



Ambler Borough

# Home Town News

November 2011



As you enter Ambler from the west perhaps you've noticed the new gateway signpost. While the signpost is new, the words remain the same – **"a hard-working, friendly community founded on harmony and commitment."** What better way to communicate what we're all about. The Borough is working to benefit our community, our business district, our neighborhoods & parks. Recent grant opportunities allow for un-repairable curb & sidewalk improvements and new ADA ramps to be installed from Bannockburn Ave. & S. Main St. to Orange Ave. and around Pickering Field. Solar school zone flashers are being installed at our neighborhood schools. A state H2O grant allows us to rehabilitate Loch Alsh Reservoir. We intend to upgrade playing fields at Pickering Field. We plan to resurface much of Butler Avenue in 2012. We carefully consider all new projects. We are committed to improving the quality of life we enjoy in the Borough.

## From the Desk of Borough Manager Mary Aversa:

**1) Knight Park Skate Park Opens** Ambler's skateboard park opened near the end of summer. We hope you are pleased with the park. Please read all of the 'Rules' posted at the park. Skateboarders are required to **wear a safety helmet**.

**2) Parking in Ambler** Parking is FREE on Sundays, and every day from Noon – 2 pm and from 6 pm – 8 am. **Parking in Ambler is FREE for the whole month of December!!!!**

**3) Public Notification for Water Issues** In the event of a water quality emergency, we need to get in touch with our customers. We do this through SWIFTREACH, our Public Phone Dial Notification System. If you are new to the area, or your phone/Email has changed since you signed up, please access Ambler Borough's website homepage [www.boroughofambler.com](http://www.boroughofambler.com) and sign up, or send an Email to [erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us) or call 215-646-1000 Ext. 113.

**4) Email News Service for General Alerts and Information** Join our Email Subscription Service for timely Borough news, bulletins and calendar of events. You may sign up to join our Email List on our new webpage: [www.boroughofambler.com](http://www.boroughofambler.com)

**5) Stormy Weather/ Winter Weather** Please help keep curbs and storm drains clear of branches/leaves/debris in anticipation of severe storms. The Highway Dept. does this regularly before a storm event, but frequently bad weather moves new debris in, clogging up the storm drains. Be sure to clear sidewalks of snow & ice within 24 hours after snow stops. Clear a 36" wide path. Do not blow snow into street. Please clear fire hydrants and street corners.

**Did You Know** A plaque has been dedicated at Ambler Train Station by local officials and SEPTA for Mary Ambler who 155 years ago on July 17, 1856, came to the rescue in a great train wreck. Inside the station you can see historic Ambler pictures and narrative about the railroad.

## Street Sweeping

ends for the season on  
Friday, December 2.

## \* Leaf & Yard Waste Collection Dates for 2011 and 2012\*

**Tuesdays: November 1, 8, 15  
and December 13.**

January 10 February 14  
March 13 April 3, 10, 17  
May 8 June 12 July 10 August  
14 September 11 October 9  
November 6, 13 and 20  
December 11.

Leaf & yard waste must be placed in unlined cans or brown paper recycle bags, not in plastic bags. Hedge materials may be bundled and tied.

### **NO GRASS CLIPPINGS.**

All uncollected materials must be stored on your property until pickup or may be dropped off at Barnside Farm Compost Facility, 430 Dieber Rd., Schwenksville (610-287-8880, 610-888-7719)

## Bulk Item Pickup

One item per week is permitted. Be sure to call our trash hauler BFI/Republic at 610-265-6337 to pre-arrange for "white item" pickup. For items containing Freon, call PECO's "Smart Ideas program" at 1-888-573-2672. PECO will haul away the item and remove the Freon for recycling **for free**. (Refrigerators and air conditioners only)



**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 of the dirt, oil, lawn fertilizer, road salt, leaves, grass clippings, pet waste, etc. that washes away with even a light rain ends up as pollution in the Wissahickon Creek. "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 Borough 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:

- keep properties clean;
- properly store motor oil, paint, and household chemicals and cleaners;
- prevent oil, paint, chemicals, soap and wash water from entering the storm drains;
- limit use of fertilizers;
- clean up after pets;
- install rain barrels to collect roof runoff;
- and 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 fine guide ([www.boroughofambler.com](http://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 are encouraged to review this information and to help in Borough efforts to keep our water clean.

Ambler EAC: New members welcome  
Call 215-591-1551 if interested

The Ambler Borough Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is a subcommittee of Ambler Borough Council that works to identify environmental issues within the borough and recommend ways to address those concerns. The EAC also organizes environmental projects in Ambler to educate and help improve quality of life for all. Meetings are always open to residents interested in assisting with the EAC's efforts and are held the second Monday of every month at 6:45pm in Borough Hall. ([www.AmblerEAC.org](http://www.AmblerEAC.org))

**Congratulations Ambler!**

A **60% improvement** in recycling has been noticed now that we are using our new rollcarts! What a savings in fees for the Borough!

Tip: If your container is partly full, your washed recyclable items can be kept for next week. That saves trips for you to the curb and stops for BFI/Republic trucks.

Remember Hazardous Materials do not go in trash! Please refer to the County's website, [www.montgomerycountypa.org/recycles](http://www.montgomerycountypa.org/recycles) for a list of household hazardous waste collection sites and for other County **recycling news**.

