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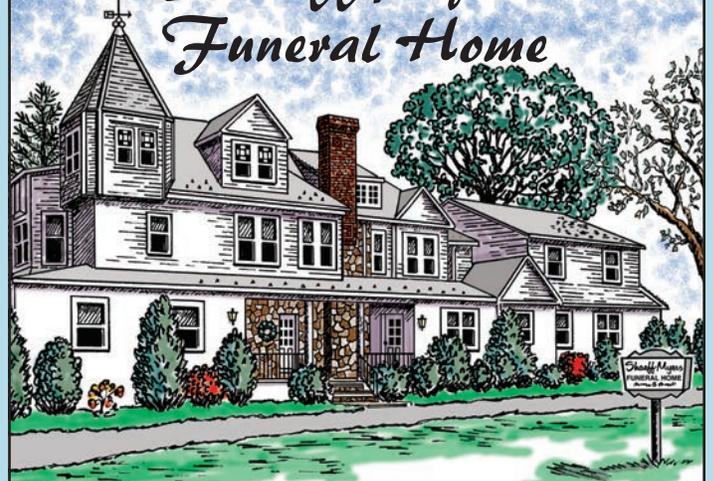
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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Green Home Stormwater BMPs Steve Walsh, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

The Borough of Ambler has a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) with multiple outfalls to the Wissahickon Creek and its tributaries. The PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) last issued a general permit for the MS4 in 2013. Wissahickon Creek is designated as a trout stocking stream. In October 2003, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3 listed Wissahickon Creek as impaired for sediment and both phosphorous and nitrogen based nutrients as it was not meeting its intended use. Subsequently the EPA established a sediment total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the Creek to reduce loads in-stream, thereby allowing the stream to revert back to a more natural state with the idea being that the impairments would then be lifted. Conformance is monitored by the PADEP.



Wissahickon Creek

The Borough's MS4 contributes 68,103 lbs/year of sediment to the Creek. The wasteload allocation is 30,901 lbs/year, resulting in a reduction requirement of 37,202 lbs/year. It is estimated that once best management practice (BMP) measures start to be implemented, it will take the Borough 50 years to comply. The PADEP will require all MS4 Permit holders to commence BMP installation during the next Permit cycle (2018-2023).

In January 2017, Ambler's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) submitted a Growing Greener Grant application to the PADEP. If awarded, the grant moneys would result in a reduction to the cost each homeowner who wishes to install simple BMPs would incur (hopefully making them free for each homeowner instead of the cost listed below). The BMPs included in the grant and meant for homeowners were 250 rain barrels, 250 down spout planter boxes, and 75 rain gardens intended to reduce stormwater flows in the Creek. The reduction in flow will reduce downstream siltation/sedimentation as lower flows in-stream lead to less turbulent water and less erosion of the stream banks. This soil/sediment being displaced downstream is also laden with nitrogen and phosphorous which can be harmful to the aquatic community and downstream drinking water supplies. It is therefore believed that by reducing sediment load the nutrient loadings will also be reduced.

The following is a list of stormwater collection BMPs that each homeowner can install along with cost and benefit to Wissahickon Creek should all BMPs be installed:

Best Management Practice (BMP)	Average Installation Cost/Unit	Annual Maintenance Cost/Unit	Approximate Impervious Area Served (ft ²)	Sediment Removal (lbx/year)	Phosphorous Removal (lbs/year)	Nitrogen Removal (lbs/year)
55 Gallon Rain Barrel	\$216	\$5*	100	75.8	0.5	1.2
Down Spout Planter Box	\$285-\$400	\$10**	400-900	580	3.62	3.15
Rain Garden	\$750+	\$15	900	174	1.08	0.95

*If properly maintained a rain barrel can be used for 10 years or more without having to replace any parts. Improper winterization could lead to higher maintenance costs as parts will wear sooner.

**Soil replacement is suggested every few years. Cost shown is an average that may not be incurred every year



The Borough of Ambler receives on average approximately 4 feet of precipitation a year. Each of these BMPs is designed to treat the first 1-2 inches of each storm. The Growing Greener Grant application was for the homeowner intended BMPs previously listed, as well as riparian buffer plantings along 20 stream segments in the Borough. If all BMPs are installed and maintained the result would be a reduction in sediment, phosphorous, and nitrogen of 1,038 lbs/year, 5.8 lbs/year, and 5.8 lbs/year, respectively. For more information about these BMPs or how you can help reduce flow to Wissahickon Creek please contact the Borough or visit <http://www.boroughofambler.com/government/stormwater-management/>.

