



Ambler Borough

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April 2011

Grant Money Funds New Borough Projects

From the Borough Manager Mary Aversa

The Borough has received grant money this past year which allows us to undertake several new projects. Recently installed are historic architectural street lights and traffic signs on Butler Avenue. In the final design stage is the long-awaited Knight Park Skate Park. And, grant money was awarded to the Borough for the purchase and installation of solar-powered school zone safety flashers. The signal flashers will be installed at Mattison Avenue Elementary School and at St. Joseph-St. Anthony School over the summer.

Also From the Manager's Desk:

1) New Website

The Borough is constructing a new website. Check it out at www.boroughofambler.com.

2) Email Service

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: scroll down, bottom, right.

3) Public Notification

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. Please keep us up to date on your current primary & secondary phones and Email address. You can join the **SWIFTREACH** contact list by accessing the link on our homepage or by Email at erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us or by phone at 215-646-1000 Ext 113.

4) Bulk Item Pickup

One item per week is permitted. Be sure to call our trash hauler BFI 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**. Eligible items include: refrigerator, air conditioner and dehumidifier.

5) Single Stream Recycling Has Begun

The following items are to be recycled and placed together in the blue **recyclables rollcarts** recently delivered to Borough residents:

- 1) aluminum & metal cans;
- 2) clear & colored glass;
- 3) Number 1-7 plastic containers and bottles;
- 4) cartons;
- 5) loose metal jar lids & steel bottle caps;
- 6) newspapers, magazines, brochures & inserts;
- 7) paperboard boxes (e.g., cereal, pasta & tissue);
- 8) cardboard beverage carriers;
- 9) office paper, file folders & greeting cards;
- 10) regular & junk mail;
- 11) flattened cardboard, corrugated cardboard & paper bags;
- 12) paperback books, paper towel rolls;
- 13) any other non-waxed paper products.

Deposit clean or rinsed items only. No food waste. **PLEASE RINSE FOOD CONTAINERS.** No plastic bags. No polystyrene or styrofoam. **NO FILMY WRAPPER PLASTICS.** Remember, recycling is the law. You must recycle at curbside. Contact the Borough if you did not receive a blue rollcart.

You may purchase a second rollcart for \$45. Contact the Borough.



Street Sweeping

begins for the spring on Friday, April 1. Heed the street signs as "No Parking" on specified days and hours will be enforced.

Tickets are \$12.

* Leaf & Yard Waste Collection Dates for 2011*

Tuesdays: April 5, 12 & 19, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 1, 8, 15 and December 13.

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)

Wissahickon Fire Company

Annual Pasta Night

Saturday April 16 4:30pm-7:30 pm
at the Main Fire House,
245 Race St. Ambler.

For information or to order tickets call
215-646-1266 X 8

YMCA Summer Camp

June 20—July 29 9am–3pm at
Mattison Avenue Elementary School
and Knight Park

Campers will receive a guest pass for Friday swims. Cost is \$25 per child per week. Registration is at Ambler Borough Hall on May 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm.



Ambler's Storm Water Management Program

By Karen Hulshizer, P.E., Gilmore & Associates, Inc.,
Borough Engineers

Ambler Borough is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices.

Because storm water runoff picks up pollution from land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs—efforts to control stormwater pollution must consider individual, household, and public behaviors and activities that can generate pollution from these surfaces. Remember, the rain that drains from the roadway, your roof, and runs off from your property in Ambler eventually makes its way to the Wissahickon Creek and the Delaware River.

These common individual behaviors have the potential to generate stormwater pollution:

- littering
- improper disposal of trash and recyclables
- improper disposal of pet-waste
- applying lawn-chemicals
- washing cars
- changing motor-oil on paved driveways
- improper disposal of leftover paint and household chemicals

It takes individual behavior change and proper practices to control such pollution!

For more information on how you can reduce storm-water pollution, please visit the following webpages:

http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/solution_to_pollution.pdf

http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/nps_month_bookmark.pdf

http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cu_after_the_storm.pdf

All Ambler residents and businesses are encouraged to review this information and to help in Borough efforts to keep our water clean.

