of-Heaven (Chinese Sumac), Sweet Autumn Virginianbower (Clematis), Japanese Honeysuckle and Burdock. Volunteers should be very proud of the work they achieved.

This was the start of a great future for the Ambler Borough Park. Though this process may take a few years, the initial service days were an important catalyst to making a difference. As things move forward and fall approaches, the work in the park will be a steady effort to keep the invasives under control and increase the opportunities for their native counterparts. The Ambler EAC is very excited to see the positive changes in the park's botanical diversity over time. Overall, the event was truly a team effort! Without interested volunteers, committed council members, residents and borough leaders, this project would not have been possible. Thank you all so much for the part you played in making it such a great success!



OK TO BER FEST



Ambler Main Street Fall & Winter Events



Ambler Farmers' Market: Saturdays, 9am - 1pm, through the end of October.

Oct 24th: Halloween Extravaganza

Nov 28th: Small Business Saturday

Dec 5th: Holiday Parade

Dec 10th: Santa by Train

Dec 11-13th: Holiday Shopping Event

January: Ambler Restaurant Week

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Note that the IRS will never: 1) call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill; 2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe; 3) require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card; 4) ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or 5) threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

THE SHUTOFF SWINDLE: In the most common utility con, which happens every winter and during peak air-conditioning season, customers get phone calls warning that their service is about to be shut off because of unpaid bills. The callers claim to be billing representatives from your utility company but are actually crooks looking for a quick payoff. They tell you that to avoid an immediate shutoff, you need to settle an overdue bill by providing them with your credit card number or a prepaid debit card.

In recent weeks, utility customers throughout the County have been targeted in this longtime scheme. Some utility impostors have been demanding payment for several months' worth of purported unpaid utility service, not just one, as had been the custom. They can be convincing. They may use "spoofing" software that lets them falsely display the name and phone number of your utility company on your Caller ID. But you should know that most utilities will mail at least one past-due notice before terminating service. If you get a cancellation notification (especially by phone), always verify it by dialing the customer service number on your utility bill. Don't give any information to the caller.

PUBLISHERS CLEARING HOUSE SCAM ALERT: Beware of Fraudsters Pretending to be real PCH Employees! Recently, Publishers Clearing House has been hearing reports that scammers are accessing and using the names of real PCH employees in their criminal attempts to deceive you. Names you've come to know and recognize such as Dave Sayer, Todd Sloane and Danielle Lam – all real members of the famous PCH Prize Patrol. Even the name of Deborah Holland, Executive Vice President, whose name appears in PCH promotional mailers, has been hijacked and illegally used by scammers.

If you are ever contacted by someone claiming to represent PCH, or claiming to be a PCH employee, and asked to send or wire money (for any reason whatsoever, including taxes); or send a pre-paid gift card or Green Dot MoneyPak card in order to claim a sweepstakes prize – DON'T! It's a SCAM. If you are sent a check, told it's a partial prize award, and asked to cash it and send a portion back to claim the full prize award, DON'T. The check is fake, but the SCAM is real!

Publishers Clearing House does not operate this way and would NEVER ask for money to claim a prize award. PCH employees would never contact you personally or in advance to notify you of a prize award. PCH prize awards are presented just the way you see in the popular TV commercials, 'live and in person' by the Prize Patrol, with balloons, bouquet of roses and check in hand -- and with no advance notification!

IRS, PECO and PCH continues to actively partner with The Federal Trade Commission, the US Postal Service, police and law enforcement officials around the country by sharing information they collect to help these regulatory agencies go after the bad guys. Unfortunately, it is a fact of life that certain scammers continue to operate. Scammers use any means available – mail; telephone; internet; email and even Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to try and deceive you into thinking you are dealing with the real IRS, PECO and PCH employees. Don't fall for it! - - - *Remember, stay protected and don't fall victim.*

