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Home Town News

April 2010



Borough Meetings Schedule 2010

Council President: Antonio Isabella **Council Vice President: Peter Amento**

1st Tuesday: Committee Meetings 7:00pm. Borough Hall (BH)
Except November, held Wednesday, Nov. 3.

3rd Tuesday: Council Meeting 7:00pm Borough Hall (BH)
Except May, held Wednesday, May 19th

Also: **1st Thursday: Zoning Hearing Board** (call for specific dates/times). BH

2nd Monday: Environmental Advisory Council 6:45pm BH Caucus Rm.

3rd Thursday: Ambler Junior Baseball 7:00pm BH

4th Tuesday: Planning Commission 7:00pm BH

Except November/December, held Tuesday, December 14.

4th Thursday: Boy Scouts 7:30pm BH

Last Monday: NAACP 7:30pm BH

Last Tuesday: Ambler Main Street 5:30pm BH

Committee Vacancies Vacancies exist on Environmental Advisory Council and Appeals Board. Send letter of interest/resume to maversa@borough.ambler.pa.us.



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Street Sweeping resumes **Monday, April 5.** Heed the parking signs, as "No Parking" on specified days and hours will be enforced. Tickets are \$12.

Public Safety Committee Ambler Borough is proactive when it comes to the safety of our pedestrians and motorists. There is an Ambler Police officer helping our moviegoers, Avenue strollers and diners at the crosswalk at Butler Avenue and York Street on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 PM to 9 PM. He also helps to reinforce the importance of crossing at the crosswalks. Another note -- be on the look out for a new traffic pattern at Butler and York Street once the weather breaks. The middle traffic lane which can create a blind sight for motorists will be removed in the hope of promoting a safer commute for our pedestrians and motorists. -- Pat Strus, Chairperson

Public Utilities Committee Our objective is to ensure our water and waste water treatment plants operate within the strict regulations set forth by the EPA and DEP. Water supervisor Phil Benigno and waste water treatment plant supervisor Bruce Jones monitor the daily operations. We meet on a monthly basis with these departments and staff and are kept abreast of the operations, immediate concerns or future projects. -- Peter A Amento, Chairman

Water Quality Public Notification Procedures New DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) Groundwater Regulations are in place in Pennsylvania affecting all water systems, requiring Immediate Public Notification should routinely collected water samples test positive for bacterial *E coli*.

Ambler Borough Water will subscribe to a secure computer phone-dial notification system to provide you timely phone or Email alerts in the event of a water emergency. We also will provide news radio announcements. **It is vital** that you share with us certain information so we may put this program in place.

If you have not completed a **Public Notification Survey**, please contact the Borough by Email erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us, by Phone 215-646-1000 Ext 113 or Fax 215-641-1921 with Name, Address, Primary & Secondary Phones, and Email Address. If any of your data has changed, please keep us up to date.



Water Line Insurance Did you know that most home owner policies do not cover water line breaks outside the home, and that it is the owner's responsibility to pay for repairs or replacement should a break occur? Would you be interested in receiving information about WATER LINE INSURANCE which would cover water line breaks from the street up to your house? Insurance could cost roughly \$100 per year, allowing for up to two repairs per year, \$3,500 per break maximum, capped at \$7,000 per year. Contact the Borough at 215-646-1000 Ext. 113 or Email at erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us.

Wissahickon Fire Company

Annual Pasta Night: Sat. April 17, 4:30pm to 8:30pm. Adults \$10. Children 6-10 \$5. Under 5 free.

Firefighter Camp: Want to Learn? Ages 14+. All July Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm. ?? for events: call 215 646 1266 x8.

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Environmental Corner

More info at amblerEAC@gmail.com

Storm Water Management Reminders

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

Spring is a great time to keep storm water issues in mind. Rain that drains from your roofs and runs off from your properties in Ambler travels overland, and through pipes and channels to the streams and creeks, like the Tannery Run, Rose Valley Creek and Stuart Farm Creek- all tributaries to the Wissahickon Creek.

As one can imagine a good deal of water falls on Ambler each year. In fact, over 5 feet of precipitation occurred in Ambler in 2009. That sounds like a lot but it is about average for the Borough. I'm sure everyone who witnessed the rain storms of early August will not argue that runoff from a large storm can wash a lot of sediment, dirt, branches, trees, litter and other materials into the storm drains and streams. While the effect of runoff is easily observed during heavy storms, the effects from light rainfall are equally important. Even a light rain washes dirt, oil and other surface pollutants into the 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 clippings, pet waste, etc. that washes away with even a light rain ends up as pollution in the Wissahickon. The EPA and PADEP require that the Borough monitor all storm water outfalls within the Borough for pollutants and take corrective action if needed.

The Borough website is a valuable resource (www.ambler.pa.us). Look for the Municipal Storm Water Management Program under the "Other Links" section. You also can read storm water related articles in the Ambler's Home Town News. An archive of past newsletters can be found there too. Past topics included "Good Housekeeping", Ambler's Storm Water Management Ordinance, Pollution Prevention, and other general reminders and information. You may also contact Borough staff or Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). With cooperation of all, we can keep Ambler's water clean.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW)

Many containers and electronic devices contain toxins.

Do not place them in trash. Use these collections instead!

Info: 610-278-3618 or www.montgomerycountyclecycling.org

5 Saturdays plus 1 Thursday: 9am-3pm:

Sat Apr 24 Indian Valley Middle School in Harleysville.

Sat June 19 Temple U Ambler Campus Student parking lot via Butler Ave. entrance **ONLY**.

