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May 19, Ambler Auto Show 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

June 7, First Friday
6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

June 14 , Art and Music Fest
6:00 Pm - 11:00 PM

June 15, Art and Music Fest
11:00AM – 11:00 PM

August 2, First Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

August 11-18, Restaurant Week

September 14, Dog Days of Summer
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

October 4, First Friday 6:00PM – 9:00 PM

October 5, Oktoberfest 11:00-9:00

October 27, The Halloween Extravaganza
11:00 AM- 1:00PM

November 29, Black Friday (all day)

November 30, Small Business Saturday 11 AM

December 7, The Holiday Parade 1 PM

December 12, Santa arrives by Train, 7 PM

December 13 – 15 Holiday Shopping Weekend



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KEEPING STORM RUNOFF CLEAN

As many residents and business owners of the Borough of Ambler are aware, the Borough is responsible for monitoring the storm sewer system for pollutants and to remove or direct to have removed any identified sources of any pollution. The program is known as the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, NPDES MS4 for short. In the case of stormwater, a pollutant is basically anything that is not rainwater or snow melt. Common pollutants in stormwater come from pet waste in yards, over fertilizing of lawns, washing vehicles in driveways or streets, and improper disposal of cleansers, oil, and paint.

As one can imagine, a good deal of rain falls on the Borough each year. On average, the Borough receives about four feet of rain annually. Anyone who has witnessed a heavy thunderstorm in late summer or snowstorm followed by high temperatures in the winter will not argue that runoff from a large storm can cause a great deal of damage and wash a lot of sediment, branches, trees 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 sediment, nutrients, oil and other surface pollutants into the streams. All the dirt, oil, lawn fertilizer, road salt, leaves, grass clipping, pet waste, etc. that washes away with even a light rain ends up as pollution in Wissahickon Creek. The NPDES MS4 program requires that the Borough monitor all storm sewer outfalls within the Borough for various types of pollutants and take corrective action if needed. With cooperation and effort from everyone we can all help keep our water clean.

Spring weather encourages many outdoor activities and is a great time to keep stormwater issues in mind. A few things you can

do to help reduce pollution in stormwater runoff are:

- Use fertilizers sparingly.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks.
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
- Use the appropriate amount of deicer.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste, especially those falling leaves.
- Follow directions when applying pesticides and learn how to prevent pest problems.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet.

The Borough website is a valuable resource for stormwater related information (<https://boroughofambler.com/government/stormwater-management/>). This webpage contains useful information regarding the NPDES MS4 program. Several links to EPA and PADEP (the Federal and State agencies responsible for this program) are provided as well as numerous other educational and informational resources. All residents and businesses within the Borough are encouraged to review this information and to help in Borough efforts to keep our water clean.

Borough Staff and the Environmental Advisory Council are also great resources for stormwater related information. Contact information can be obtained on the Borough website.



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HELP SHADE AMBLER: LET'S PLANT TREES TOGETHER



The Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will sponsor a tree planting in Knight Park on April 20, 2024. Volunteers are needed to help EAC members and our local tree tenders plant seven trees. If interested, please arrive at Knight Park at

9:00 am on April 20th. Additional volunteers are needed to help water and care for the young trees through the summer. Please email the EAC at AmblerEAC@gmail.com for more information or to let us know you can help.

NO MOW MAY, LOW MOW SPRING APRIL 20, 2024, TO MAY 20, 2024



Ambler Borough Council has approved a No Mow May program for Borough residents who wish to register and participate.

Mowing your lawn less helps to increase the abundance and diversity of wildlife, including bees and other pollinators. By participating in No Mow May residents can let grass grow uncut for an entire month, allowing habitat and food to form for early season pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. This is particularly important in urban and suburban areas where floral resources are often limited. Pollinators are essential to our ecosystem, as they help to reproduce many of the plants that we eat and rely on for other purposes. By not mowing our lawns in early spring, we can give pollinators a chance to thrive.

In addition to benefiting pollinators, reducing mowing frequency can help to reduce our impact on the environment. It will save water, help your lawn become more resilient to drought, and reduce emissions from gas-powered lawn equipment. No Mow May can also save us time and money. Mowing our lawns is a chore that takes time and money. By not mowing our lawns in April and May, we can free up our time and money for other things.

No Mow May is a great way to help pollinators, improve our air and water quality, and save time and money. If you are interested in helping the environment, Ambler Borough encourages you to participate in No Mow May, Low Mow Spring this year. If you are interested in participating in No Mow May, there are a few things you should keep in mind. First, you should not mow or reduce the frequency of mowing your lawn from April 20th-May 20th. Second, you should allow your lawn to grow wild. This means that you should not weed your lawn or fertilize it. Third, you should be patient. It may take a few weeks for your lawn to look its best after you stop mowing it.

Registration for the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis, with participation limited (PLEASE READ PARTICIPANT RULES BELOW). Sign up by filling out the form on the borough website (<https://boroughofambler.com/no-mow-may/>) and dropping it off in person at the Borough Offices with your property information and signed agreement to abide by the Borough participant rules. No Mow May signs will be available for all participating households. Residents with open or past property maintenance violations while owning their property will not be eligible. Thank you for your interest.

PARTICIPANT RULES

Participants must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Provide your name and address to be shared with the Chief of Police, Code Department, and the Fire Marshal. This list will be used in case of complaints from neighbors.
- This program begins Saturday, April 20th.
- All lawns would need to be cut back to regular length by the end of day May 20th.
- The curb strip grass between the street and the sidewalk must be maintained at a mowed height, where a curb strip exists.
- Along the perimeter of the lawn next to the sidewalk or street if you have no sidewalk, the grass must be maintained at a mowed height for the width of a lawn mower.
- A sign identifying participation must be prominently displayed on the lawn. The sign will be picked up at the Borough building upon application and should be returned to the Borough once the program ends.
- Educate neighbors on the benefits of No Mow May and why you are participating.