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Ambler Main Street Spring & Summer Events

Ambler Farmer's Market Saturdays 9am-1pm May through October

Ambler First Fridays the first Friday of every month May-October 6pm-9pm

Ambler Auto Show May 20th 1:00-6:00pm

Art and Music Fest Friday June 16th 6-11 PM & Saturday June 17th 11am-11pm

Ambler Restaurant Week July 10th-17th

Dog Days in Ambler August 5th 10am-1pm

Ambler Criterium Bike Race Saturday August 19th

Why Plastic Bags Are Bad For Your Recycling Bin



Keep plastic bags out of your home recycling – they can cause big problems when placed in the curbside recycling bin. Why? Plastic bags interfere with the sorting process. First, workers at the recycling sorting station don't have time to open plastic bags to find out what's inside. Second, plastic bags interfere with the automatic sorting machines. Conveyor belts feed the recycling into rotating tunnels, onto spinning wheels and past currents to separate plastic, glass, paper, aluminum and steel cans.

Plastic bags cannot be sorted from other materials by existing machinery. Instead, they get caught in the conveyor belts and jam spinning wheels and can bring the entire sorting station to a halt. The conveyor system needs to be stopped and the bags then need to be found and removed by hand.

Plastic bags can be recycled, just not in your home recycling bin. Instead, you can drop them off at specially-marked recycling bins in the front of most supermarkets.

Interesting Facts About Aluminum Can Recycling

- The average person uses more than 25,000 aluminum cans in a lifetime.
- Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours.
- It requires 95% less energy and water to recycle an aluminum can than it does to create an aluminum can from virgin materials.
- It is estimated that over the past 20 years, we've trashed more than 11 million tons of aluminum beverage cans worth over \$12 billion on today's market.
- Aluminum takes 200-500 years to fully degrade in a landfill.
- Recycled aluminum can be returned to store shelves in as little as 60 days.
- About 120,000 aluminum cans are recycled every minute nationwide.
- More aluminum goes into beverage cans than any other product.
- We use over 80 trillion aluminum soda cans each year.
- At one time, aluminum was more valuable than gold.



Additional recycling information is available on the Borough website or on the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission website at www.northmontcorecycle.com.

Ambler EarthFest 2017 Growing Ambler Greener'

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY! The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will be hosting Ambler EarthFest 2017 'Growing Ambler Greener' on Saturday, April 22nd from 11-3 p.m. at the Ambler Borough Hall Gymnasium. Our theme is 'Growing Ambler Greener' through stormwater initiatives utilizing tools such as:

-  **Rain Barrels**  **Rain Gardens**  **Down Spout Planters**  **Riparian Buffers**

We all are part of the Wissahickon Watershed and have been tasked to work together to come up with solutions to the pollution. The Wissahickon Watershed is listed as an impaired watershed having 3 TMDLs (measure of pollutants) for sedimentation, nitrogen, and phosphates. Municipalities in the Wissahickon Watershed are teaming up to provide a solution to the pollution because creeks know no boundaries. Learn about how you can make a difference. Sign up for a workshop for a subsidized tool and get started going green!

And while you are attending **Ambler EarthFest 2017**, learn about Native Planting, Worm Composting, and Bees, among other things. Join us for a fun afternoon of learning about our Earth and how we can do our part to keep it Green! For more information visit us at www.Amblereac.org.



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Be part of the 47th Annual Creek Clean Up of the Wissahickon Creek and its many tributaries. Each year the Ambler EAC partners with Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) to help clean up the trail and the creek bed too. Ambler volunteers will focus clean-up efforts on the Rose Valley and Tannery Run tributaries. Trash bags, gloves and other equipment will be provided.



This activity is great for families, scout, school groups and anyone who loves the environment and clean water. Help us clean the creek from top to bottom! To volunteer, please pre-register by E-mail with the EAC at Amblereac@gmail.com. Plan to meet at the parking lot of Trax Restaurant at 9 a.m. the morning of the clean-up. And, be sure to wear suitable clothing and shoes.

Following the clean-up, the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) and Friends of the Wissahickon (FOW) invite all of the participants to join us at the "Talkin' Trash" picnic. Location is NEW this year! The picnic will still be in Fort Washington State Park, but at the pavilion near the Militia Hill L-3 parking lot. Enter from the Joshua Road gate (use 6036 Joshua Road, Fort Washington, PA 19034 for GPS) and follow loop road.