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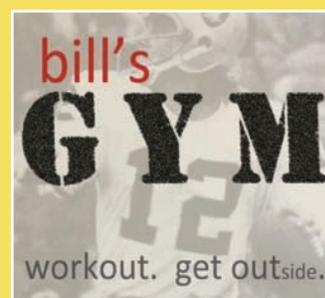
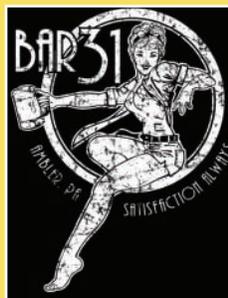
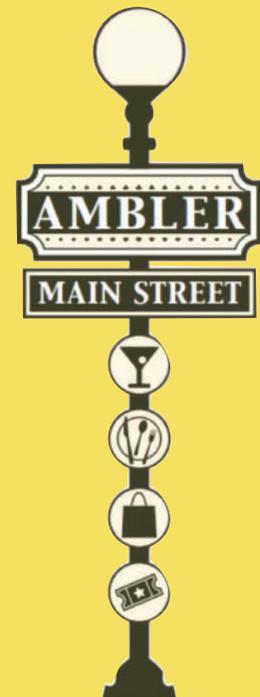
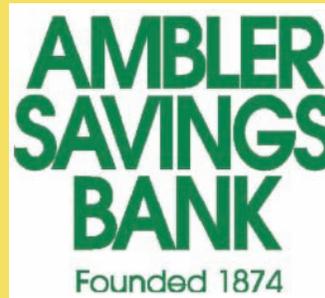
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CODE ENFORCEMENT: Helping Keep the Borough a Beautiful Place to Live One Property at a Time



“Just another routine Code Inspection –Borough gargoyle has a valid permit”

Code Enforcement plays an important role in preserving the attractive appearance of neighborhoods in the Borough of Ambler. According to the Code Enforcement Officer, Glenn Kucher, “The mission of Code Enforcement is to provide fair and comprehensive enforcement of Borough Codes, which include junk, debris, trash, nuisance, weeds, zoning, and rental/leased property maintenance.”

The Borough of Ambler encourages its citizens to become community minded. You are encouraged to get to know your neighborhood and meet your neighbors. Working together we can provide and maintain safe, clean and attractive neighborhoods. Some common complaints include abandoned (unregistered) vehicles, accumulation of junk or trash, high grass or weeds above (6) inches, and work without permits.

Citizens and neighbors are encouraged to cooperate with one another in a friendly manner to resolve minor concerns before contacting Code Enforcement for assistance. But if the problem persists and communication has got you nowhere, please contact the Borough Code Department to report any violations at (215) 646-1000 x112 or by email at code@borough.ambler.pa.us. All complainant information is held with the utmost security so as not to create retaliation or just bad feelings between neighbors.

HOMEOWNER’S GUIDE TO ELEVATION CERTIFICATES

An Elevation Certificate is an important tool that documents your building’s elevation. If you live in a high-risk flood zone, you should provide an Elevation Certificate to your insurance agent to obtain flood insurance and ensure that your premium accurately reflects your risk. Obtaining an Elevation Certificate also can help you make decisions about rebuilding and mitigation after a disaster.

Generally, in high-risk zones, the higher above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) a building is located, the lower the insurance premium will be for that property. The Elevation Certificate provides the documentation necessary to make that determination.

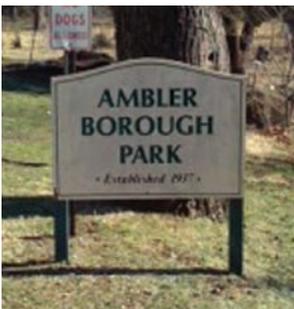
The Borough may have an elevation certificate on file in the Code Department if one was done by you or a previous property owner. Check with the Code Department to see what information they might have for your building. If no elevation information is available, you might need to hire a State-licensed surveyor, architect, or engineer to complete an Elevation Certificate. Depending on your location and the complexity of the job, the cost of a surveyor can vary from \$500 to \$2,000 or more. You may want to contact several local surveyors to find out what they offer.

Once an elevation certificate is obtained make sure that you provide that to your insurance agent and retain a copy for your records. An Elevation Certificate will help your agent rate your policy properly. Your insurance premium will change based on your elevation. Your property might be above the BFE, so you might already be eligible for lower premiums.



