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May 6, Farmers Market Grand Opening.
Open every Saturday May-October
9:00 AM -12:00 PM

May 21, Ambler Auto Show 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

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

June 16, Art and Music Fest
6:00 PM- 11:00 PM

June 17, Art and Music Fest
11:00AM - 11:00 PM

August 4, First Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

August 5, Dog Days of Summer
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

August 14-21 Restaurant Week

September 1, First Friday 6:00 PM -9:00 PM

October 6, First Friday 6:00PM - 9:00 PM

October 28, The Halloween Extravaganza
11:00 AM- 2:00PM

November 24, Black Friday (all day)

November 25, Small Business Saturday 11 AM

December 2, The Holiday Parade 1 PM

December 7, Santa arrives by Train, 7 PM

December 15 - 17 Holiday Shopping Weekend



ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Storm Water Management Information

Jim Dougherty, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE BOROUGH PREVENT CONTAMINATING OUR WATERBODIES

Ambler Borough is preventing storm water pollution through a stormwater management program whose basis is within the Borough's various ordinances. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. Since the theme of this issue is communication, this article is focused on letting everyone know how easy it is to be involved in helping to make sure the only thing that stormwater contributes to our water is water.

Stormwater runoff picks up pollution from land surfaces such as pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs. Efforts to control stormwater pollution must consider individual, household, and public behaviors and activities that can generate pollution from these surfaces. Remember, the rainwater that drains from the roadways and your property in Ambler eventually makes its way to the Wissahickon Creek.

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

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



How can you help with pollution of stormwater runoff?

Contact Borough Hall to report any erosion and sediment, storm water runoff or other pollution issues, whether from construction sites, businesses, or other locations throughout the Borough.

- Organize a neighborhood pollution watch.
- Stencil storm drains with warnings about dumping.
- Participate in a stream or creek cleanup within the Borough.
- Plant trees along a stream or creek.

Practice these healthy household habits:

- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Use pesticides only when necessary
- Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street or inlets
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas
- Compost or recycle yard waste
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of properly
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved area
- Service your car regularly to prevent leaks onto paved areas
- Dispose of household hazardous waste at designated collection locations
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled or recyclable products whenever possible



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.

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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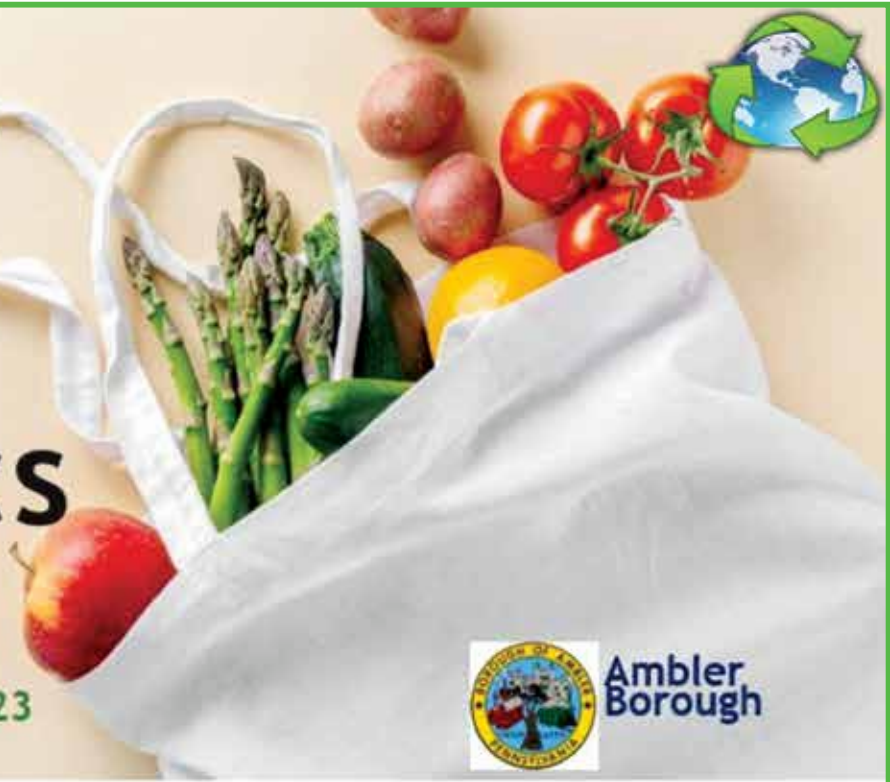
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Ambler Borough's