NATIONAL NONSTRUCTURAL/FLOOD PROOFING COMMITTEE (NFPC) WORKSHOPS



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be hosting two workshops, given by the National Nonstructural/Flood Proofing Committee, to promote the use of nonstructural flood risk adaptive measures for reducing flood risk to residential, commercial and public property. There will be representatives from USACE, FEMA, PEMA, EPA, and Montgomery County to discuss nonstructural measures and answer your questions. Contact: Eric Majusiak USACE: 215-656-6550.

WORKSHOP DATES: Thursday, June 22, 2017 (6:30-9:30 p.m.)
Saturday, June 24, 2017 (1:00-4:00 p.m.)

WORKSHOP LOCATION: Daniel Dowling Legion Post, 351 Maple Street, Ambler PA 19002

Hazardous Waste, Tire Collection & Paper Shredding Events – 2017 Drop Off Sites

Montgomery County has released collection information for Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Tire Collection as well as Paper Shredding Events. For a complete list of collection locations and further details, please visit www.MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org or call their recycling line at 610-278-3618. Visit Ambler Borough's Trash/Recycling & Yard Waste quick link on our website www.boroughofambler.com.



CONVENIENT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
Saturday, May 20
(9am-3pm rain or shine)
Temple University–Ambler Campus
1431 E. Butler Ave.,
Ambler - entrance

RESIDENTIAL TIRE COLLECTION
Saturday, June 10
(9am-noon rain or shine)
Montgomery County
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340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell



PAPER SHREDDING EVENT
Saturday, October 14
(9am-noon rain or shine)
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ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL BAN:

The County will not hold E-Waste collection events in 2017. The Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA) of 2010 prohibits the disposal of E-Waste as trash. Trash haulers may not pick up TVs or computers curbside.

There are several options for recycling computers, monitors and TVs and CRT monitors. Check out the County website www.MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org for a complete list of drop locations (for a fee) and further details. You may call the County recycling line at 610-278-3618.

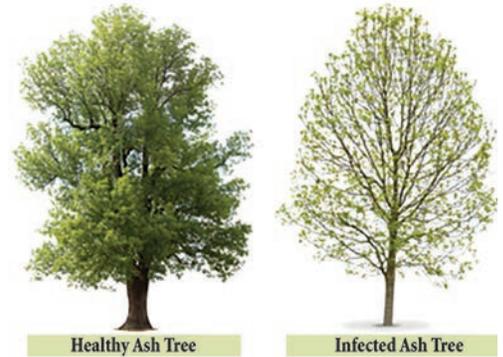


Ash Trees and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Infestations

Ambler Borough wants to make you aware of a beetle infestation in ash trees that has made its way across North America and is present here in Ambler Borough. Tens of millions of ash trees have been lost to this pest that feeds on them. Once a tree is infested with beetles it can be killed within 3 to 4 years. Infestation will occur before symptoms are noticeable.

Emerald ash borers feed exclusively on ash trees. Symptoms of infestation include upper crown dieback, epicormics branching, bark splits and flaking, or tissue damage resulting from woodpecker predation. Signs include the adult beetle or larva, "D" shaped exit holes and "S" shaped larval galleries under the bark.

Borough staff is working with an arborist who has identified ash trees and EAB infestation in all Borough parks. We anticipate losing 50% of our ash trees this year. The arborist will treat the balance of our public property ash trees. Treatment involves trunk injections every other year for about a decade and extensive pruning of tree dieback. Our hope is to not lose much of our canopy cover. We will, of course, be planning the planting of replacement trees.



Ash trees on private properties are the responsibility of the property owners. Do not wait until EAB infestation is apparent. We urge all homeowners to contact an arborist or tree service which can help you determine on a tree-by-tree basis what measures you might take with your ash trees. And, be aware, that the nature of the damage caused by EAB infestation makes tree branches extremely brittle, making work for the tree climbers difficult and frequently requiring the use of costly 'cherry pickers' to reach damaged limbs. Damaged limbs hanging over walkways are not just unsightly, they are dangerous.

We all recognize the benefits of trees to our quality of life, air pollution reduction, energy conservation, storm water mitigation and property values. The ash tree is an integral part of the tree bio-diversity in Ambler Borough. Our neighboring communities also are dealing with this pest. The emergence of the Emerald Ash Borer has threatened the health of ash trees and you are encouraged to confront this pest sooner rather than later. Please place this as a priority on your property management plan for the spring.

TAX TIPS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR



PROPERTY TAX TIME IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Your County / Borough **PROPERTY TAX BILL** was mailed out early March.