Notes from the Parks & Recreation Committee

Councilman Frank DeRuosi, Chairman



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ambler Borough Park survey. In a nutshell, two things stood out in the residents’ responses. First, overwhelmingly, the residents of Ambler would like to see Amber Borough Park remain as much a natural setting as possible. Currently, the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council, in conjunction with the Borough, is researching ways to minimally maintain the park, while keeping it accessible and navigable to residents. Secondly, residents of the Borough would very much like to be able to walk their leashed dogs through the park. Hearing the wishes of our constituents, Ambler Borough Council has recently amended park rules to allow leashed dogs in Ambler Borough Park. The Borough asks that residents please remediate any additions to the park that may be left by their pets.

September brings the close of another wonderful season of Movies in the Park. On behalf of the Borough, the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to thank Ambler Rotary for its generous contribution to the summer series, which included providing free water ice at each of the movies this season.

Lastly, Parks and Recreation is very excited about the completion of the brand new playground located on the corner of Poplar and Rosemary Streets, at the Borough’s new municipal building. Dedication of the playground and the new building is scheduled October 17 from noon - 2 p.m..

Notes from the Tax Collector

Where, oh where, do my tax dollars go? Well, after totaling up all the tax dollars you pay, 61% goes to the School District; 26% goes to the Borough; 12% goes to the County; and 1% goes to the Library. Any questions about when to pay, call me, Bernadette Dougherty, your Tax Collector 215-643-3255.

Any questions about actual tax rates, call the people that vote on your behalf...call your Council representatives (215-646-1000) or call your County Commissioners (610-278-3020) or call your School Board members (215-619-8000 Central Offices). Or better still, go to the regularly-scheduled meetings these three taxing authorities hold each month, especially public budget meetings.

Little things to remember:

- Online payments MUST include your parcel number (that 12 digit number found in the right-hand corner of your bill starting with the numbers 01-00).
- All tax payment checks are made payable to me, Bernadette Dougherty, Tax Collector.
- If you drive to my office and have a hard time walking up to my office door during office hours; just call me (215-643-3255) from your car and I will come out and accept your payment.
- If you need to come at times other than my printed office hours; just call (215-643-3255) and make an appointment.
- If you want to pay your School taxes by way of three coupons you MUST pay the first coupon on or before July 31st. Then don't forget to pay the next two coupons on time (September 15th and October 31st) as well or you will have a 10% penalty added on. Also note that you lose the 2% discount when you pay in coupons but paying in three smaller payments might just be worth it.
- You can always send your payment by mail and I do accept postmarks. Also, I have a lockbox by my tax office door that you can use during off hours.

And please keep in mind:

- The Tax Collector collects annual County and Borough taxes starting March 1st until December 31st.
- The Tax Collector collects annual School taxes starting July 1st until December 31st.
- The Tax Collector collects Interim (extra taxes assessed when you do improvements to your property) all year round.
- During the months of January and February data is collected and bills are printed and then mailed.
- There is no "off" time during the entire year but in January and February there is a "slow" time while awaiting the printers to do their work. That quickly changes especially during the last two weeks of the discount period (April and August) and the last two weeks of the face period (June and October) when there is non-stop collection, bill posting and turning over of tax dollars on a timely basis.
- The total amount to be collected for the Borough in 2015 is \$1,983,047.98
- To date, 97.42% of the Borough taxes have been collected and turned over.

Here to help,

Bernadette Dougherty, Ambler Tax Collector

Notes From The Public Works Dept.

Bob Rocco, Public Works Supervisor

- **STREET SWEEPING** – Street Sweeping will end for the season on Friday, December 4th.
- **HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL** – Holiday trees may be put out the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of January. Place trees curbside. Do not wrap trees in plastic tree bags -- they will not be picked up by our contractor.
- **HOURS OF OPERATION** – 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Answering machine 215-628-9409. Contact the Borough Garage or the Borough Receptionist to report a pothole, broken playground equipment or damaged signage.



Collection, Transportation & Disposal of Residential Refuse, Recyclable & Yard Waste Materials

Ambler Borough Council recently awarded **J.P. Mascaro & Sons** a five year contract. Trash & recyclables (as well as one bulk item) will continue to be picked up on Wednesdays. Yard waste will now be collected on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, year 'round.