Sat July 17 Montgomery County Community College, Use Cathcart Road entrance in Blue Bell

Thu Aug 12 Abington Junior High School in Rear Faculty Parking Lot 970 Highland Avenue, Abington

Sat Aug 21 Spring-Ford Flex School 833 South Lewis Rd. Royersford, PA Upper Providence Township

Sat Oct 23 Lower Merion Twp. 1300 Woodbine Rd. Penn Valley

BRING **Paint Products** like oil based paints, thinner

Automotive Products like motor oil; **Household Products** like cleaners, fluorescent tubes; **Propane tanks** 20lb or less;

Miscellaneous like pool chemicals, dyes, computer equipment, cell phones, cameras, copiers, fax machines, scanners, mercury devices, rechargeable power tools and/or batteries.

DO NOT BRING Latex Paint - NOT Hazardous (Throw in trash after drying completely.) Alkaline Batteries - NOT Hazardous (Throw in trash if made after 1996.) Appliances/White Goods - Contact the borough or trash/recycling hauler to schedule a pick up. Infectious or Medical Waste Radioactive Waste Asbestos Explosives & Ammunition Contact your local police department or the Montgomery County Bomb Squad. Tires - Bring to a County Tire Collection event or call 610-278-3618 for more options. Smoke Detectors -Send back to the manufacturer. Check the back of the item for info. **Get a complete list from the website.**

How to Package Household Hazardous Waste

1. Keep all products in original containers with labels intact.
2. Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in a plastic bag or garbage container.
3. Make sure all lids and caps are tight.
4. Place items securely in a box for transport. Use newspaper or cardboard as filler.
5. Place chemicals, which will react with one another, in separate parts of the vehicle.
6. **Do not** leave materials in hot, unventilated area for long periods of time.
7. **Do not smoke near chemicals!**

Borough Park - Planting 300 Trees!

Volunteers are needed on Sat. April 10; 8am-3pm. Use the Tennis Avenue entrance across from Schaeff-Myers.

To volunteer call Susan Curry at 215 591 1551.



New Business in Ambler Saffron (Indian cuisine) Butler Avenue near Act II.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check website for updates

amblermainstreet.org

Ambler Main Street Call 215-646-1000 ext 121 Email manager@amblermainstreet.org

Sunday May 16	CAR SHOW	10:00 AM
Sunday May 23	TOUR DE CURE	8:00 AM
Tuesday July 27	WISSAHICKON POPS ORCHESTRA	7:00 PM
Saturday August 7	DOG DAYS OF SUMMER	10:00 AM
Friday October 1	THEATRE CONCERT	5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Saturday October 2	OCTOBERFEST	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday October 3	OCTOBERFEST (RAIN DATE)	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday December 4	AMBLER THEATRE – TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION AND A MOVIE	
Saturday December 4	HOLIDAY PARADE	1:00 PM
Sunday December 5	HOLIDAY PARADE (RAIN DATE)	1:00 PM
Wednesday December 15	HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG	6:30 PM
Thursday December 16	SANTA BY TRAIN & TREE LIGHTING	7:00 PM
Tuesday December 21	HOLIDAY DISPLAY AWARDS – BOROUGH HALL	7:00 PM

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Plant Ambler

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.

From Mary Aversa
Borough Manager

SUBSCRIBE TO BOROUGH WEBSITE UPDATES

The Borough has set up an Email Subscription Service for anyone who wants to receive timely Borough news, calendar of events and bulletins.

Simply go to the link http://www.ambler.pa.us/content/events_new.asp and register."

Ambler Symphony

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

Fri Apr 9: Russian Spectacular!
Easter Overture by Rimsky Korsakov
Tchaikovsky's War of 1812 Overture,
Swan Lake Suite
Kabalevsky Piano Concerto.



Fri May 21: Join us for Opera Night.

Wed June 16, 7pm: Hope Lodge Concert. Rain Date is Wed June 23.
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 21, 22, 23.

Lower Gwynedd School-215 619 8100 April 14, 15, 16.

Information: 215-619-8000 ext 3009: Toni Reed, Registrar.

YMCA Summer Camp for Borough Residents

Register from 5pm to 7:30pm on Wednesday, May 12th at Borough Hall, or stop by the YMCA after May 12th to sign up. Summer Camp will run **June 21 through July 30**. *Times are 9am -3pm*. Cost: \$25 per child per week. Camp is held at Knight Park & Mattison Avenue Elementary School. Friday swims at Wissahickon Middle School from 7pm-8:30pm.

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Dates for 2010

Tuesdays: April 20 & 27, May 4, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 16, 23 & 30, December 7. You must use unlined cans or brown paper Recycle Bags, not plastic bags. All uncollected materials must be stored on your property until pickup or dropped off at Barnside Farm Compost Facility, 430 Dieber Rd, Schwenksville (610-287-8880 or 610-888-7719).

Boomer U

Located at the corner of Forest Ave. and North Spring Garden St. Please call 215-619-8863 for info or volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Free parking in back. Boomer U programs.

Call for schedules; pre-register early, usually 4 days ahead.

Mon Apr 12 & 19 7-9pm: "2 Young 2 Retire" Based on the book Too Young to Retire: 101 Ways to Start the Rest of Your Life, this workshop is guided by a 2young2retire certified facilitator and is designed to help you discover what matters most to you and plan accordingly. Topics include work that matters, being your own boss, community activism, money control, wellness and intelligent travel. 7-9pm, \$40. Registration/payment due before Apr 7:

Boomer U, 45 Forest Ave. Ambler. As programs are added, info is posted on the Boomer U site, www.montcosaac.com/boomeru or call 215-619-8863 to be added to the contact list and be the first to know.



Events at the Library

209 Race Street; 215-646-1072.



The library is temporarily closed as the Board considers proposals to fix the roof. Check for Miss Michelle at the Boomer U for special story times, as well as Summer Readers' Club and Adult activities at www.wvpl.org.