You have until April 30th to pay it and receive a 2% discount.
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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Water Department NewsPhilip Benigno, Water Supervisor, 215-646-1000



TOILET LEAK DETECTION - Toilet leaks always get larger and cost you more the longer you wait. You can't always hear a toilet leak. Sources of a toilet leak may be: the flapper valve & valve seat have deteriorated or corroded; the flushing arm & lift chain are not working properly; the water level in the tank is too high and spills into the overflow valve; and the float rod, ballcock and/or float ball are corroded. You may conduct a home leak test to determine if you have a toilet leak. First, wait 5-10 minutes after the last flush cycle. Then, remove the tank cover and add a few drops of food dye into the tank. Do not flush – wait 15 minutes. If the dye color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORTS - Every year the Ambler Borough Water Department publishes a Consumer Confidence Report which is designed to inform customers about the quality of water we deliver. CCR reports are sent out in June and are also available on the Borough website.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR WATER ISSUES - In the event of a water quality emergency we will contact our water customers through our phone dial notification system Swiftreach™. The Water Department must maintain updated contact information. You may update your contact information by accessing the Swiftreach™ icon on the Borough website homepage, calling the Borough or directing an E-mail to erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us.

WATER BILL CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS - Online credit card and E-check payments are accepted for water bills. A convenience fee will be charged for credit card use. Visit the Borough's homepage and click on "Pay Your Water Bill." You may also pay your bill in person with personal check, cash or credit card. You may drop off your water payments (checks only) in the 24/7 Lock Box located on the left side of the Borough Hall Poplar Street lot entrance. Payments may also be made in the Lobby M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement News Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer, 215-646-1000, ext 112, code@borough.ambler.pa.us

Keeping the Borough a Beautiful Place to Live One Property at a Time - Code Enforcement plays an important role in preserving the attractive appearance of neighborhoods in Ambler Borough. The Borough Code Enforcement Office is here to provide fair and comprehensive enforcement of Borough Ordinances, which include junk, debris, trash, nuisance, weeds, zoning, and rental/leased property maintenance.

All Code Dept. permits applications are available online and please be aware the Borough does not issue resale Use and Occupancy permit for single family residential properties. The Borough tries to make the permit process as simple as possible for both homeowners and contractors. Please feel free to contact the Code Dept. with any and all property maintenance, rental, zoning, or permit related questions. Residents are encouraged to cooperate with one another in a friendly manner to resolve minor concerns before contacting Code Enforcement for assistance. Working together we can provide and maintain safe, clean and attractive neighborhoods.

Homeowner's Guide to Elevation Certificates - An Elevation Certificate is an important tool that documents your building's elevation. If you live in a high-risk flood zone, you should provide an Elevation Certificate to your insurance agent to obtain flood insurance and ensure that your premium accurately reflects your risk. Obtaining an Elevation Certificate also can help you make decisions about rebuilding and mitigation after a disaster. Generally, in high-risk zones, the higher above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) a building is located, the lower the insurance premium will be for that property. The Elevation Certificate provides the documentation necessary to make that determination.

The Borough may have an elevation certificate on file in the Code Dept.—check with Code first. If no elevation information is available, you might need to hire a State-licensed surveyor, architect or engineer to complete an Elevation Certificate. Once an elevation certificate is obtained make sure that you provide that to your insurance agent and retain a copy for your records. An Elevation Certificate will help your agent rate your policy properly. Your insurance premium will change based on your elevation. Your property might be above the BFE, so you might already be eligible for lower premiums.

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“SWEEPS WEEKS” - STREET SWEEPING BEGINS – NEW SWEEPING SCHEDULE – Beginning this spring, street sweeping will be performed weekdays on the 1st and 3rd week of each month. To keep it simple, street sweeping will take place the same weeks as Yard Waste Pickup. We will follow the same day-of-the-week sweeping schedule. We plan to have the sweeper out on the streets Mondays through Fridays during the following weeks: April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 10 (no sweeping – or yard waste -- 4th of July week), July 17 (to make-up for 4th of July week and to stay on schedule with Yard Waste Pickup), July 31, August 14, September 4 (not Labor Day, we’ll pick a date for Monday sweeps that week), September 18, October 2, October 16, November 6, November 20 and finally December 4. Heed the street signs as ‘No Parking’ on specified days and hours will be enforced on these specified sweeping weeks. Tickets are \$12.

MARK YOUR ROLL CARTS – Please be aware that lately a number of grey trash and blue recycle roll carts have gone missing. Residents are advised to put their house number on both trash and recycle roll carts.



