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# Home Town News

April 2009

## News from Council

### **Borough Meetings Schedule 2009**

**Committee** meetings are **first Tuesday** at 7:00 pm (except Nov., to be held Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>). **Council** meetings are **third Tuesday** at 7:00 pm. **Planning Commission** meets **fourth Tuesday** Jan.-Oct. and Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. **Environmental Advisory Council** meets **second Thursday** at 6:30 pm. **Zoning Hearing Board** meets **first Thursday** (call for specific dates/times). **Borough meetings** are held at Ambler Borough Hall and all interested persons are invited to attend. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend, or require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation, please contact the Borough Manager, Mary Aversa, at 215-646-1000 Ext. 106.

### **Drought Emergency Ends**

The Ambler Borough Water Department has discontinued the Drought Emergency declared last fall. While restrictions have been lifted you are encouraged always to **CONSERVE WATER**.

### **Fix That Leak— You'll Save Hundreds of Dollars**

A toilet running over the course of a three-month water billing cycle can waste an astounding **100,000 gallons of water** – water that you are paying for in usage and sewer fees. Water customers are more than surprised when their water/sewer bill arrives and it totals \$850 in excess of what they usually pay. If your toilet is running **call your plumber** and have it repaired. You likely will save more money paying the plumber's bill than the water bill.



**Parks and Recreation** Anita Pieri (Chair), Paul Dooley, George Pasceri, Mary Maxion

The application for the Green Building to be located at Knight Park has been submitted to the county. A grant for security cameras was awarded with the help of Rep. Rick Taylor. The idea of a small skateboard park at Knight Park is being discussed, where the multi-purpose court now exists. Hiring a parks and recreation director is back on the table for consideration, possibly in 2010. New park regulations have been advertized and will be ready for adoption with 2 major highlights: 1) Smoking will be prohibited and 2) indecent language will be prohibited in all borough parks. These changes are an effort to make our parks more family friendly. Please e-mail any other ideas to [apieri@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:apieri@borough.ambler.pa.us).

### **YMCA Summer Camp for Borough Residents**

Register from 6:30pm to 8pm on Monday, May 11th at Borough Hall, or stop by the YMCA after May 11th to sign up. Summer Camp will run June 22 through July 31. Cost:\$25 per child per week. *Times are 9am –3pm.* Camp is held at Mattison Avenue Elementary School and Knight Park.

### **Notes from Code**

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.

Also, be sure to contact Code to obtain a **PERMIT** when working on home, building or sidewalk improvements.



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♦ **Street Sweeping** resumes **Wednesday, April 1**. Heed the parking signs, as "No Parking" on specified days and hours will be enforced. Tickets are \$12.

♦ **Spring Leaf Pickup**  
Place your yard waste out on **Monday nights** before:

**Tue. April 7**

**Tue. April 14**

**Tue. April 28**

Pickup happens on **TUESDAYS**. Store leaves in cans or brown paper recycling bags. No plastic.

♦ **Fall Leaf Pickup**  
Place yard waste out on **Monday nights** before:

**November 3 and 10**

**December 8 and 15**

### **Wissahickon Fire Company**

Annual Pasta Night: Sat. May 2, 4:30pm to 8:30pm. Adults: \$10. Children 6-10: \$5. Under 5: free. Questions: call 215 603 8854.

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Did you know?

Ambler is a member of Classic Towns! Go to [classictowns.org](http://classictowns.org) and "Explore" Ambler.



## Environmental Corner

### Storm Water Management Reminders

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

Spring is here! I'm sure most people are looking forward to warmer weather and more time outdoors. Here are a few reminders about storm water management and ways to help keep our water clean.

Don't over-water your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.

- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly if ever. When necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts.
- ◆ Use organic mulch and safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- ◆ Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street; don't blow, rake or place it in storm drains or streams.
- ◆ Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Violators can be fined \$300.
- ◆ Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local bodies of water.

If you would like more information, please refer to Ambler's website ([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. Links to EPA and PADEP are provided as well as numerous educational pamphlets that can be downloaded. Past issues of Hometown News are provided. Let's all work to keep our water clean!

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW)

*Many electronic devices contain toxins. Do not dispose of them in trash. Use these collections or permanent sites!*

Info: 610-278-3618 or [www.wsaemc.org](http://www.wsaemc.org) Recycling for Household Hazardous Waste. **5 Saturdays; 9am-3pm.**

**Apr 11** Upper Perkiomen Valley High School, Pennsburg.

**June 13** Montgomery County Community College, Whitpain Twp. Use Cathcart Road entrance.

**July 11** Spring-Ford High School, Limerick Twp.

**Aug 8** Abington High School, 970 Highland Ave, Abington.

**Oct 24** Lower Merion Transfer Station, Lower Merion Twp.

Bring **Automotive Products** like motor oil; **Household Products** like cleaners, fluorescent tubes; **Paint Products** like oil based paints, thinner; **Miscellaneous** like pool chemicals, dyes, computer equipment, cell phones, cameras, copiers, fax machines, scanners, mercury devices, any rechargeable power tools and/or batteries. Keep labels intact on liquid items; lids tight. Secure items in boxes for transport, separating components that may react with each other. Do not leave materials in hot areas. Vent. Do not smoke near items.