Single Use Plastics Ban

Effective March 1, 2023



Ambler Borough



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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Come to the Ambler Earth Fest Saturday, April 29th, 2023 10 to 4

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EARTH FEST 2023 *The Ambler EAC Earth Fest is set to Bloom on April 29*

Celebrate Earth Fest with your friends, neighbors, families at the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Earth Fest on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.! This year, our family-friendly Earth Fest is all being held outdoors, and it is bigger than ever, with food, shopping, music, a native plant sale, children's activities, educational opportunities, giveaways, electric vehicles, an eco-art show and more.

The theme of Ambler EAC Earth Fest 2023 is Invest in Our Future. This free fun event for all ages will focus on financial and lifestyle investments. You can learn about purchasing electric vehicles, how to reduce air conditioning costs by planting trees in your yard, how to choose plant-based food and so much more.

The Cavalier parking lot will feature outdoor vendors where you can shop for Earth-friendly goods and clothing, appreciate local eco-art with a message, grab a bite to eat in a fully compostable or recyclable container, and take a seat on some lounge chairs while listening to live music. Vendors will be offering vegetarian and vegan alternatives for lunch that may inspire you to start a meatless Monday routine. Food trucks will be lined up along Poplar street. Plenty of tables and chairs will be open to enjoy lunch, dessert and coffee.

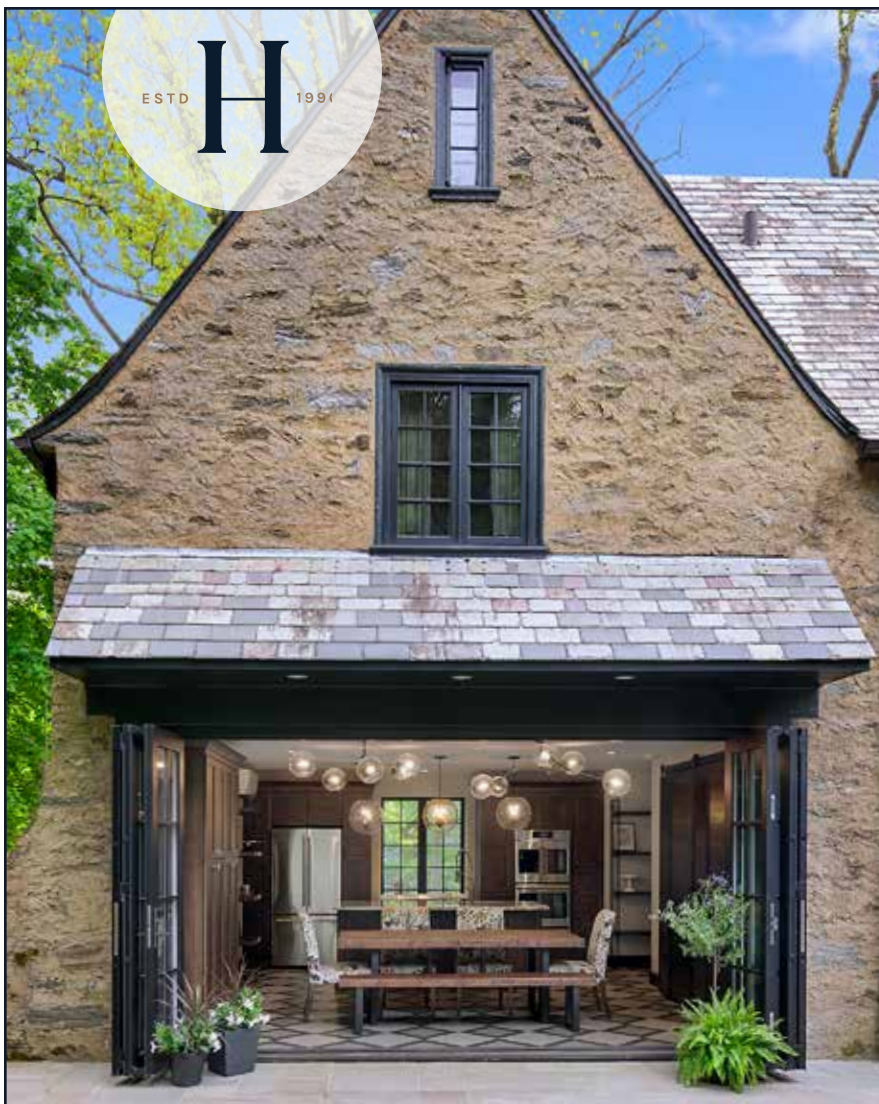
The Electric Vehicle (EV) show will be in the Ambler Borough Hall parking lot. EV owners will be onsite to talk about their EV and provide advice on switching to a gasoline-free commute. Attendees can ride in and test-drive an EV with Drive Electric America and Ambler EV