STREET PAVING SCHEDULE – Streets and roads scheduled to be repaved in 2017 are the following:

- Butler Avenue (Lindenwold to York)
- South Main Street (Butler Avenue to Station Square)
- Reiffs Mill Road (N. Main Street to Tennis Avenue)
- Pleasant Acre Drive (Mt. Pleasant Avenue to end of cul-de-sac)
- Doc’s Court (Mt. Pleasant Avenue to end of cul-de-sac)

TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHT OUTAGES – If a traffic or street light is out, please our Borough Receptionist at 215-646-1000 Ext. ‘0’ or send an E-mail to receptionist@borough.ambler.pa.us . For streetlight outages, please try to obtain the pole number. This will help us to more quickly relay the information to schedule a repair.

POTHoles OR OTHER DAMAGE – If you would like to report a pothole, broken playground equipment or damaged Borough signage please call Public Works at 215-628-9409 and leave a message on the machine. Or, if you prefer, contact the Borough Receptionist and she will relay your message to the Garage.

Ambler Borough’s Newest Park

Last year Borough of Ambler was gifted a parcel of land on Butler Avenue. You know the lot – at the southeast corner of Butler and Park Avenue where the old ACME sign used to be displayed. Borough Council has determined that the lot will be rehabilitated into a 10,000 square foot park. Borough Council, the Parks & Recreation Committee and dedicated members of the community have been working hard to transform this vacant asphalt lot into a gathering place for people of all ages. Working with the Planning Commission and the County Planner, Council intends for this ‘pocket park’ to feature plantings, greenery, seating, storm water educational opportunities, and event space potential. We’re making wonderful progress and hope that groundbreaking will occur next fall or early Spring 2018. Stay tuned.



SUMMER JOBS!!!

Attention College Students!!!

Ambler Borough’s Public Works Dept. seeks college students interested in summer employment. Please stop by Borough Hall to complete an Employment Application or complete an application at www.boroughofambler.com [Documents & Forms / Forms, Permits & Apps / General Forms] Mail to: Ambler Borough, Attn: Summer Employment, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002



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PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES

Ambler Borough Police Department

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE – Chief William F. Foley, Jr.



DUI / DWI - Driving under the influence (DUI), also known as driving while intoxicated (DWI). Drunk Driving or impaired driving is the crime of driving a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drugs, including those prescribed by physicians.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE - Alcohol affects you in a way that changes your judgment, depth perception as well as vital motor skills required to drive safely. It's easy to think you are driving normally when truly you are not. When the police take notice you could be hit with a DUI/DWI. This is the best case scenario. Getting into an accident, your life could be lost as well as any others who too are involved in this accident.

According to 2014 drunken driving statistics, there were 9,967 fatalities in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. From that number 1,070 of those deaths are children ages 0 – 14. This is those whose lives were lost and not the total number of alcohol related accidents, or the number of individuals arrested for drinking and driving.

Is drinking and driving more important than your legal status or life? Take a cab, protect yourself as well as others on the roadways, don't become another drinking and driving statistic. Operating a motor vehicle while sober can be difficult in itself, adding alcohol or other intoxicants into the mix puts your life and the lives of others on the roadways at risk. Make the right choice and put your keys down.

UNDERAGE DRINKING - Each year approximately 5,000 young people under the age of 21 die as a result of underage drinking -- this includes about 1,900 deaths from motor vehicle crashes, 1,600 as a result of homicides, 300 from suicide, as well as hundreds from other injuries such as falls, burns, and 1– 5 from drownings. Whatever it is that leads adolescents to begin drinking, once they start they face a number of potential health risks.

It is important to educate our youths on the dangers of alcohol and drug use and abuse. As they get older and become driver-aged, the potential increases for tragedy not only for themselves but for others. Summertime and holidays are always the times for joyous festivities with family and friends. So let's not turn our summertime fun and/or our holiday celebrations into heartache.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Let's keep our seniors safe this summer – let's check in on them in the hot weather and additionally, let's keep an eye on the scam artists out there specifically targeting seniors who own their own homes. Just a reminder that scammers are out there and want money. Never give out personal information in person or on the phone, never give cash, always see ID and never be afraid to call 9-1-1.



Ambler's Police Department Lobby is now a convenient **PRESCRIPTION & OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG DISPOSAL LOCATION**. The disposal unit is available 24/7. All drugs will be destroyed in a legal and environmentally-friendly manner. Check out our Facebook page -- Ambler Borough Police Department -- for further details.