***No Latex Paint nor Propane Tanks, please.***

### Composting Drop Off Facility

Residents who accumulate yard waste throughout the year, especially during those months when the Borough does not have a scheduled pick up, may now take their yard waste to **Barnside Farm Compost Facility**, 430 Dieber Rd, Schwenksville 19473. BFCF will take leaves and grass separated from other yard waste at a nominal charge, if any, and clean yard waste such as mulch, stumps, brush, logs and wood chips for \$12.00 per cubic yard (about \$0.011 per pound). Material may be brought in either loose by truck or in biodegradable paper yard waste bags – no tape on the bags please.

**Open year-round.** Be sure to call ahead at 610-287-8880 or 610-888-7719, to determine hours of operation and let them know what you're bringing. Driving directions: Go West on Skippack Pike about 12 ½ miles. Turn right at Cross Road, left at Garges Road and right at Dieber Road – the facility is on the right. This arrangement is possible because the Borough is now a Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission member municipality. Let them know you are a resident of Ambler Borough.



**Acme Issue:** The Borough has developed a search committee to promote the development of a market in Ambler. The committee has been very active and to date we have several prospects.

**New Businesses in Ambler** Finn Mc Cools (Wyndham Hotel)  
M2Creations Boutique – Main Street 5 Points Grille & Market - Tennis Ave  
The Vision – Paul Mitchell Beauty School – Butler Ave

**Coming soon** Dettera Wine Bar and Restaurant Caffe Maida  
Twisters Juice Bar/Café CVS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 17th 13th Annual Car Show 12pm—5pm

Tuesday July 28 Wissahickon Pops Orchestra 7pm  
at Ambler Savings Bank

Saturday August 15th 14th Annual Dog Day & Peach  
Festival

Parade 10am—festival after parade

Sunday September 27th 18th Annual Oktoberfest  
12pm—5pm

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PLANT AMBLER\*\*\*\*\* the group of volunteers that has been planting and maintaining flowers throughout the Borough since 1973.

Plantambler@gmail.com.  
Call 215 643 4929.



New Volunteers Always Welcome.

## Reminders from the Manager

Call before you dig: 1 800 242 1776. or 811. PAOneCall locates underground utilities. www.paonecall.com.

Quiet Hours: 10pm-6am.  
9pm-6am for construction.

Grass should be no higher than 6".

Grass should not be blown into the street. Please notify landscapers.

### Ambler Symphony

Concerts at Wissahickon High School  
7:30pm in the Auditorium.

Fri Apr 3: Barber's Violin Concerto with Luigi Mazzocchi, Respighi's Fountains of Rome and Sibelius' Symphony No. 1 in E Minor.



Fri May 15:  
Pops Concert.

Wed June 17, 7pm: Hope Lodge Concert. Rain Date is Wed June 24. Call 215-503-2256. Also visit www.amblersymphony.org.

### Wissahickon School District Kindergarten Enrollment

Contact schools first to pick up packets, set appointments.  
Mattison Avenue School-215 619 8104 April 27, 28, 30.  
Lower Gwynedd School-215 619 8100 April 17, 22, 23.  
Information: 215-619-8000 ext 3009: Toni Reed, Registrar.

Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard 150 N Main St.  
After school tutoring, GED program, donations. 215 628 3002.

### Boomer U

Located at the corner of Forest Ave. and North Spring Garden St.

Please call 215-619-8863 for info or to volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Free parking in back. Boomer U programs. Call for schedules; pre-register early, usually 4 days ahead.  
Mon Apr 6 6:30-9pm. *Beading Stringing II*. Make a bracelet: \$30.  
Thu Apr 16 6:30-9pm. *eBay for Beginners* by certified teacher. How to register, bidding/buying strategies, latest updates: \$49.  
Tue Apr 23 7-8pm. *New Solutions for Accelerated Weight Loss*. Ways to burn fat and clean out toxins will be discussed: \$5.  
Mon Apr 20 and 27 *eBay Selling I (creating seller account, etc) and II (upgrading and timing listings)*. Resources given too: \$49.  
May 6 13 20 7-9pm. *One Minute Guru*. Improve your day. \$45.  
May 7 7-8pm. *The 40/70 Rule* How to start conversations: \$8.



### Events at the Library

209 Race St. www.wvpl.org



Check out books and more!

Telephone: 215-646-1072

Children Story Time with Guitar Music by Miss Michelle Tuesdays at 4:30pm; also Wednesdays at 10:30am (except 3rd Wed); Thursdays at 10:30am. Take out special book bags!

Babysitting Classes Apr 30-May 28 Thursdays at 6:30pm.  
Jun 16 7pm: *Design Like DuPont* -Winterthur Museum.  
Summer Readers' Club Wednesdays at 10:30am, starting with Jun 24 *Silly Joe*, music for kids! Take out plenty of books!

Adults Daytime Book Group 2nd Thursdays 1:30pm. April 9 *Keeping the House*: Ellen Baker. May 14 *The Thirteenth Tale*: Diane Setterfield. Jun 11 *My Sister's Keeper*: Jodi Picoult. Jul 9 *Three Cups of Tea*: Greg Mortenson. Aug 13 *The Bridge of Sighs*: Richard Russo. Sep 10 *Blessings*: Anna Quindlen. Oct. 8 *The Zookeeper's Wife*: Diane Ackerman.

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

Tue Apr 28 *Cezanne* and Jul 28 *Perelman Slide Lectures*-Maryl Hitchings of Phila. Art Museum. Tue May 5 *Cruise Ship Travel*-Joe Alberstadt. Tue Jun 16 *Pressed Flower Workshop* -BJ Kulp. 6:30pm Scones; 7:00pm Program.