<p>IMMERSION STUDIO</p> <p>SCULPTURE BY KAREN KIESER immersionstudio1@gmail.com immersion-studio.com</p>			<p>Studio visits available by appointment at 59 Belmont Ave. Ambler PA.</p> <p>Residential and commercial commissions now being accepted.</p> <p>Contact Karen at 215-654-0106.</p>
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AMBLER SUMMERS ARE ONLY GETTER HOTTER - HELP SHADE AMBLER - PLANT A TREE

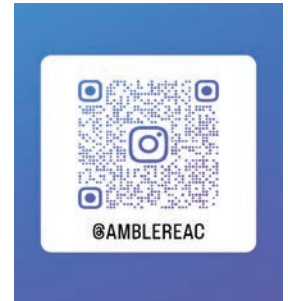
Summer is coming with the flower gardens in front of neighbors' houses and kids playing in the parks. If you've spent any time enjoying the seasons outdoors you've likely noticed the intense weather patterns lately, from heavy downpours to longer hotter days. Some days it's just too uncomfortable for that afternoon neighborhood stroll or even your own home is working hard to stay cool and dry. Maybe you've wondered if there is anything you can do. Is there anything Ambler residents, individuals, or families, can do to create positive change? There is, grow our tree canopy!

Trees are more than decorative elements for neighborhoods. They provide shade, stormwater filtration, cleaner air, and more pleasant environments. Walking or driving down roads with or without trees you can feel the difference it makes to our comfort and overall health. Shade trees in developed residential and commercial

spaces, such as Ambler, are important to plant now so that they can provide better quality air and walkable streets for us now and for our future generations.

As an Ambler borough resident, you are eligible for a discounted tree(s) this fall that arrive already about 6-8 feet tall. The Ambler EAC (Environmental Advisory Council) offers free advice and volunteers to plant your tree. Members of Ambler Borough staff generously deliver the tree right to your home. "Planting a tree in your front yard increases your property value, lowers your utility costs, decreases lawn erosion and if planted in a front or side yard, close to the street, can even provide shade for those passing by" advises Ambler EAC Shade Tree Committee chair, Mark Setman.

Help make Ambler even more beautiful, clean, green, and walkable than it already is by growing our tree canopy! Follow AmblerEAC on Facebook and Instagram to get updates on Fall trees.



NEVER PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART!

Garden hoses, Ropes, Chains, Extension Cords, Christmas Lights, Automotive Parts (such as brakes or engine components), Wood, Trees, Household Electronics, Household Appliances, Construction & Demolition Debris, Tarps, Tools, Nails & Building Materials, Propane Containers, Plastic & Metal Banding or Strapping, Bed Sheets, Jeans & Clothes.

For up-to-date A-Z Recycling Information on "what to do when you're done with it" check out the MontcoPARecycles.org website, email the County at recycling@montcopa.org or give them a call at 610-278-3618.

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Ambler Borough's Single Use Plastics Ban

Effective March 1, 2023



Beginning March 1, 2023, Ambler Borough establishments are prohibited by Borough law from providing single-use plastic bags (BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1126 ADOPTED AUGUST 16, 2022) ***Exceptions: Plastic bags used by customers to package bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or bags used for damp or leaking products such as frozen items, meat or fish shall not be prohibited.

**** Single-use plastic devices such as straws, drink stirrers, beverage spill plugs, toothpicks, novelty cocktail accessories, and other drink or food accoutrements available upon request. Expectations include plastic forks, spoons, chopsticks, and recyclable cups / lids.

*****Beginning March 1, 2024, establishments are prohibited from providing styrofoam food service products either directly at the establishment or through a delivery from the establishment to the customer.

BANNED	
	Single-use plastic bags
ALLOWED	
Reusable bag that is a durable bag with handles made and intended for repeated use.	Paper bags offered to the customer at point of sale



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2024 Ambler Borough Trash & Recyclables Collection

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Trash / Recycle / Bulk item
 Yard Waste Collection

Holiday

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION: All solid waste, recyclables and yard waste should be placed curb side no later than 6 A.M. the day of your scheduled pickup. Solid waste is to be placed in the gray roll cart provided by Ambler Borough. No hazardous or E-waste collected. Litter and debris can attract unwanted pests and 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 Ambler 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); waxed cartons (milk, juice & soup containers); 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. Clean and Rinse please.

PUT FLEXIBLE PLASTICS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART. Flexible plastic packaging can now be placed in your recycling carts. Flexible packaging is any plastic packaging that is able to flex or wrap such as plastic pouches, wraps, and bags. For example: Grocery Bags, Retail Bags, Pet Treat Pouches, Detergent Pouches, Case Wrap, Shrink Film, Food Storage Bags, Snack Food Pouches, Salad Bags, Wipes Pouches, Candy Pouches, Baby Food Pouches, Bread Bags, Diaper Wrap Packaging (No Diapers New or Used), Air Pillows, Bubble Wrap, Pet Food Bags, Cereal Bags, Paper Towel Overwrap, Chip Bags, Meat Bags, Cheese Bags and Drink Pouches. Additional information regarding curbside collection of flexible plastics can be found at www.jpмасcaro.com

DO NOT PUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN CART: NO Mirrors, NO food waste, NO polystyrene cups/plates, NO motor oil/hazardous chemical containers, NO plastic toys or sporting goods, NO electronics or batteries, NO compact discs/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.