Spring & Summer Fire Safety Richard Lockhart, Fire Marshall, 215-646-1000 ext 122



As we move in to the summer months, we all begin to move outside to enjoy the nice weather along with friends and family. Most of us do this by hosting a barbeque or gathering around a chiminea. There are just a couple of important fire safety tips that will make event safe and enjoyable for everyone!

Chimineas and outdoor fireplaces are permitted to be used in the Borough. The fire code requires that they be used at least 15 ft. from a combustible surface such as a house or garage. You cannot burn trash or yard waste in them. Please do not use your chiminea or fire pit on your deck unless it is specifically designed for it. Please keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose handy in case the fire spreads outside the container. Keep children away! Lastly, please be considerate of your neighbors! Smoke from the fire or blowing embers is no way to ensure neighborhood bliss.

Barbeque grills, whether propane or charcoal, are not permitted on the balconies of apartment buildings. Please do not use charcoal grills on decks and do not use charcoal or propane grills in areas with a combustible overhang such as a patio or porch. And please be extra careful when children are around.

The final items I leave you with are the three rules of fire safety – Have a smoke detector – Have a plan to get out – And when you get out, stay out! If you have any questions or need a FREE smoke detector, please feel free to contact me.

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler



Message From Chief Dan Azeff of CAAA:

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(At Left): CAAA purchases new 2017 E350 Ford ambulance. Seen in the picture are Chief Dan Azeff and Executive Director David Fleming presenting the check to Bob Bainbridge of Spitler Vehicles, The ambulance was delivered on February 21st and replaces their 2005 Ford. CAAA has 4 fully equipped ALS ambulances in its fleet which is staffed 24/7/365 and handles 911 dispatches to Ambler Borough and surrounding communities as it has done for over 75 years.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

YMCA Knight Park Summer Day Camp..... "Where Summer Happens"



Camp Registration: May 3, 2017 (5 – 7 p.m.) Ambler Borough Hall, 131 Rosemary Avenue or register at the Ambler Area YMCA starting May 4. Proof of Ambler Borough residency is required at registration.

Every summer, the Ambler Area YMCA, working with the Borough of Ambler, offers children residing within Ambler Borough a safe and positive place to spend their summer days -- **Knight Park Summer Day Camp**. This year, camp will run from **June 19 through July 28**. Camp fee is \$40 per week per child. [Camp will be closed Tuesday, July 4th and camp fees will not be prorated for that week.] Camp is for children ages 5-11 years old (all campers must have completed Kindergarten).

Drop off and pick up is at the Ambler Borough Hall Gym Entrance, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler. Camp hours run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. (No extended Camp Care).

Day campers walk to Knight Park each morning, weather permitting, for structured activities. Energetic, creative, and well trained staff encourage youth participation in a wide variety of activities including sports, arts & crafts, science, gardening, character development, and cooperative play. Campers are given the opportunity for weekly field trips, special events, a voucher for free swim lesson session in either the summer or early fall, and a family swim pass for the Ambler Area Y Indoor Pool on Fridays. Ratio is 1:10. For more information contact Christie Dunning 215-628-9950 x1573 or go to www.philaymca.org.

Weavers Way Ambler – Food Co-op is Coming

When Weavers Way Co-op opens in 2017 at the former Bottom Dollar building in Ambler, it will be the first cooperative grocery store in Ambler, and Weavers Way's first store outside Northwest Philadelphia. The full-service grocery store will offer fresh produce, seafood and a butcher, as well as prepared foods, pet food and wellness items. There will be indoor seating for shoppers to enjoy food from the kitchen. The Co-op will serve the needs of Ambler area residents, will be open every day and is open to everyone. But this store is more than just a place to buy great food; it's a Co-op!



- Co-op membership is ownership, not a fee for access, and all ownership shares are equal.
- Co-ops operate for the benefit of their members.
- Co-ops are hubs for community engagement, providing volunteer opportunities, free workshops, and much more!

The Co-op evolved about five years ago with the founding of the Ambler Food Co-op, and after years of organizing the community and building support, Ambler Food Co-op approached Weavers Way. There are now over 500 Co-op members around Ambler, eager to get the doors open to the new store! Weavers Way Ambler:

- Will be open to everyone.
- Emphasizes healthful food, sustainably produced and fairly traded.
- Works to enhance the local economy, including focusing on local sourcing and paying fair wages.

A membership in Weavers Way Co-op provides your household a host of benefits, from a stake in local ownership and control, to shopping discounts in the store. Membership begins at \$30/year. And if you become a member, you too can own this store and help make it strong! For more information, stop by the Weavers Way Co-op office at 131 E. Butler Avenue, or go online at www.weaversway.coop.



