



Ambler Borough

# Home Town News

April 2012

Notes from the Borough Manager Mary Aversa



## **1) Bottom Dollar Food Market, Ambler Beverage to Open**

The Borough Manager is pleased to announce that *Bottom Dollar* plans to build and operate a Bottom Dollar food market in Ambler, at the site of the former Knopf Chevy dealer. Final site plans currently are under review by the Planning Commission.

Also, please note that *Ambler Beverage* is renovating the old beer distributorship on Butler Avenue and will open a walk-in beer store later in the year. Once construction at these two sites is complete the Borough plans to repave Butler Avenue. Also in the works is the reconstruction and resurfacing of the Lindenwold Parking Lot located behind Ambler Savings Bank.

## **2) Reporting Street Light and Signal Outages**

The Borough appreciates the vigilant calls we receive from residents reporting street light outages. We are members of a consortium that takes care of repair of all street lights. If you notice a light out please try to obtain the pole number on the light and call the Borough with that information and street or address information specific to that light. Since each streetlight is numbered, we will be able to more rapidly relay this information to the consortium to schedule a repair. Your phone call to the Borough at 215-646-1000 or email to [receptionist@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:receptionist@borough.ambler.pa.us) is appreciated.

## **3) Know Your Utility Employee**

Should a utility employee come to your door, please observe the following precautions before allowing anyone to enter your residence: (1) Ask to see identification before allowing anyone in; (2) Call the utility company to verify work being done and to verify the identity of the employee if you have any doubts; (3) Look for clearly marked utility vehicles; (4) Report any suspicious activity to the police and the proper utility company.

## **4) Do Not Solicit List**

Occasionally businesses come to the Borough to conduct door-to-door solicitations. They are required to obtain a Day Permit from Code Enforcement to register their sales force and vehicles. If you do not want to be solicited you may contact the Borough to be placed on a 'Do Not Solicit' list. The vendor will be given a list of households that are not to be contacted.

## **5) Water Line Protection Plan**

Ambler Borough's lateral water line protection plan offers open enrollment for residential water customers. The plan protects you should anything happen to your water service line from the point at which it crosses the outer vertical wall of the residence to the point at which it reaches the property boundary. For literature or more information, contact the Borough at 215-646-1000.

## **6) 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 need to update your contact information please access the Borough's website homepage [www.boroughofambler.com](http://www.boroughofambler.com) or send an Email to [erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us](mailto:erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us) or call the Borough.

## **Street Sweeping**

begins for the spring on Monday, April 2. Heed the street signs as "No Parking" on specified days and hours will be enforced.

Tickets are \$12.

## **Leaf & Yard Waste Collection Dates for 2012**

**Tuesdays: April 3, 10, 17,  
May 8, June 12, July 10,  
August 14, September 11,  
October 9, November 6,  
13, 20 and December 11.**

Yard waste (leaves, twigs, vines, branches, hedge trimmings) 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 28 4pm-7:30 pm**  
at the Main Fire House,  
245 Race St. Ambler.  
Adults \$10, Children ages 4-8: \$6  
Under 4years old: Free

## **YMCA Summer Camp**

June 18—July 27 9am—3pm at  
Mattison Avenue Elementary School  
and Knight Park

This program is for Borough residents only. Cost is \$25 per child per week. Registration is at Ambler Borough Hall on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm.



### **10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution** By Jim Dougherty P.E., Gilmore & Associates, Inc., Borough Engineers

Ambler Borough, as the owner of the storm sewer system within the Borough, is required by Federal and State Law to reduce and eliminate pollution from stormwater runoff collected by the storm sewer and discharges to the local creeks and streams. These requirements affect all property owners, business owners, and residents within Ambler. Ten things you can do to help prevent stormwater pollution are:

- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet

For more information, visit <http://www.boroughofambler.com/other-web-resources/>

#### **Tree Planting and Stream Clean-Up Day**

Saturday, April 28, 9am to 1pm. Free picnic lunch! Pre-register: [susancurry@comcast.net](mailto:susancurry@comcast.net) to get Clothing, tools, and meet-up information. Send: name, age, phone, email, and zip code.

**Recycle at Curbside** in rollcars: Newspapers, inserts and junk mail, magazines, catalogues, envelopes, paperback books, phone books, cardboard, *clean* pizza boxes, paper, (includes cereal, cake and cracker boxes) paper egg cartons, paper bags, aluminum cans, *clean* foil, tin and *empty* aerosol cans, empty glass jars and bottles, and plastic *containers labeled 1-7*.

NO garbage, plastic bags, food contaminated waste, polystyrene cups, plates, egg cartons or ice cream containers, motor oil, hazardous chemical containers, plastic toys, sporting goods, electronics, batteries, compact discs, DVDs, light bulbs, hangers nor yard waste.

### Recycling

It has been over a year since Ambler Borough began single stream recycling. The program is overwhelmingly successful and the Borough certainly is a much neater place on Wednesday mornings!

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Montgomery County's website

[www.montgomerycountycle.com](http://www.montgomerycountycle.com). The

County coordinates collection sites for

- 1) household hazardous waste (HHW),
- 2) electronics that are not to be placed out with regular refuse or recycling materials and
- 3) old tires. Did you know, for example, that oil-based paints are considered HHW, but that latex paints are not, and may be put out with regular refuse with the lid removed and only after the paint in the container is fully dried out? For more information call the Montgomery County Recycling Hotline at 610-278-3618.

PLEASE NOTE THAT HHW AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTIONS ARE NOW **SEPARATE EVENTS** UNLIKE EARLIER YEARS.