If you would like more information, Borough Staff and the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) are great resources and contact can be found on the website as well (www.boroughofambler.com).

**2011 Montgomery County Household
Hazardous Waste Collections**

Included are electronics like computer items, TVs < 30", cell phones. Call 610-278-3618 for tire collections. See flyer at www.montgomerycountyclecycling.org All events are on Saturdays from 9am to 3pm.

Upper Perkiomen Valley High School Apr 16

2 Walt Road • Pennsburg

Upper Merion Middle School May 14

Enter near 435 Crossfield Road • King of Prussia

Montgomery County Community College

Jun 25 Enter near 473 Cathcart Rd • Blue Bell

Spring-Ford High School Aug 20

350 S. Lewis Road • Royersford

Temple University – Ambler Campus

Sept 24 Enter near 1431 E. Butler Pike • Ambler

Lower Merion Township Public Works Oct 22

1300 N. Woodbine Avenue • Penn Valley

Keep liquid items with labels intact; lids tight.

Secure items in boxes for transport, separating components that may react with each other.

Do not leave materials in hot areas.

Do not smoke around materials. Provide ventilation.

Stream Clean-Up---Saturday, April 30

Join many scouts and adults who gather at 9:00 AM at the TRAX Café parking lot to get gloves & bags and be assigned to one of the three tributaries to the Wissahickon Creek that flow through Ambler Borough. Stream Clean-up removes litter and debris from the land & streams to create natural scenery, provide better habitat for river creatures and improve downstream drinking water. People work in teams and there is a free picnic afterwards. For more info, contact Susan Curry 215-591-1551.

Community Volunteer Weekend– Borough Park

Over the entire weekend of April 29-May 1, in addition to a stream-clean-up, volunteers will install a rain garden and deer fencing around riparian trees at Borough Park. The Ambler Environment Advisory Council, Ambler Tree Tenders and Friends of Borough Park will lead a variety of volunteer activities. Community volunteers may participate for 2-4 hours on one or more days. Friday –3:30 PM-dusk, Saturday – 9:00-2:30 PM, and Sunday – 1:30 PM-4:30 PM. Raindate: the following weekend.

Borough Park is Ambler's only natural park. Several grants have supported the restoration of a riparian forest along the park's Rose Valley Creek. This spring, 200 trees will need deer fencing to protect them from browsing. Also, a rain garden will be constructed and planted. Participants will learn simple hands-on strategies that reduce stormwater run-off and pollution, as well as reduce erosion and flooding.

Volunteers should pre-register with Susan Curry to receive a Hold Harmless Agreement. Bring gloves and wear shoes & clothes that can get dirty. Bring shovels, hard rakes and wheel barrows, if you can, and a bag lunch if you plan to come Saturday. Beverages & snacks will be provided. Call: 215-591-1551 or email suscurry@comcast.net

New Businesses in Ambler

The Computer Repair Store –

East Butler Avenue across from CVS.

Philly's Phamous Steaks & Hoagies –

Tennis Ave at 5 Points

Wissahickon School District

Kindergarten Enrollment

Contact schools to pick up your packet and to set up appointment.

Registrar will be at Mattison Avenue

Elementary School (215-619-8104) on

April 8 (afternoon) and April 11;

Lower Gwynedd Elementary School

(215-619-8100) on April 6, April 7 (morning)

at predetermined times. Information/

Questions: Call Mrs. Toni Reed, District

Registrar @ 215-619-8000 x 3009.

Ambler Symphony's 60th Year!

Concerts at Wissahickon High School

Auditorium: 1) Nicole Leon, Violinist

Fri Apr 8 7:30pm. Brahms' *Violin Concerto*,

plus Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9* "From the

New World." 2) **Irish Night** Fri May 20

7:30pm. Special Guest Gerry Timlin! Music

by Leroy Anderson, Hamilton-Harty, more.