Trees, Rainbarrels, Raingardens and Driveways

Trees and shrubs **help prevent flooding** by slowing down and soaking up rain water. **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society** plans to plant 1 million trees in the tri-state area. The website lists many other benefits of having trees, including cooling cost savings. Raingardens have water absorbing plants. Rainbarrels store water for gardens. See the **raingarden display at Ricciardi Park** near the court and playground. Porous driveways soak in rain water rather than let it run off and flood our waterways. See the **porous parking lot** as well as infiltration beds for downspouts with descriptive signs at **Wissahickon Valley Watershed** on Morris Road.

Environmental Lawn Care

Planting more tree or shrub areas results in less lawn and less mowing. Consider replacing gas mowers with electric ones. Look for safe organic lawn treatments.

## ***New Businesses in Ambler***

***Rosey's BBQ Ambler*** –

9 N. Main St.

***Ambler Donuts*** –

at Bethlehem Pike & Butler

***E. Serendipity Shoppe*** –

43 N. Main St.

***Hidden Glam*** –

103 E. Butler Ave

### **Music Events**

#### **Ambler Symphony's 61st Year!**

##### **1) Concert at Wissahickon High**

**School Auditorium: Jesus Morales**

**Matos, Cellist** Fri Nov 11 7:30pm.

Edward Elgar's *Cello Concerto*, plus

Ferde Grofe's *On the Trail* and

Aaron Copland's *"Outdoor Overture."*

##### **2) Ambler Theater Holiday Sing-**

**Along** Wed Dec 14 6:30pm. Festive song plus a movie classic afterwards.

##### **3) Young Performers** Sun Feb 12 3pm

Star soloists from Menges contest

Upper Dublin Lutheran Church

##### **4) Community Organ Concert \*New\***

Sun Mar 18 3pm includes the great

Saint Saens *Organ Symphony*, also at

UDL Church. Call 215 503 2256 for

info or visit [www.amblersymphony.org](http://www.amblersymphony.org).

##### **Ambler Choral Society Concert**

Sun Nov 27 3pm Church of the Open Door

Works include Ottorino Respighi's *Laud to the Nativity*, John Rutter's *"Angel's Carol,"*

Clemens non Papa's *For Unto Us a Child is*

*Born*, Bonia Shur *Hanukkah Likhtelekh*,

and more. New singers can apply.

Visit [info@amblerchoralsociety.com](mailto:info@amblerchoralsociety.com).

## **Events at the Library 209 Race Street**

The Library is open for you!

Call 215 646 1072 or 215 643 7775 or Visit [wvpl.org](http://wvpl.org)

**Children** **Story Time** by Miss Michelle and her guitar Tuesdays 10:30am; also Thursdays 7:00pm. **Sewing Classes** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. **Art for PreSchoolers** 2nd Saturdays at 10:30am Lego Club 3rd Saturdays at 10:30am. **Segal Puppet Theatre** Thu Nov 10 7:00pm **Holiday Magic Show with Judy Trudy** Thu Dec 8 7pm. **Free Gift Wrapping** Thu Dec 20 4pm-7pm **Swedish for All Seasons** Thu Jan 12 7pm Bring your library card! Take out **plenty** of books.

**Teens** **Teen Craft** Fri Nov 18 4pm Old book converts to bag!  
**Teen Craft** Fri Dec 16 4pm TBD plus New Year, Valentine events.

**Teen Advisory Group** 2nd Saturday at 11am Nov 12 Dec 10 Jan 14 Feb 11 Mar 10 **All youth Free Homework Help** Call library.

**Adults** **Daytime Book Group** 2nd Thursday each month 1:30pm.  
Bliss Remembered by Frank Depford Nov 10

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand Helen Simonson Dec 8

Island Beneath the Sea by Isabel Allende Jan 12

The Help by Kathryn Stockett Feb 9

**Daytime Beading Group** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1pm

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

**Making Manicotti with Dora** Nov 8 By Dora Pasquali.

**Make a Kissing Ball** Dec 13 **Laurel Hill Cemetery** Jan 17

**Lose the Lilacs:** Native plants with 4 season interest Feb 21

**Van Gogh Up Close** Feb 28. Lois McMullen, Librarian

**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.

**Boomer U Program** Thu. Dec. 8 at 12:30pm: "**Get it Straight! The 'Posture Doctor' is in the House!**" Join us for an educational presentation to learn what Osteoporosis really is and how it affects our posture and quality of life! Dr. Frank Ciuba will also discuss the Meeks Method, an evidence-based program designed to reduce the effects of Osteoporosis while improving posture, balance, strength and mobility with **PROVEN RESULTS!** Come out to discover the successful program that has every participant gain height in only 4 weeks! (Presented by Dr. Frank J. Ciuba, DPT, **MSMeeks Method Certified Exercise Specialist** with H/S Therapy Associates, Inc.) **Many More Events** held at 45 Forest Ave. (corner with North Spring Garden St.) Call 215-619-8863 for information or to volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

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\*\*\*\*\* Holiday Events for 2011\*\*\*\*\*

Merchant Window Displays Begin Tuesday, Nov 30.

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Toys for Tots Donation and Movie Ambler Theater Saturday, Dec 10.

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Holiday Parade—Saturday, Dec 3 1pm. Rain date is Sunday, Dec 4.

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Celebrate with Strings—Thursday, Dec 8. Ambler Library 4:30pm Ambler Savings Bank 5pm.

Holiday Sing-along & Movie—Wednesday, Dec 14 6:30pm. Sing-along with Ambler Symphony at Ambler Theater; Movie.

Santa by Train—Ambler train station Thursday, Dec 8. Santa arrives at 7pm. Then you can stroll with Santa to Borough Hall where you can enjoy the tree lighting.

Window Display Contest Results Tuesday Dec 20. 7pm Borough Hall.