A native plant sale will provide information about how our yards, gardens and other outdoor spaces can better support watershed health and local pollinators.

Bring your children. Wissahickon High School students will lead kids in fun, interactive science experiments, eco-friendly crafts and other kid-friendly exhibits at Wahl Playground next to the Borough Hall parking lot.

Plan to stay in town after visiting Earth Fest for local food and merchandise discounts around Ambler's vibrant downtown center. Be sure to stop in at Tannery run for some Pollinator Earth Fest beer brewed together with the Ambler EAC.

For more information visit our web page:
amblereac.org/earth-fest



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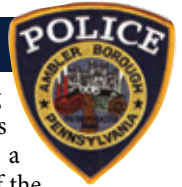


**Arts & Music Festival
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Ambler Borough Police Department

Message from Chief of Police Jeffrey Borkowski



MAIL THEFT:

The Ambler Borough Police Department and Post Office has seen an increase in mail theft recently. We urge the public to be mindful of mail that appears to be opened or resealed. Residents should also continuously check their bank statements and make sure their checks have cleared. Periodically check your credit history to make sure no one has opened any accounts in your name that you are not aware of. This can be done through any of the three major credit bureaus Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian. If someone steals a check they will have, in most cases your banking information to include name, address, telephone number, and account information. This must be reported to your local police department and file a theft/identity theft report.



There are three common ways mail thefts occur. The first is when the criminals obtain keys to the exterior mailboxes located at Post Offices or in your local community. This will give them access to all the mail dropped in that particular mailbox. They will look for financial documents or bills that may

contain checks. The second way is a term called "Fishing for Snail Mail Fishing." This occurs when someone lowers contraptions in a mailbox with string or rope that has a sticky substance on it that helps them lift the mail out of the mailbox. Finally, the third way is where the mail is stolen directly out of your mailbox at your residence. Please do not let mail sit in your mailbox for days this will give the thieves more opportunity to commit the theft.

The best practices to avoid your mail from being stolen are below.

- 1). **Always** take your mail inside the post office.
- 2). If you must use an exterior mailbox, drop your mail off early in the morning or closer to collection times that are listed on the mailbox.
- 3). **Never** drop of your mail in an exterior mailbox and let it sit overnight.
- 4). Promptly empty your mailbox at your residence as soon as the mail is delivered.

AMBLER BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRES 2 NEW OFFICERS

The police department had a competitive testing process for the hiring of two new police officers. After all the tests, interviews, and background investigations were completed we are excited to announce that we hired, Officer Daniel Siebels and Officer Michael Wambold.