Items containing Freon (refrigerators, etc) visit Montgomery County's website www.montcoparecycles.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 (888-573-2672) for collection of working frigs & freezers (10-30 cuft). Residents must be on site at time of scheduled pick-up. Mattresses and box springs must be bagged and sealed in plastic mattress bags when placed curbside. Items may be set out on your regularly scheduled bulk service day. All mattresses and box springs must now be **wrapped in plastic** before collection. Recent infestations of bed bugs have spread from mattresses to employees as they make curbside pickups. You can find mattress disposal bags at most major retailers and home improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart, Amazon.com, etc.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION: 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 and branch materials, twig material, vine and hedge trimmings. No grass clippings. Residents may also bring yard waste to Barnside Farm Compost Facility, 991 Haldeman Rd, Schwenksville, contact at 610-287-8880.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE
Trash and recycle collection is on Monday. Only when a holiday lands on a Monday your trash and recycling will be collected on Tuesday and yard waste collection will be collected on Wednesday. Observed holiday(s): New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day. If the Holiday falls on Sunday, collection will resume on regular collection day!



AMBLER COMMUNITY GARDEN

Hello Ambler Residents,

Welcome to year 3 of the community garden. Thank you, Ambler, for helping and supporting us! Within 2 years we are proud to say that we have donated over 800 pounds of free organic produce to Ambler Borough. We have new things coming to the garden. We have added fruit trees to the garden. We added 2 Paw Paw trees, 2 Persimmon trees, and 1 Peach tree. We will have a little free pantry, so that residents can come get free organic produce. The Wissahickon Valley Public Library will be back with Storytime with Ms. Delia. Ms. Delia will sing songs and read stories in the garden Monday Mornings June 24-August 12 at 10:30 am. Registration is required for this event. The ages are 2-4. This year we are planning our first garden tea party. Look for details by May. The local girls scout troop has projects that they are going to do for the garden.

We are in the process of starting our planting season of 2024. The garden will open on April 6th with a rain date of April 7th. We will start planting our spring vegetables. If anyone is interested in gardening. We are always looking for volunteers to join our group. You don't need a green thumb to join. If anyone has interest email amblergarden@gmail.com

The Ambler Community Garden is excited to kickstart our third growing season! Summer 2023 was another year of learning and growth – we added new plants to donate, taste and learn from, partnered with the Ambler Library to bring “Musical Storytime” to the garden and even hosted some kids camps to share some plant knowledge and have them try a variety of garden eats from berries to mint and bronzed fennel fronds.

In the Fall of 2023, the Ambler Community Garden (in partnership with the Ambler EAC and Backyard Eats) planted four fruit trees adjacent to the garden allowing for more education, beauty and edible eats accessible to all. Check out our mini food forest when you stop by Knight Park in the back of the block house shed. Spring and Summer 2023 also brought on some new volunteers who helped us water, weed and open the garden for browsing. We even managed to grow four peanuts as our yearly “interesting plant” experiment and tried our hand at growing corn and pumpkins.

But the most important thing remained the cornerstone of the garden: community. We continued to build our garden community through a shared love of Ambler, food, learning/educating, growing plants and donating time and energy to something bigger than us. We are so thankful for our volunteers who keep the garden going, allowing others to enjoy it, keeping it pretty and harvesting food to donate.

Last summer we donated over 300 lbs of fresh produce to a variety of places including Mattie Dixon Food Pantry, the Community Fridge, Birchwood Senior Community as well as to neighbors and volunteers. We will continue to donate over 80% of our garden produce to those who need it most.

The Ambler Community Garden welcomes visitors and volunteers of all ages and abilities - never a green thumb needed. We just ask you to stay curious. This summer we will again partner with the Ambler Library for Musical Storytime in the Garden on Mondays from 10:30AM-11:30AM (registration required). We will host some new events and finish our season with our 3rd Annual Fall Fest.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or want to get on our mailing list, please sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/Community-Garden-Form> or email AmblerGarden@gmail.com.

Please also follow our Instagram [@amblercommunitygarden](https://www.instagram.com/amblercommunitygarden) and/or Facebook [@amblergarden](https://www.facebook.com/amblergarden) for the most up to date info!

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Ambler Borough Police Department

Message from Chief of Police Jeffrey Borkowski



New District Judge for Ambler and Upper Dublin:

Chief Jeff Borkowski and the Ambler Borough Police Department would like to welcome new District Judge Doug Lavenberg.

On January 1st a new Magisterial District Judge took office to serve the people of Ambler and Upper Dublin in District Court 38-1-10. Judge Doug Lavenberg comes from the area having moved to Fort Washington in 1992. He graduated from Upper Dublin High School in 2002, Penn State University in 2006, and Drexel Law in 2012. His predecessor, the Honorable Patricia Zaffarano, served the community for thirty-six years on the bench. Judge Lavenberg recognizes all that Judge Zaffarano did for the community and appreciates her lasting legacy.

Judge Lavenberg comes to the bench having worked on both sides of the criminal justice system at both the Philadelphia Public Defender's Office and most recently with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. This background has allowed him to focus on the fundamental principles of fairness, honesty, and integrity. He hopes to bring all of this experience with him to the bench. He is honored to serve the people of this community and

looks forward to continuing the same legacy left by his predecessor.

A Spring/Summer Message from the Chief of Police:

Hopefully the Spring/Summer weather allows the residents of Ambler to spend plenty of time outdoors enjoying one of the several parks that are in the Borough. Please be courteous to others when participating in an activity that you chose. Parks are open from sunrise to sunset.

We would like to remind parents and guardians that the Ambler Borough has a curfew ordinance that the Police Department enforces. A minor, who is a person under the age of eighteen, may not remain in a public place and or vehicle without being accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person having legal custody of that minor. The restricted hours are Sunday through Thursday from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following day. On Friday and Saturday night the curfew is from 12 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following day. If you require any more information please see the Ambler Borough's Website. <https://boroughofambler.com/departments/code-enforcement/code-of-ordinances/>

The members of the Police Department would like to wish residents a safe and productive Spring/Summer season. Please attend one of the Borough's outdoor sponsored events this year.