Hope Lodge Summer Concert

Wed June 15 7pm Call 215-503-2256 or

visit www.amblersymphony.org.

Auditions for **Youth Soloists** Sat Apr 9.

Ambler Choral Society Concert

Sun Apr 10 3pm Church of the Open Door

Lux Aeternum by Lauridsen and

Gospel Magnificat by Ray, plus "Saints

Bound for Heaven", "Come Thou Fount of

Every Blessing" and more.

Plant  Ambler

Congratulations: 37 years of service!

To volunteer call 215 643 4929.

Planting Day Apr 2 9am Cavalier Drive

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 Hour starring Miss Michelle and Guitar

Tuesdays 10:30am; Thursdays 4:30pm. Bring library cards!

Family Bingo Thu Apr 7 7pm. **Songs for Kids** Thu May 5 7pm.

Art with Sara Thu Apr 21 grades 4-7 and May 19 grades 1-4.

Scrabble Saturdays grades 4-7 starting May 21, Every 3rd Sat.

Sewing Class Thursdays grades 3-5 for 5 weeks, boys/girls.

Caterpillar Show Tue June 7 10:30am by master gardeners.

Summer Reader's Club starts June 23 with a trip around the world with storyteller Bruce Segal. Read books, earn prizes!

Tooth Buddies Puppet Show Tue June 28 11am by Segals.

Bring or apply for your library card! Take out **plenty** of books.

Youth New events are being planned; give us your ideas!

Adults Daytime Book Group 2nd Thursday each month 1:30pm.

Skeletons at the Feast by Chris Bohjalian. Apr 14

The Imperfectionists by Tom Rachman. May 12

Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier. June 9

The Three Weissmans of Westport by Cathleen Schine. July 14

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

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

Travel to Paris Tue Apr 19 Harvey Balen, world traveler.

Art into Fashion Tue May 10 Robert Capucci, Italian artist.

This is a Philadelphia Museum of Art program

Garden Tour of Devon, SW England Tue May 17 Lois McMullen.

Travel to Morrocco Tue June 14 Harvey Balen

The Cutting Garden Tue July 12 gardener Mary McKnight.

Philadelphia and the Civil War Tue July 19 Andy Waskie, based on his new book, *Philadelphians and the Civil War*.

Fashions of the 60's from Aprons to Zippers Tue Sept 13 Sue Snyder. Bring along your favorite 60s apron.

Also planned are Summer Garden Maintenance, Mailbox Planting.

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. Also High School GED program offered.

Boomer U Programs 45 Forest Ave. Call 215-619-8863 for info

Register in advance by sending check to "SAAC". All ages welcome.

"Yogurt, Make It Yourself" Tue Apr 12 7:15-8:45pm, \$12 + materials fee \$5. Very easy; save time and money. Reg by Apr 7.

"Everything You Really Should Know About Long Term Care" (with humor!) Thu Apr 14 7-9:15pm \$15 Medicare, etc. Reg by Apr 11.

Five Feasts For \$10 (or less) Sat. Apr. 16 1-3pm \$35 Learn how to make salad, main course and dessert, saving \$. Reg by Apr 12.

"Zumba" Thu May 5-Jun 9 6:15pm-7pm, \$39 "Ditch the workout and join the party. Reg by May 2. Later in May will be a **travel** course.

Also, Please call for info re: volunteering for **Meals on Wheels**.

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Ambler Main Street *www.amblermainstreet.org*

******* Ambler Main Street Upcoming Events *******

Easter Egg Hunt in Ambler Borough Park Saturday, April 16, 10am.

Car Show Sunday, May 15 Starting at 10am.

Wissahickon Pops Orchestra Tuesday July 26, 7pm.

Dog Days of Summer Saturday, August 6, 10am.

Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 1, 10am to 5pm. Raindate October 2.

Theater Concert to be announced, likely for October.

Another Upcoming Event in Ambler

Ambler Train Station Dedication Sunday, July 17