Officer Daniel Siebels comes to our department with 7 years of police experience from the City of Philadelphia. He received his undergraduate degree from West Chester University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Officer Michael Wambold worked for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department for the last 7 years. He was assigned previously to the county MIRT Unit and worked numerous Ambler Art & Music Fest details in the past. He received his undergraduate degree from Gwynedd Mercy University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

We welcome them and their families to the Ambler Borough Police Department and wish them a safe career.



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

Ambler's Police Department Lobby is a convenient 24/7 drug disposal location. All drugs will be destroyed in a legal and environmentally friendly manner. Check out our Facebook page -- Ambler Borough Police Department -- for further details.



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Chas. Byram, Business Manager

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA) has been Ambler's 9-1-1 Ambulance service for 82 years and we look forward to serving the area for many years to come! We know prices are going up for everything and this year has been hard on so many of us. That's one reason we hope you will consider donating to our services today!

WHAT DO YOU GET? Hopefully you have insurance that covers 100% of your Emergency Ambulance bill, but most do not. If you are a subscriber, we bill your insurance company (and perhaps ask you to have them reprocess if they only paid a small amount to begin with) and secondary insurance and then we send the balance of the bill to you (your copay, coinsurance, deductible or what have you). When you are a subscriber to CAAA we write off ½ of that balance.

To be clear: we bill Insurance (Medicare Part B for example) and then write off ½ of the balance after Medicare Part B covers their portion. You get the benefit of reducing a bill for services, we get the benefit of a monetary donation! Win – Win!

WHAT DOES IT COST? It is only \$35 per Senior (65+) Individual or \$50 per Senior Couple. If you are single and under age 65, we charge \$50 and we also have a Family Membership for \$70 (only family at the same residence).

Unlike the big cities, we are not tax-based. We are so thankful for the Borough and Township donations we receive, but there is no steady income from taxes. If you have been in Ambler for any length of time, you know that we only respond to 9-1-1 calls. That means we can't guarantee a steady flow of insurance payments like non-emergency transport ambulances may have. As a matter of fact, we hope you don't see us every Monday – Wednesday – Friday (unless it's when a crew is getting food, or coffee...).

We know times have been hard. Thank you for considering a subscription (or a donation of any size). We won't receive the donation lightly. Please respond to the mailing you receive, and if you never got one feel free and send a note & check to: "Community Ambulance Association of Ambler", PO Box 119, Ambler, PA 19002-0119.



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AMBLER COMMUNITY GARDEN - After 3 years in development the Planning Commission has presented "Ambler Parks System Plan" last fall, the result of town halls, surveys and lots of resident input! This plan is available on the borough website and will help target park improvements to best meet the needs of the community; top of the list includes picnic tables, improved accessibility, and things for teens and seniors! View the plan here: bit.ly/amblerparks

As a result of the study, in December 2022 Borough Council voted to raise the Parks & Recreation millage, or tax rate \$84,000. This will allow the borough to continue to make capital improvements to all parks to best meet the residents' needs and wants as reflected in the plan. Two workout stations (pictured) were budgeted for 2023 and will be installed at Locust Street and Ricciardi Parks. More benches and picnic tables will be installed at all parks later this year. We are looking for leaders to resurrect "Friends of Ambler Parks" group; this is a great way to get involved with your community, meet you neighbors and affect positive change! eendicott@borough.ambler.Pa.us



AMBLER PARK SYSTEM PLAN - The Ambler Community Garden wrapped up their season with a Fall Festival in November (pictured) and is thawed out and ready for another successful season! The garden always in need of volunteers to help continue their mission of growing food to donate to the community.



Last year the garden donated over 500 lbs. of produce to Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard, Weavers Way Community Fridge and other area food banks. Residents were also welcomed to harvest during regular open house hours on the weekends.