Credit Card & Debit Card Payments for Parking Tickets are Now Accepted

Parking tickets, street sweeping tickets, and other parking violations can now be paid online with a credit card or debit card. {Note: if you received a moving violation or other citation you will need to respond to the appropriate court as indicated on the ticket issued.}

You have three ways to pay your Ambler Borough Parking Ticket.

- **U.S. Mail** – Check or Money Order only. Include the ticket #, license plate # and date of violation on your check or money order. Do not mail cash.
- **In Person** – Cash, Checks, Money Orders or Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express) and Debit Cards. Pay cash, checks, or money orders at the Borough Hall Lobby. All credit card or debit card payments are to be made at the Ambler Police Station located at Borough Hall, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler PA 19002. A \$3 convenience fee will apply to all credit card & debit card payments.
- **Online** – Simply go to the **Borough website homepage** www.boroughofambler.com and click on the "Pay Your Parking Ticket" icon. Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express and Debit Cards are accepted. A \$3 convenience fee will apply to all credit card & debit card payments.



PRESCRIPTION & OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG DISPOSAL

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Community Ambulance Association of Ambler

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OUR 2023 SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!

Did you know that a new ambulance can cost well over \$300,000 (and that's without equipment)! CAAA is looking into some building updates such as updating our HVAC system (we've been in our current building over 20 years); but most importantly we need to provide competitive wages and benefits to our crews (gone are the days of mostly volunteer crews). All this cost's money, leaving our average ambulance transport bill over \$2,000!

You are formally invited to support the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA)! Our Annual Subscription Drive was a success, but contributions are appreciated year-round! We understand the cost of everything is rising and many of you are struggling to survive. If that's you, God bless you! If you can afford an additional (or perhaps monthly?) donation, we thank you!

Our most recent subscription drive went out in October/December. All payments received after that time will be applied to our "2023 Subscription Drive" that covers through December 2024

(watch your mailboxes in early October for our next drive! Donations should be mailed to:

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler
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Ambler, PA 19002-0119

In the meantime, "Stand By" season

is coming up again. Look for us at various community events including HS Football Games and Whole-Of-Ambler styled events! As always, we look forward to seeing you around the borough; although, you are more likely to see us, as we are proud to be your local 9-1-1 Emergency Medical Service!

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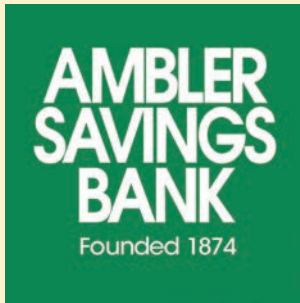
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HOMEOWNERS - CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG !

Visit www.paonecall.org for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

**Pennsylvania One Call: The Keystone of Damage Prevention**

Contact 811 prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked. Every few minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first contacting 811. Pennsylvania 811 encourages people to make a request 3 days before digging to avoid damaging buried utilities.

When calling 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to Pennsylvania One Call System, the local 811 center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators then arrive at the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both.

Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, inconvenient outages, and fines. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants contacting 811 by phone or online. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree, and laying a patio are just some examples of digging projects that require an 811 request at least three days before breaking ground.

The depth of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches or digging in a location that's previously been marked, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists. Dig safely!

STREET SWEEPING – Street sweeping resumes the 1st week of April and continues through the 1st week in December.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTACT INFORMATION – Answering machine 215-628-9409. Contact the Borough Garage or the Borough receptionist to report a pothole, broken playground equipment or damaged signage



TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHT OUTAGES – If a traffic or streetlight is out, please alert the Borough receptionist at 215-646-1000 or send an email to receptionist@borough.ambler.pa.us. For streetlight outages, please try to obtain and report the pole number. This will help us to more quickly relay the information to schedule a repair.

LABEL YOUR RECYCLE & TRASH ROLL CARTS – Please be aware that grey trash and blue recycle roll carts have gone missing. Residents are advised to put their house number on these carts. Please contact the Borough Receptionist if the wheels (and axles) on your roll carts need repair. Public Works will replace these parts at no cost to you. Please do not throw out the cart.

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. Or, if you prefer, contact the Borough Receptionist at 215-646-1000 and she will relay your message to the Garage.

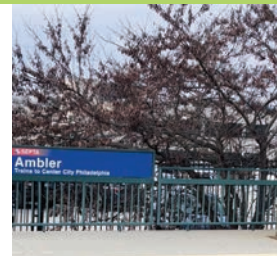
COUNCIL, DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE NEWS

Hello, Fellow Amblerites!

The evening before writing this, I attended an open house at Borough Hall hosted by SEPTA. It was so wonderful to see so many people come out to share their ideas about the potential development of the SEPTA parking lot on South Main Street. As happens in a small town, there are already rumors floating around that I'd like to address. Long story short, there are absolutely no plans for this site yet. There is also no chance that any future plan wouldn't include plenty of parking.

SEPTA provides valuable mass transit services to the communities that it serves and needs to increase revenue to be able to continue providing those services at reasonable prices. One of the ways they are exploring to do that is to add rent-paying tenants to some of their properties. They've selected a few of their large parking lots, including here in Ambler, as potential locations for leasing space to a developer. SEPTA is in the earliest stages of soliciting feedback from local stakeholders about what kinds of development they'd like to see (or not like to see) in their town. Again, there are no plans yet. There is no

developer yet. Once they have compiled all of the feedback they've received, they will likely put together several potential plans to run by stakeholders again before beginning the search to find a developer. There will be many more opportunities for all of us to weigh in throughout the process.



I'm so thankful and excited that SEPTA is doing things a bit differently here right from the start. They want to make sure that any potential development is something Ambler wants so that it's a win-win for them and for us. I can't wait to see how this progresses!

As always, I look forward to hearing your thoughts and answering your questions.