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Wahl Playground



“Children at play at Wahl Playground -- located at Ambler Borough Hall -- which was dedicated last fall in memory of Mayor Bud Wahl and Mary Jane Wahl.”

Plant Ambler Volunteers

Plant Ambler volunteers donate their time and energy planting and maintaining flowers and greenery throughout the business district. Plant Ambler volunteers have been doing this for over 40 years! To volunteer to plant, water and/or weed or to send a donation, please contact Plant Ambler at 215-219-6553.

2017 Rabies Clinic – Montgomery County Health Dept.

For the 2017 Rabies Clinics, search ‘Rabies Clinic’ at www.health.montcopa.org or call 610-278-5117

The rabies immunization clinic is not a substitute for regular health care services provided by your regular veterinarian. Your pet will NOT receive a physical examination during the scheduled clinic. • This rabies vaccination is a 3 year shot. However, if this is the first time your pet has ever received a rabies vaccination, a booster vaccination should be administered 1 year later, regardless of the age of the animal at initial vaccination. • Your pet must be on a leash or in an approved carrier in order to receive a vaccination. • Your pet may not be vaccinated if it is sick, unruly or has bitten someone within the past ten days. • Possible common side effects from receiving a rabies vaccination include soreness or swelling at the site of injection, low-grade fever, and/or decrease in energy. • As is the case with any drug or vaccine, there is a small chance that allergic or more serious reactions could occur. After your pet is vaccinated, you may wish to remain at the clinic for 5 to 10 minutes in case of a more immediate type of reaction.

Wissahickon Athletic Club After School Program



“Wissahickon Athletic Club (WAC) After School Program students and mentor Mr. Lenny display laptop computers donated to the program by Ambler Rotary.”



AUTHOR VISITS

- *Wednesday, May 17:* Scandal at the Getty - Arthur Houghton. 6:30pm
- *Monday, June 19:* Local author and historian Cordelia Frances Biddle. 6:30pm



COOK THE BOOK CLUB - Every other month Wednesday at 6pm.

April 19, June 21, August 19. Call Ambler Library to join.

TUESDAY EVENINGS @ AMBLER PROGRAM SERIES - 6:30 Refreshments / 7pm Program

- *Tuesday, April 11* – Rain Gardens for Everyone. Master Gardener Leslie Bass.
- *Tuesday, April 25* – The Healing Power of Crystals. Holistic Apothecary of Ambler.
- *Tuesday, May 9* – Swing and Ballroom Dance Demonstration. Donna Reinhart & Steven Pollack.
- *May 23, June 13, and June 27* – To Be Scheduled.

2ND WEDNESDAY TECH TALKS – Technology information series. 1pm. Google Docs, eMail, Internet, & more.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS @ AMBLER SERIES (3rd Wednesday each month at 1pm) – Refreshments followed by program

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

- Musical Guitar Story Time with Miss Michelle – *Tuesdays 10:30am*
- Saturday Storytimes with Diane, Dee, and Kathy – *2nd & 4th Saturdays at 10:30am*

BINGOFEST - *May 11*- bring your parents, grandparents and kids to this “souped-up” bingo game. Amazing prizes! 7pm

SUMMER READING CLUB - all programs at 4:30pm (and more summer reading programs to be scheduled!)

June 22- Magic with Ari Paul Felbe June 29- Mad Science- cool science experiments

OTHER REGULAR PROGRAMS

- Ambler Book Group. *Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 1:30am*
- Yarn Café Knitting Group *Weekly Fridays at 10:30am*
- Coloring for Adults *Wednesdays at 3pm: April 12, 26, May 10, 24, June 7, 21*
- Beading Group..... *1st & 3rd Mondays 1pm*

Ambler Symphony www.amblersymphony.org



The Ambler Symphony will close out its subscription season for the spring of 2017 with an evening of Broadway Music dating back as much as 100 years. Composers represented through the “Century of Broadway” program include such old time favorites at Sigmund Romberg and Victor Herbert, through the eras of Lerner & Loewe, then Rogers and Hammerstein, up to more modern selections from Andrew Lloyd Weber. Guests for the performance will be members of the Academy of Vocal Arts.

This final subscription concert will be held on Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wissahickon High School Auditorium (parking is available in the Dager Road lot.) Tickets are available from the orchestra website at www.amblersymphony.org and are also available at the door.