Follow them on social media; Instagram: [@amblercommunitygarden](https://www.instagram.com/amblercommunitygarden) Facebook: [@amblergarden](https://www.facebook.com/amblergarden)
Sign up to get involved this spring (green thumb not required) by emailing AmblerGarden@gmail.com

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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.

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

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



2023 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 curbside 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, PetTreat Pouches, Detergent Pouches, CaseWrap, Shrink Film, Food Storage Bags, Snack Food Pouches, Salad Bags, Wipes Pouches, Candy Pouches, Baby Food Pouches, Bread Bags, DiaperWrap Packaging (No Diapers New or Used), Air Pillows, Bubble Wrap, Pet Food Bags, Cereal Bags, PaperTowel Overwrap, Chip Bags, Meat Bags, Cheese Bags and Drink Pouches. Additional information regarding curbside collection of flexible plastics can be found at www.jpmscaro.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!

PROPERTY OWNER TIPS FOR MAINTAINING AMBLER'S BEAUTY, WALKABILITY, AND CHARM

Walkability is one of the many cornerstones which makes Ambler a desirable place to live, work, and play. Sidewalks exist on the majority of all streets within the Borough and those connections are a vital part to the Borough's pedestrian-oriented small-town environment. Walkable communities such as Ambler lead to both economic and natural benefits, more social interactions, and encourage physical fitness. Maintaining these resources is a community wide effort. Property owners should be mindful and take notice of the following:

- Inspect your sidewalks to make sure that any tripping hazards such as broken or raised sidewalks are repaired or replaced to avoid any possible injuries to pedestrians.
- Maintain any plants, flowers, or trees along sidewalk edges so that they do not hang low or inhibit pedestrians passing by
- Cut or trim areas along curb lines where weeds or grass maybe become overgrown. This area maintenance is the responsibility of property owners.
- Shovel the snow off all sidewalks as soon as possible to avoid possible fines or pedestrian injuries. In addition, if there is a fire hydrant on your property be sure to clear a 3ft radius around the hydrant and a clear path to the street.

Property owners are encouraged to work with their neighbors to maintain sidewalks throughout the Borough. 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.

HELPING BEAUTIFY THE TOWNSHIP ONE PROPERTY AT A TIME.

Code Enforcement plays an important role in preserving the attractive appearance of neighborhoods in Borough of Ambler. The mission of Code Enforcement is to provide fair and comprehensive enforcement of Borough Codes, which include junk, debris, trash, nuisance, weeds, zoning, and rental/leased property maintenance."

The Borough of Ambler encourages its citizens to become community minded. You are encouraged to get to know your neighborhood and meet your neighbors. Working together we can provide and maintain safe, clean and attractive neighborhoods.

Some common complaints include abandoned (unregistered) vehicles, accumulation of junk or trash, high grass or weeds above (6) inches, and work without permits.

Citizens and neighbors are encouraged to cooperate with one another in a friendly manner to resolve minor concerns before contacting Code Enforcement for assistance. But if the problem persists and communication has got you nowhere, please contact the Borough Code Department to report any violations at (215) 646-1000x112. All complainant information is held with the utmost security as not to create retaliation or just bad feelings between neighbors.

PET ETIQUETTE

Keeping pet waste off the ground is an important responsibility held by all pet owners.

If not addressed, the presence of unattended to waste can quickly become a major point of conflict amongst neighbors.

When taking your dog for a walk, always keep a couple waste pickup bags with you. Even if you don't expect Fido to go, you never know. It may also be that you bump into a neighbor who has forgotten a bag of his or her own and will appreciate the gesture.

According to Ambler Borough Code, animal waste should be collected daily and placed in a container or receptacle on your property that has a tight lid in order to not attract bugs or rodents. Please be courteous as to whose trash can waste is placed in. Your neighbor may not appreciate waste be placed in their trash can as it may attract unwanted pests.