~Glynnis Siskind, Ambler Borough Council, President
gsiskind@borough.ambler.pa.us 215-872-6119

Dear Valued Customers,

With the promise of warmer weather on the way there are a few things to keep in mind...

Beginning in April we will resume our fire hydrant flushing. Please check the Ambler Borough website daily for updates and locations. If you experience discolored, **DO NOT OPEN THE HOT WATER SIDE OF YOUR FAUCET** as this will bring the discolored water into the hot water tank. **RUN COLD WATER** only from your faucet for several minutes. Continue repeating this process until the water runs clear. If you have a water softener/filter, it is suggested you bypass the water softener/filter until the situation is 'clear'.

As the spring turns to summer and the temperature climbs check the Borough website for drought restrictions should they arise. This information would be located under the "News" tab found on the Borough homepage.

Finally, please keep your contact information with the Water Department current, by accessing the "Swiftreach" icon on the Borough website homepage. In the event of a water quality emergency, we need to get in touch with our customers and ensuring your contact information is correct is vital in achieving this goal.

As always if you have any questions or concerns contact the Water Department at 215-646-1000 ext. 110(Brit) or 111(Ruth) between 8-4:00 p.m., M-F.

Have a safe and happy summer!



LIHWAP May Be Able to Assist You With Overdue Water and Wastewater Bills

What is LIHWAP? The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant – you do not have to repay it. You do not need to be on public assistance however, you must meet certain LIHWAP income guidelines. You need to have an unpaid water bill. You can either rent or own your home.

How does LIHWAP work? Grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and may lose your water service. You can receive one Crisis grant for your drinking water service and one for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each. [LIHWAP will not award a grant for trash service charges that appears on your 'water bill'.] Crisis situations include past-due water bills, termination of

water utility service, or having received notice that service will be shut-off within the next 60 days.

How to apply? Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us or request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired. Applications are available at your local County Assistance Office. You must work directly with LIHWAP and not the Ambler Borough Water Dept. LIHWAP will only contact Ambler Borough Water Department. once your application has been filed with LIHWAP so that they can verify your account's status with us. If you need a duplicate copy of your water bill to present to LIHWAP, contact the Water Department at 215-646-1000 ext. 11

Water Line Protection Program Application

What is the Water Line Protection Program? It is a lateral water line protection plan offered by Ambler Borough to our residential customers. Why do we offer this? Because the pipe that carries water from the curb to your house is on your property and the pipe is owned by you. If a leak or break in this line occurs (this is called the 'lateral line'), it is your responsibility – and your expense -- to make the repair.

With the Water Line Protection Plan offered by the Borough of Ambler, if anything happens 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, we'll take care of it.

This protection plan is offered to residential customers, specifically single-family dwelling & residential properties with four or fewer units on the same water meter with 5/8" to 1" water service lines. The cost is \$100 for a one-year protection plan and covers the cost to repair or replace allowing up to two repairs per year, \$3,500 per break maximum, capped at \$7,000 per year. Please be aware this Contract is held by you and not by the property. Therefore, *should you sell your property, the plan is not transferred to the new property owner. Should you sell your property you may apply in writing for a pro-rated refund.*

Water Line Protection Program

Name: _____

Water Service Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Check No. _____

Mail completed WLPP Application with check for \$100 payable to "Ambler Borough" to:
Ambler Borough ~ Attn: **Water Line Protection Plan**, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002

Happy Spring!

Please find important information below regarding your property tax bills. Please note that I still highly recommend always reading the information on the back of your bills as there are changes with each billing cycle.

The County/Borough property tax bills are mailed on March 1st.

- The discount (2%) period is from March 1st until April 30th.
- The face value period is from May 1st until June 30th.
- Bills paid after June 30th (until December 31st) will include a 10% penalty.

The school property tax bill is mailed on July 1st.

- The discount (2%) period is from July 1st until August 31st.
- The face value period is from September 1st until October 31st.
- Bills paid after June 30th (until December 31st) will include a 10% penalty.
- If you would like to pay your school bill using the three coupons that accompany it, you **must** pay the first coupon on or before July 31st. If you choose this option, please remember to pay the next two coupons on September 15th and October 31st, or you will be subject to a 10% penalty. Also, please keep in mind that you do not get the 2% discount with this option.
- Per Wissahickon School District Resolution W-11-21, Continuation of Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan (effective 01-Jul-2021), a taxpayer who is delinquent by more than ten (10) days on more than 2 installment payments is ineligible for the installment payment option in the following fiscal year beginning July 1

Interim taxes are collected all year. These are extra taxes assessed when you make renovations to your home.

My office hours for in-person payments are Tuesdays from 9am-1pm. My office is located at 262 N. Spring Garden St (between Mount Pleasant and Rieffs Mill Roads). For other times or special needs accommodation, call me at 215-367-5663 or email me at amblerborotaxcollector@gmail.com (email is usually a faster way to reach me) and I will be happy to work with you to set up a time/place that works for you. However, please note that I cannot always

accommodate last-minute requests, so please plan accordingly, and allow 24-48 hours advance notice.

CASH PAYMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED. Payments should be in the form of a personal check or certified funds (unless paying online).

I am closed on weekends, evenings, and holidays. This includes election days.

Please note that there will be no in-person collections on 3/26 and 4/23.

I have extra in-person collection hours scheduled during the last two weeks of discount. Please review the information on your bill carefully for details.

Additional methods of paying include mail (P.O. Box 3087, Ambler, PA 19002), lockbox located on the porch of 262 N. Spring Garden St., online using a credit card or e-check, or in person using a credit card. Please note that credit card payments include a 2.65% or \$3 minimum fee and e-checks have a flat \$1.50 fee. The link to the online system is available on the Borough website, boroughofambler.com. If you pay online, a receipt will be emailed to you. If you want a receipt when paying by mail or lockbox, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and BOTH copies of the bill. Please do not send in payment without the tax collector portion (bottom half) of your bill. It helps me to identify what parcel is being paid, which assures that your bills are paid correctly and in a timely manner. Please do not staple or tape your checks to your bills.