The Symphony season is not over for the year, however, additionally offering two FREE outdoor spring concerts to enjoy with the whole family. The Parkside Place Park Concert (Sumneytown Pike in Upper Gwynedd) will be held Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. on May 31st. The closing concert for the season will be at Hope Lodge (553 S. Bethlehem Pike in Fort Washington) at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7th (raindate June 14th). Donations are encouraged. Bring chairs or a blanket and a picnic dinner and relax with live music out on the lawn. Enjoy your summer and we’ll see you in the fall with more beautiful music!



2017 AMBLER BOROUGH Trash & Recyclables Collection

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■ Trash ■ Recycle ■ Yard Waste ■ Holiday

REFUSE AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION: All solid waste, recyclables & yard waste should be placed curb side no later than 6 A.M. the day of your scheduled pickup. Refuse/solid waste is to be placed in the grey roll cart provided by the Borough. Additional refuse/solid waste is to be placed in cans with lids provided by the resident. Litter and debris can attract unwanted pests. Also, litter and debris can clog storm drains. Keep trash and recyclables covered. **DO NOT LITTER.**

RECYCLABLES COLLECTION: Recyclables are to be placed in the blue roll cart provided by the Borough. All recyclables can be mixed together and placed in this cart **NO SORTING NEEDED.** Recycle newspapers, inserts & junk mail, magazines, catalogs & envelopes, paper back books & phone books, cardboard & clean pizza boxes, office & school papers (colored paper), box board (cereal, cake & cracker boxes); paper egg cartons, paper bags, aluminum cans & clean foil; tin & empty steel aerosol cans, empty glass jars & bottles, and all plastic containers labeled #1-#7.

DO NOT PUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THIS CART: NO garbage, NO plastic bags, NO Mirrors, NO food waste, NO polystyrene cups or plates, NO motor oil or hazardous chemical containers, NO plastic toys or sporting goods, NO electronics or batteries, NO compact discs or DVDs, NO foam egg cartons or ice cream containers, NO light bulbs, hangers or yard waste.

BULK COLLECTION: One bulk item (mattress, desk, etc.) per household is permitted per week. **No Tires, No TVs or Computers.** Call J.P. Mascaro & Sons at 1-800-432-1616 for "white" item pickup. For items containing Freon (refrigerators, etc) visit Montgomery County's website www.montgomerycountyclecyles.org or 610-278-3618 for a list of companies that will remove Freon and dispose of the appliance for a fee. At no cost to you, call PECO Smart Ideas (1-888-573-2672) for collection of working frigs & freezers (10-30 cuft). Please note, resident must be on site at time of scheduled pick-up.

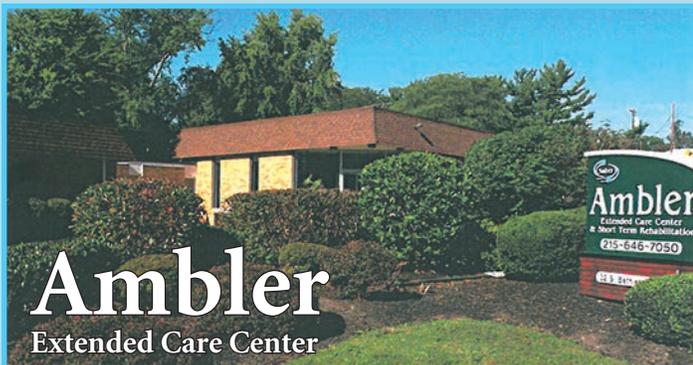
YARD WASTE COLLECTION: (Christmas trees in January) Yard waste is to be stored on your property until scheduled pickup. Yard waste shall be placed in paper bags or unlined trash cans or may be bundled with twine. No plastic bags. Yard waste includes leaves, branches & branch materials, twig material, vine & hedge trimmings. No grass clippings. Residents may also bring yard waste to Barnside Farm Compost Facility, 991 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, contact at 610-287-8880.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS AND E-WASTE COLLECTION: Please refer to Montgomery County's website, www.montgomerycountyclecyles.org for a list of hazardous waste collection sites and other recycling news. Refer to the Borough website www.boroughofambler.com for e-waste collection opportunities.

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1st Tuesday	Borough Committee – 7:00 pm (except Nov. – meet Wed, Nov. 8; no meeting July)
1st Thursday	Zoning Hearing Board (call for specific dates & times)
3rd Wednesday	Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – 7:00 pm
3rd Tuesday	Borough Council Meeting – 7:00 pm (except May – meet Wed., May 17)
3rd Thursday	Ambler Junior Baseball – 7:00 pm
4th Tuesday	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
Last Tuesday	Ambler Main Street – 5:30 pm

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