By now, you should have received your household's 64-gallon trash rollcart. If your residence was missed, please contact Borough Hall. Additionally, please contact the Receptionist if the wheels on your recyclables rollcart pop off. The Borough will send out a Public Works staffer to replace the wheels (and axle) at no cost. Please do not toss out your rollcart – it can be repaired!

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Events at the Library – www.wvpl.org



TEA & SCONES SERIES XXXIII

- **October 27** – The Legend of Sleepy Hollow & the Hessians- Michael Jesberger, Historical Re-enactor
- **November 10** - How to Find Your Family Roots – Genealogy – Susanne Shaughnessy
- **November 17** – A Century of Fashions – Sue Snyder
- **December 8** – Genetic Genealogy – Susanne Shaughnessy
- **December 15** – Legendary Locals of Ambler – Book talk Frank Quattrone, local author, historian, & college professor

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Community Ambulance Association of Ambler

www.amblerambulance.org

David Fleming, Executive Director, 215.643.6517



C AAA announces that its entire fleet of ambulances is now equipped with Lucas chest compression devices. The Lucas devices are portable, easy to use devices that deliver automated chest compressions to improve blood flow in victims of cardiac arrest. Performing at least 100 compressions per minute, the chest compressors can be deployed quickly with minimal interruption to patient care.

David Fleming, Executive Director of CAAA states, “The Lucas devices will allow us to increase available response for calls, reduce risk during calls, reduce work related injuries and, most importantly, help our crews save lives. Given our high density of elderly population, and the difficulty of performing adequate CPR, this is a very cost effective, high benefit investment. This equipment will also add to the safety and efficiency of our crews, allowing them to be seat belted during transport, focused on patient airway control, IV and line access, drug therapy, defibrillation and other critical therapies.”

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is one of the most lethal public health problems. Fleming expects that the devices will “save lives” and provide better outcomes during transport to the hospital. “We are pleased to be one of the first, if not the first squad in the county to have these devices on our entire fleet.”

Three of the devices were obtained through a grant from Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Program administered through FEMA and one was obtained from Montgomery County Public Safety-EMS.



Community Ambulance Association
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Lauren Kormanik, Community Resources Manager, 215.628.2334

The Inter-Faith Housing Alliance (Inter-Faith) recently celebrated 25 years of partnering with the community to end homelessness in Montgomery County. Much of our success and longevity is due to the thousands of volunteer hours that go into making each year possible.



In 2014, Inter-Faith's Emergency Shelter program, which serves families with children, provided beds and meals to 80 individuals, 75% of whom were children. Our staff is small (only 3 full-time employees) so we rely on hundreds of volunteers to make the Emergency Shelter Program work. Volunteers did everything from cooking hot, nutritious meals to providing childcare so that parents could meet with Inter-Faith's case manager to work toward housing stability goals. A network of 19 congregations hosted the families over the course of the year, and recruited from their members about 100 volunteers every month to help with meals, transportation, childcare, laundry and much, much more.

Readers may also be familiar with Inter-Faith's transitional housing program, Hope Gardens, on Spring Garden Street. Hope Gardens provides families with two years' of services to help them reach longer term housing stability goals. Participating families must be employed or in school full time and must meet with our case manager every week to ensure that they are on track for success. Here, too, volunteers from the Ambler area make the program possible. Some donate goods like toiletries, paper products, and household items. Others provide holiday gifts, Thanksgiving baskets, Mother's Day goodies and school supplies.

We have volunteers lead parent education programs (like how to establish good credit), help out in the office, do landscaping on our property, perform maintenance tasks, paint apartments to prepare for new tenants, tutor our children, offer yoga and self-defense classes, and give our families free haircuts. We even had a cook-out and swim party in July at the Ambler Area YMCA, and a hay wagon ride to the pumpkin patch at Freddie Hill Farms in October.