Many people like to pay their taxes using their bank's online bill payment. Please be careful when doing this as the payments are not automatic. It can take 3 to 5 days for me to receive your payment, and if you are close to the end of the discount or face you risk the payment being late and missing the deadline, which will result in you owing more.

If you are on Facebook, please follow my page, Ambler Borough Tax Collector Jennifer Stomsky for news, updates, changes in my office hours, or general information. I can also be found on Twitter at @AmblerBoroTC. You can also sign up for email notifications. The link to sign up can be found on the borough website, or you can email me for more information.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

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If you are in doubt of a hazard, feel free to contact the Borough Code Department to perform a safety inspection to assist in what would need to be replaced. Please note that the Borough has recently enacted a resale home inspection certificate which includes a sidewalk / curb safety inspection. Walkable communities such as Ambler led to both economic and natural benefits, more social interactions, and encourage physical fitness. Maintaining these resources is a community wide effort. If you see any of the above violations, feel free to contact the Ambler Borough Code Department to investigate. Working together we can all do our part to provide and maintain safe, clean, attractive, and walkable neighborhoods.

WHAT IS THE PLANNING COMMISSION?

The Ambler Borough Planning Commission consists of nine residents who serve appointed by Borough Council for staggered terms of four years. These dedicated volunteers with various backgrounds and incite are tasked with being the starting point for most development and changes in the Borough as the first step in the planning process.

The functions of the Planning Commission are to review subdivisions, land development plans, conditional use applications and lot line changes, assist in development of zoning and other Ordinance at the direction of Borough Council. The Planning Commission works toward providing for the coordinated development of the Borough and the general welfare of its people.

Because planning is a continuous process which shapes and guides the physical growth of the Borough in harmony with its social and economic needs, the Planning Commission urges all members of the public to attend its meetings and make known their views.

Regular monthly meetings are held in Ambler Borough Meeting Hall, the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Special meetings and date changes will be announced and advertised as scheduled. Materials and agenda for the meeting are posted a day in advance of each meeting. All meeting minutes and agendas are posted on the Borough website under government boards / committees – planning commission. Look forward to seeing you at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Residential Resales now require Use and Occupancy Permit

After several months of input from residents, Borough Council adopted Ordinance 1135 at a public hearing on September 5, 2023 implementing a Use and Occupancy inspection and permit. Borough Council had spent multiple meetings discussing the ordinance, why they felt it was important and what the Borough should be looking at during the inspections. The concern of Council was health, safety, and welfare of the Borough and its residents, so it was decided to keep the inspection list relatively simple and while having the sewer lateral inspection requirement effective date of September 1, 2024. This will provide the Borough with time to explore Act 44 to provide possible assistance for property owners to perform this inspection. The current ordinance will be requiring the below items:

- Curb / Sidewalk Inspection - if a home has a curb and sidewalk that needs repair or replacement it would be required to do so prior to the issuance of a use and occupancy. Borough inspectors would mark the required areas for repair with white spray paint. Please note that enforcement of the existing curb and sidewalk is presently done on a complaint basis and is currently a requirement for safety.
- Backflow preventer verification - this is a check valve located on

the house side of the meter to prevent water from flowing in the opposite direction out of the home in the event of an emergency. Verification if water service line is constructed of Lead. Whether the service line is categorized as “Lead”, “Non-lead”, or “Lead Status Unknown”. This is a requirement of the Ambler Borough Water Company not because of restrictions of the Borough of Ambler. The Borough owns the water company that is why this it is a requirement. Back flow preventors have been required as per the Pennsylvania Code Chapter 109 and the Safe Drinking Water of 1974. If your property has been bought since the 1980s or constructed after that year, chances are your property has a backflow preventor already installed on the property or the previous homeowner or agent may have failed to disclose this.

In addition to the backflow preventor requirement the US EPA as of August 2022 is requiring Water Distribution Companies to provide an inventory of all customer lead and copper service lines by October 2024.

- Smoke and Carbon monoxide detectors - seller is required to sign a pre-closing affidavit on a form provided by the Borough which confirms the presence of working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of the home, including the basement, along with any other details as recommended from time to time by the Fire Marshal. This is already a requirement for resale of property in the Borough. Given the older housing stock in the Borough many attached homes were built without required fire walls in the Borough and this requirement benefits existing attached homeowners and new homeowners. While smoke detectors don't prevent fires, detecting them early helps prevent spread to neighboring properties.
- House numbers, a minimum of 3 inches in height, have been installed and are easily seen from the street. This is done for the benefit of homeowners, Wissahickon Volunteer Fire Company, Ambler Police Department, and local Ambulance Companies in the event of emergencies.

The residential resale use and occupancy permit can be found on the Borough website under documents and forms. If you are thinking of selling your home in the near future feel free to contact the Borough Code Department to walk you through the inspection process. The Borough understands all real estate transactions are not the same and will work with all in order to make this a smooth process. Feel free to contact the Code Department with any questions. This Ordinance was done in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all residents.

THE BOROUGH NEEDS YOUR INPUT FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Borough Planning Commission has been tasked with preparing an update to the borough's comprehensive plan. The new comprehensive plan will serve as the borough's long-range community vision and will establish the policies, priorities, and actions required to achieve the desired vision. The final plan will support the community's ideals, as identified through extensive public participation, and provide direction for next steps in terms of policy-making, public investments, and infrastructure. This document will be updated to show new land acquisitions, land use changes, population and demographic shifts, and new goals / implementation strategies for the Borough.

What is a comprehensive plan?