**Most events are Saturdays; ALL 9am to 3pm.**

#### 2012 Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Collections

**North Penn High School Apr 7**

**Upper Merion Middle School May 12**

Enter near 435 Crossfield Road • King of Prussia

**Temple University – Ambler June 23**

Enter near 1431 E. Butler Pike • Ambler

**Abington Junior High School FRIDAY Aug 17**

**Lower Merion Township Public Works Oct 20**

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.

#### 2012 Montgomery County Electronics Collection Program

**Indian Valley Middle School Harleysville Apr 21**

**Norristown High School May 5**

**Wissahickon High School June 30**

**Ursinus College FRIDAY July 20**

**Upper Perkiomen High School FRIDAY Aug 10**

**Springfield Twp High School Oct 27**

**Montgomery Mall THU Nov. 15** America Recycles

**THURSDAY Nov 15 includes Tires!**

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

Green Street Luxuries – 101 E. Butler  
Dragon's Den Gifts – 43 N. Main



PLANT AMBLER, the group of volunteers that plants flowers throughout the Borough's business district, is seeking new members for the upcoming planting season. Planting dates are 3/17 and 5/5 and dependable volunteers always are needed to help plant, water, weed, clean out trash from sites, etc. Flowers are purchased through the financial support of community donors. For information about joining or donating, please call 215-643-4929.

### **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.

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

#### **Concerts at Wissahickon High School**

##### **Auditorium:**

##### **1) Madison Marcucci, Violinist**

Fri Apr 20 7:30pm. Tchaikovsky *Concerto*, plus Brahms' *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor*.

##### **2) Opera Night Fri May 11 7:30pm.**

Favorite songs with soloists from Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts

##### **Hope Lodge Summer Concert**

Wed June 13 7pm

##### **Youth Soloists Auditions Sat Apr 21.**

Call 215-503-2256 or visit  
[www.amblersymphony.org](http://www.amblersymphony.org).

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

Sun Apr 22 3pm Church of the Open Door  
*Music from the Stage* Choruses from *Verdi, Mozart, and Rossini*. Selections from Aaron Copland's *The Tender Land*, *The Secret Garden* by Ray, plus new arrangements of Jerome Kern's musical gems.

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

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

**Children Story Hour starring Miss Michelle and Guitar  
Tuesdays 10:30am; Thursdays 4:30pm. Bring library cards!**

Book Discussion Thu Apr 5 7pm Grades 3 to 6

**National Library Week** Apr 9-14 Humongous Candy Jar Guessing Game Mon Apr 9 Maximum Book Checkout Contest Tue Apr 10, Talent Night Thu Apr 12 Lego Club Mon Apr 16 4:30pm also May 9, June 21. Art with Benita Sat Apr 14 10:30am ages 3-7 also May 12, June 9 & July 14. Art with Laura Sat June 23, July 28 at 10:30pm. **Magic Show** Thu May 17 10:30am.

**Summer Reader's Club** starts **June 21 7pm** with a magic show. Read books, earn prizes! Big Events are planned for Thursdays this summer! **Programs last until August 7, 7pm**

**Science in the Summer** starts Mon June 25  
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.

*Miss Timmin's School for Girls* by Nayana Currimbhoy. Apr 12

*The Soldier's Wife* by Margaret Leroy. May 10

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. June 14

*The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. July 12

*Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson. Aug 9

*Montana 1948* by Larry Watson. Sept 13

*The Last Chinese Chef* by Nicole Mones. Oct 11

**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.**  
**Victorian Dress** Tue Apr 10 Sue Snyder

**A Trip to the Yorkshire Dales** Tue Apr 17 Lois McMullen  
This is a Philadelphia Museum of Art program

**An Evening with Author Jeana Carey** Tue May 1

**Ditch the Daylilies** Tue May 8 **Gardener Mark Waddell**

**Philly the Way it Was** Tue June 26 **Oscar Israelowitz**

**Dead Heading Perennials** Tue July 10 Kerry Hontz

**Land of the Pharoahs Journey** Tue July 17 **The Morsis**

*Also planned* are Summer Gardening Programs plus Octavius Catto and his Tireless Fight for Civil Rights

**Movies with Meaning 1st Mondays 6:30pm + Genealogy Search**

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

Register in advance by sending check to "SAAC". All ages welcome.  
**Beer Tasting** Wed Apr 11 Do you know the difference between ales and lagers? Join us for a guided tasting of six world classic ales and lagers.

Discussion on ale and lager yeast to the finished product. Learn how beers are made, why they should be served at different temperatures and which foods are best paired with which beers. 7:30-9pm. \$20 plus \$10 materials fee. (Bring materials fee to class.) Registration by Apr 5.

**"Short Term Care:"** Thu Apr 26 - Long Term Care premiums a little steep for you? Come learn about affordable alternatives. Short term care is classified as 'easy issue' – non-medically underwritten. Get the facts and see if it's right for you. 7:30-8:30pm, \$8. Registration by Apr 23.

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*Ambler Main Street* [www.amblermainstreet.org](http://www.amblermainstreet.org)

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

*Spring Fling Saturday, March 31 Easter Egg Hunt Borough Pk 10am*

*Car Show Saturday, May 19 1pm to 5pm. Raindate May 20.*

*Arts Festival June 16 Raindate June 17 11am to 7pm*

*Restaurant Week July 20- July 29.*

*Wissahickon Pops Orchestra Tuesday July 24, 7pm.*

*Dog Days of Summer Saturday, August 4, 10am- 11am.*

*Oktoberfest Saturday, October 6, 10am to 5pm. Raindate October 7.*

*Halloween Parade Saturday, October 27.*

*Holiday Parade Saturday, December 1 Raindate December 2.*