Much of this volunteerism comes from small businesses in our neighborhood. Sometimes an individual contacts us to find out how to get involved. We have scout troops, youth groups, service clubs, retirees, stay-at-home parents, and groups from large businesses. We rely so much on volunteer support that we have a staff person dedicated to managing all the agency's needs and matching them up with volunteers' skills. We can find something for almost anyone to do to help us meet our mission to end homelessness. And while our volunteers are about as diverse as they can be, they share one thing in common: each volunteer knows that supporting Inter-Faith is a meaningful opportunity to serve and feel good about contributing to a worthy cause.

In addition to volunteering, we rely heavily on donations to fulfill the needs of the families we serve. As cold weather approaches, we especially find ourselves in need of warm blankets and comforters. If you'd like to get involved by volunteering or hosting a donation drive at your home, in your neighborhood, or at your place of business, contact our Community Resources Manager, Lauren Kormanik, by email: lkormanik@i-fha.org or phone: 215-628-2334. Like us on Facebook and find us on the web at www.i-fha.org.

Senior Adult Activities Center of Montgomery County

www.montcosaac.com

45 Forest Avenue, 215.619.8863

1965-2015: Celebrating a Legacy of Positive Aging - The Senior Adult Activities Center of Montgomery County (Montco SAAC) was founded 50 years ago in 1965 when a small group of volunteers banded together to help care for older members of the Norristown community. Our scope has expanded considerably since then, but at root is the same basic principle that got us started: We believe seniors are an integral part of our community, and we will do all we can to keep them healthy, engaged, and connected.

As the communities' needs have grown and changed, we have grown and changed to become recognized leaders in the areas of senior services and caregiver support. Our multi-service agency now encompasses senior centers in Ambler and Norristown and our three Meals on Wheels sites, Norristown, Ambler and Glenside, as well as an extensive network of collaborations. Some examples of exercise classes available at the Activity Center in Ambler include Armchair Aerobics, Yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba and Balance classes, some of which are Silver Sneakers classes. Annual membership is available to people over 50 for \$30 for an individual and \$40 per year for a couple. Some activities available at the center are quilting, knitting and crocheting groups, and games including bingo and Scrabble. We also offer opportunities to hear notable speakers on subjects such as heart disease, the arts, nutrition and asset protection for long-term care. Additionally, we enjoy lunch outings, seasonal celebrations and live entertainment.



Earlier this month Montco SAAC celebrated its 50th birthday at Normandy Farms. And, we are honored to have been presented with a Double Wedding Ring quilt to be raffled in benefit of the organization. The King-size quilt was stitched by the Quilonymous Quilters who meet at the center on Wednesday afternoons. The quilt top was received from one of their former members. This beautiful heirloom is available for raffle at \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5, and tickets are available at the Ambler center at 45 Forest Avenue, as well as the Norristown center. A drawing will be held December 17th, just in time for gift-giving! Call 215-619-8863 for more information on this or for any other questions.

Christine Bouley, Executive Director, 215.628.3002

The mission of the Community Cupboard is to provide food, clothing, household items and financial assistance for people at or under the poverty guidelines in the Ambler and surrounding area that we serve. **Donations are accepted Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 – 2pm and Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9am-2pm.** Distribution hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am-11:30pm. Our free boutique is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-11:30am. Here are some things we've been busy with this past spring and summer:

- Our **3rd Annual Dinner** was hosted by the Hilton Garden Inn in April. Our Guest Speaker was Dr. Wanda Lewis-Campbell, Assistant Dean for Students Life at Temple University's Ambler Campus. We were able to exceed our expectations in funds raised and continue our efforts in helping those in need. Our next dinner is scheduled for April 2016.
- The **Annual Post Office Mother's Day Food Drive** in May, which is run by the post offices of Ambler and Fort Washington, brought in over 9,000 pounds of food to the cupboard to get us through the summer months. Big thanks to them for all their hard work and the community for participating in giving!
- In June we hosted our **2nd Annual Car Wash Fundraiser** right here in our parking lot. It was a great day, with the help of families in our community, Alex's Lemonade Stand and The Ambler Skate Shop!
- This August we held a **Back Pack drive** to help local kids get ready for the upcoming school year. We were able to provide 50+ kids with new back packs complete with supplies to start school this September.