A municipal comprehensive plan is a long-range planning document that outlines future growth and development for a municipality. The

Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (also referred to as “the MPC” or “Act 247”) requires municipal comprehensive plans to be reviewed every 10 years, and most plans use a planning frame of reference of 20 years into the future to understand the community’s evolving needs. Through extensive public engagement, a community vision is established that guides the plan’s recommendations. Specific recommendations and implementation strategies will be proposed based on the established recommendations. A comprehensive plan is also a vital tool to reference for a municipality when pursuing funding.



Why pursue a new municipal comprehensive plan?

The borough’s previous comprehensive plan was adopted in 2001 with a subsequent plan update completed in 2013. A new borough-wide comprehensive plan will incorporate recommendations and elements from these previous plans and be a resource to understand the community’s natural resources, transportation network, and

land use patterns. A comprehensive plan will reflect changes to the community and serve as a vision for the future of the borough to guide policy decisions and resource allocations.

The Borough Comprehensive Plan is intended to serve as a major tool to guide the future direction of current and prospective open space considerations in the Borough. This Update details the unique physical and cultural features of Ambler Borough while assessing growth trends in the area. Through careful planning and collaboration, Ambler Borough will continue to be a great place to live, work, and play. The Borough Comprehensive Plan information will be available for review and download on the Borough website. The Borough encourages residents to have their voice heard and invites all to attend the Planning Commission meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

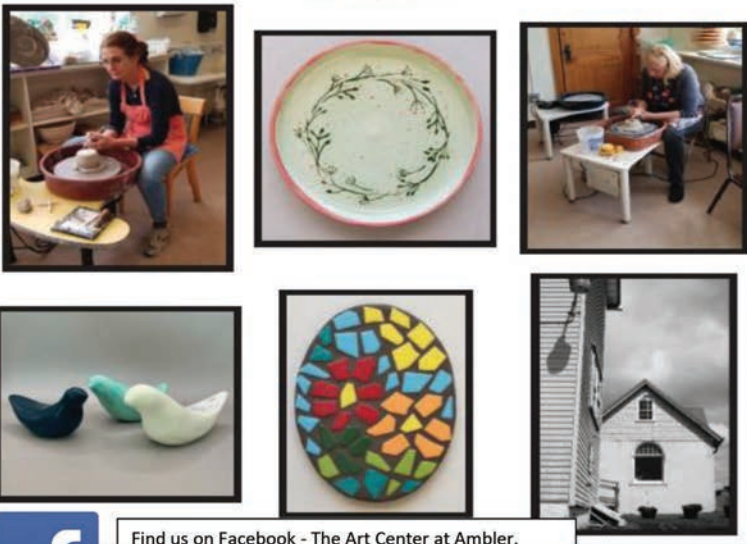
For any Code-related questions, please contact the Code Department for more information at 215-646-1000 ext. 112.


 

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Ambler Human Relations Commission (HRC) *Who are we and what do we do?*

The Ambler Human Relations Commission was formed by an ordinance in 2016. Our Commission was created to address discrimination in our town.

As our Ambler website indicates, we are a town that welcomes diversity and works to make everyone feel welcome.

If you live, or work or do business in Ambler Borough and you feel that you are being discriminated against, we would like to hear from you.

Specific guidelines designate our role and jurisdiction.

We invite you to read more about us on the Borough website. Go to boroughofambler.com, click on Government and select Boards & Committees. You can then select, Human Relations Commission.

We presently have a vacancy on our Commission. Should you



wish to become a representative in our Commission, please send a letter of interest and your resume to the Borough Manager at manager@borough.ambler.pa.us

If you would like to talk to a member of the commission to learn more about this role, please reach out to the Borough Manager and ask to speak with a Commission member.

Current HRC Members: Denise Valerio, chair, Trelana Adams, Marilyn Frazier, Katie Kirszenblat, Mary Wingfield (alternate)

Ambler Main Street -- Busier Than Ever!

By Liz Wahl Kunzier

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This Spring we kick off the event season in Ambler Borough with the **Ambler Auto Show** on **May 19th**. This event is highly regarded as "The best Little Car Show around". Registration forms can be found on our website www.amblermainstreet.org and you can also register and pay online. Butler Avenue will close for the event from Race Street to Main Street so that more than 300 vehicles can compete for a litany of prizes. The show takes place from 1 – 5 p.m. Folks can stroll down the Avenue, go to the restaurants and shops, or grab a bite from one of the local food trucks which will be parked along Ridge Avenue for this special celebration.

May 4th begins the **Ambler Farmers' Market** 2024 season. The SEPTA lot again transforms to a local outdoor Market chocked full of healthy and delicious locally sourced offerings. This year we welcome back our favorites, as well as some new additions. We encourage you to stop at the Market before AMS events to grab some breakfast and coffee before you stroll through town for your day of fun.

Frist Fridays begin again Friday **June 7th through October 4th**. First Fridays will occur every other month this year June, August, and October. Stroll Ambler for some lively musical entertainment, delicious food to grab and go, things for the kids to do, great things to buy. Don't forget to stop into your favorite shops and restaurants – they stay open late for you!

Then on **June 14th & 15th** we host the annual **Art**

and Music Fest. For this widely successful party we partner with Ambler Rotary and Ambler Borough to bring music and art for two days of the best: shopping, dancing, drinking, and eating, and listening anywhere. The festivities begin Friday night at 6 p.m. and goes till 11 p.m. when Triple Rain Turn closes for us. Then Saturday morning at 11 a.m., we welcome more than 75 artists and crafters as they line Butler Avenue until 6p.m. At 12:30 the stage comes alive again with performers from all over the Delaware Valley and beyond. We rock all day until 9:30 when entertainment sensations Alter Ego close this amazing two-day festival for us

From **August 11th-18th** the widely successful semi-annual **Restaurant Week** returns. Ambler restaurants join in to bring special menus, prix fix offerings and cocktails to make your semi-annual dining experience exceptional. It is a culinary experience that can't be missed, whether you're a food connoisseur or a burger lover – our Ambler Restaurants have something for everyone!

September 7th Ambler goes to the Dogs with **Dog Days of Summer**. Bring your best friend down to Gypsy Blu to register and parade him or her with the finest and most adorable pooches around! There are special treats and prizes to be had for people and beasts alike!

Mark your calendars for Ambler's **Oktoberfest, October 5th**. There will be vendors, activities for kids, live musical performances, food and drink from our restaurants, as well as local food trucks, and of course the Beer Garden sponsored by Ambler Rotary.



The **Ambler Borough Gym** is now a regular community site for American Red Cross Blood Drives. A blood drive is scheduled on **August 27th 2PM-7PM**. To make an appointment to give go online to www.redcrossblood.org (keyword: **ambler**) or call **1-800-Red-Cross**. Walk-ins are welcome.



WISSAHICKON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY – Ambler Branch

www.wvpl.org

209 Race Street, Ambler PA 19002

Contact: Anne Hall, Branch Manager, ahall@wvpl.org

215-646-1072

LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION:

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- Use public computers and access free WiFi
- Study, read, and relax in our common areas
- Reserve our new spacious community room for your group! Contact librarian Anne Hall.



Children's Activities

Regular Programs

- Preschool Storytime and Craft ages 2-4 Mondays at 10:30 in the library
- Babytime sing-a-long and free play ages 0-24 months Tuesdays at 10:30 in the library
- Reading to the Dogs - 3rd Saturday of every month at 11am (Oct. to June)

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program at the Library will run June 24 to August 24. We'll have reading challenges and special family programs in the community room on Thursday evenings from June to August.



- Storytime and Songs in the Garden - June 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29, and Aug 5, 12. Knight Park Ambler Community Garden
- Summer Reading Family Programs
 - 6/27 6:30pm Andrew's Big Show
 - 7/11 6:30pm The Raptory: Travelling Wildlife Organization
 - 7/18 6:30pm Community Bollywood Dance Project
 - 7/25 6:30pm Talewise: Adventure of the Lost Treasure
 - 8/1 6:30pm Mr. David's Cartooning Workshop
 - 8/8 6:30pm American Helicopter Museum: Forces and Flight Show
 - 8/15 6:30pm Magical Adventure with Magician Mike Rosen
 - 8/17 2pm-4pm Summer Reading Party



Ongoing Adult Programs:

- Ambler Book Group – 2nd Thursday each month at 2:30pm
- Beginner ESL Classes. Wednesdays at 10am. Contact esl@wvpl.org to register.
- Cookbook Club - Every other month on 2nd Monday at 6:30
- Yarn Café – Friday mornings at 10:30am. All fiber crafters welcome!
- Friday Artists Group at 10am. Enjoy the company of other artists while working on your projects



YMCA SUMMER CAMP

The Ambler YMCA will be hosting summer camp at Ambler Borough Hall. Registration opens Wednesday, May 1st from 4:30-6:30pm at Ambler Borough Hall 131 Rosemary Ave., then the Y branch after Wednesday. The fee is \$50/week, payment is due in full at time of registration, campers do not have to be members. Applicants must produce their water bill to prove Ambler residency. The camp will run from June 17th - July 26th from 8:30-4:30 pm. 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.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wissahickon Valley Historical Society

Our mission is to promote and preserve the history and historic resources of Ambler Borough, Whitpain Township, and Lower Gwynedd Township.

Monthly speakers, free and open to the public. All are welcome!

Visit our local history museum and library at our headquarters: the "1895 School" on Skippack Pike in Blue Bell. We are open by appointment.

www.WValleyHS.org



Voter Information – www.montcopa.org/voterservices



- AMBLER WARD 1** - WISSAHICKON FIRE COMPANY, 245 Race St.
- AMBLER WARD 2** - AMBLER BOROUGH HALL (GYM), 131 Rosemary Ave.
- AMBLER WARD 3** - CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, 16 E. Park Ave.

For further voter information contact Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280

Family Promise Montco PA (formerly Inter-Faith)

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Family Promise Montco PA (formerly Inter-Faith) provides opportunities for families in our diverse community to achieve self-sufficiency by offering community-based programs designed to bridge homelessness and independence. How to help? Please call or visit our website to donate, host a drive or become a volunteer.

Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

150 N. Main Street, PO Box 367, Ambler, PA 19002 • 215-628-3002 • www.community-cupboard.org

The Cupboard offers food, clothing, employment assistance/job help/resume building, medical referrals, housing referrals and emergency financial assistance. The Cupboard is a 501 C(3) non-profit food pantry operating for over 40 years. To volunteer, donate or if in need, please contact us.

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Ambler SAAC involves, enriches & empowers adults aged 50+ years to live as independently as possible through recreational, educational & social opportunities. Activities emphasize creating and maintaining independence in all phases of life. Contact SAAC for membership, Meals on Wheels, special events & programs.



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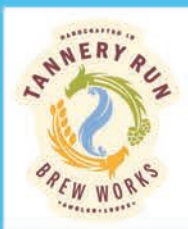
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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE – Ambler Borough Hall

[Meeting schedules and meeting agendas are posted on the Borough website]

1st Tuesday Borough Committee–7:00 pm
1st Thursday Zoning Hearing Board (call for specific dates/times))
3rd Tuesday Borough Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
3rd Wednesday Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – 7:00 pm
3rd Thursday Ambler Junior Baseball – 7:00 pm
4th Tuesday Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
3rd Monday Ambler Main Street – 3:00 pm
As Advertised Civil Service Commission (call for specific dates/times)
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NON-EMERGENCY & STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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