We will be gearing up in the fall/winter months ahead for the following:

- It's time to start preparing for our **Thanksgiving and Holiday special holiday meal drives.** We seek businesses, organizations, local groups and individuals to assist in collecting food items to outfit these special holiday boxes. Check out our wish lists on our website or give us a call to coordinate donations.
- In October we plan on hosting our **Adopt-a-Family Holiday Gift Program.** Last year we were able to help over 250 children with new clothes and toys through our match program. Donors can call in or contact us by e-mail to select a child or family's wishlist for the holiday and shop specifically for them. Donations will be collected throughout November for this special program.

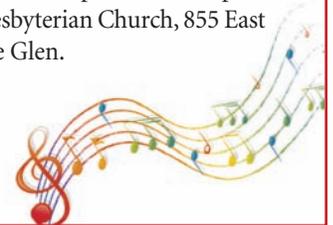
The Community Cupboard is grateful to all of our supporters and excited to foster new relationships! Please contact the Cupboard if you would like to volunteer. Don't forget to visit our website for updates and upcoming events: www.community-cupboard.org. and like us on facebook at Mattie N Dixon Community Cupboard Inc. *When making a financial contribution please make payable to Mattie N Dixon Community Cupboard and mail to PO Box 367 Ambler, PA 19002.*

AMBLER CHORAL SOCIETY

The Ambler Choral Society season includes two concerts each year, a holiday and spring concert, along with various public charitable appearances. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings and anyone wishing to join may contact the choir at www.amblerchoralsociety.org or Ambler Choral Society, PO Box 134, Ambler, PA 19002.

This season's concerts will be presented on November 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. and on April 17, 2016 at Supplee Presbyterian Church, 855 East Welsh Road, Maple Glen.

For ticket information please contact the society.



Ambler Symphony Orchestra



Eduard Zilberkant, pianist, will perform the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No.1 to kick off the 65th season of the Ambler Symphony.

Ambler Symphony Starts 65th Season in November - The Ambler Symphony Orchestra will open its season on Friday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. with a thrilling evening of Tchaikovsky and Brahms, featuring Russian born guest soloist Eduard Zilberkant. The first piece of the evening will be the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No.1, with Zilberkant at the piano, and the second half of the evening will feature Arnold Schoenberg's orchestration of the Piano Quartet No. Opus 25 by Johannes Brahms.

Zilberkant has played not only in Philadelphia's Academy of Music and Curtis Hall, but also in New York's Merkin Hall, the Warsaw Philharmonic Hall in Warsaw, Poland, the Teatro di San Carlo Opera House in Naples, Italy, and the Volgograd Opera House in Russia. He has been a guest artist and conductor at music festivals in Italy, South Korea, Greece, France, the Czech Republic and Germany, to name a few. All subscription season performances are at the Wissahickon High School Auditorium at the rear of the school off of Dager Road. For information and tickets see our website at www.amblersymphony.org.

Further Ambler Symphony events in the fall will include the Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-a-long, being held December 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ambler Theater. Ambler Theater finishes the evening's entertainment with a Holiday movie classic. Also, the Symphony would like to remind the community that the annual Children's Concert, also held at the Ambler Theater, will be performed at 11 a.m. on

January 16, 2016. This year's featured piece will be "Tubby the Tuba," by George Kleinsinger, with the orchestra's own Dave Benbow on tuba. For further information, visit our website.

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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

1st TuesdayBorough Committee–7:00 pm (no meeting July; November-Wed., Nov. 4) – Borough Hall
1st ThursdayZoning Hearing Board (call for specific times) – Borough Hall
3rd Wednesday.....Environmental Advisory Council – 7:00 pm - Borough Hall
3rd TuesdayBorough Council Meeting – 7:00 pm – Borough Hall (except May meeting Wed., May 20)
3rd Thursday.....Ambler Junior Baseball – 7:30 pm – Borough Hall
4th TuesdayPlanning Commission – 7:00 pm – Borough Hall
Last MondayNAACP – 7:30 pm – Borough Hall
Last Tuesday.....Ambler Main Street – 5:30 pm – Borough Hall

EMERGENCY NUMBERS – Police, Fire, Rescue, Ambulance 9 – 1 – 1

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Community Ambulance 610-635-4341
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