Dog waste is more than just a gross and unsightly mess. It also can be considered a major stormwater polluter. Dog waste contains bacteria and is high in nitrogen and phosphorus which negatively affect streams and creeks. Picking up dog waste keeps it from washing into our streams and it's actually the law. Fines can be issued to property and dog owners who fail to pick up in a timely manner. Keeping this waste off the ground is not just about being considerate to your neighbors and their lawns - it's also about protecting the environment, your family and the community.



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FIREWORKS – LEAVE IT TO THE PROFESSIONALS

As summer celebrations approach, residents are reminded of the following Pennsylvania restrictions for fireworks. Fireworks, and/or sparklers can cause fires, burns, dismemberment or death if handled improperly. Pennsylvania residents are permitted to purchase and use consumer grade fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. M-80's, cherry bombs, quarter sticks and any other explosive or incendiary devices with more than 50 milligrams of explosive materials and are strictly prohibited. Furthermore, the use and discharge of all display fireworks, including sparklers, is prohibited on all Borough property and parks.

USE AND RESTRICTIONS

- Fireworks cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.

- Fireworks cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Ultimately, handling fireworks should be left to the professionals! Restrictions on fireworks are for a good cause. No matter how small or large fireworks may be, they are a potential fire starter. It is still possible to celebrate and enjoy the holiday. Families can consult the newspaper or local activity calendar and attend one of several approved, licensed fireworks displays. If you see someone setting off fireworks, please contact the Borough Police.



ATTENTION BOROUGH PARK NEIGHBORS

Borough Park is beautiful and uniquely untouched ecosystem in a mostly urban area. The Borough would like to remind property owners abutting the park to refrain from depositing their yard waste in Borough Park. A natural ecosystem such as Borough Park can be thrown out of balance when excess materials are added. This is what happens when yard waste is dumped into a natural area. While materials from yards are natural or organic (composed of grass clippings, leaves, and trimmings from trees or shrubs), they were not produced by the system in which they are disposed. These piles can take years to decompose while smothering and killing any plants they cover. Besides being unsightly and encouraging others to dump their waste there, dumping on park property is illegal and subject to fines of up to \$1,000.00 (Chapter 16 Parks and Recreation of Borough Code). Please be advised the Borough trash service provides for two-yard waste collection days per month on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Working together we can continue to preserve the unique beauty of Borough Park for generations to come.

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



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Happy Spring!

By the time you are reading this, you have probably already received your County/Borough bill. Please review the information on both the front and the back of the bill carefully, as many of the common questions I receive are already answered on the bill. If you have not received your bill, please contact me ASAP (email is the quickest method of reaching me) so that you don't end up missing the discount deadline at the end of April.

Some dates to remember:

- The County/Borough 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 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 regular office hours for in-person payments are Tuesdays from 9am-1pm. In the summer (July 1-August 30) the hours are 10am-1pm. November and December are by appointment only.

My office is located at 262 N. Spring Garden St (between Mount Pleasant and Rieffs Mill Roads). For other times or special needs accommodations, call me at 215-367-5663 or email me at amblerborotaxcollector@gmail.com 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.**

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

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

- 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.

CASH PAYMENTS ARE NO LONGER BEING ACCEPTED. Aside from online payments, only personal checks and certified funds will be accepted.

DO NOT ROUND THE AMOUNT DUE. Please pay the exact amount due on your bill.

PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE OR TAPE PAYMENTS. Please include your phone number on your checks so that I can reach you in a timely fashion if there are any issues with your payment.

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 discount or face you risk the payment being late and missing the deadline, which will result in you owing more.

Please consider signing-up for email notifications from the Tax Collector's Office to be notified of bills being mailed, approaching deadlines, and changes to in-person office hours. The link to sign-up can be found at <https://boroughofambler.com/government/tax-collector/> or contact me via email for the link.

If you are on Facebook, please follow my page, Ambler Borough Tax Collector Jennifer Stomsky updates and general information. I can also be found on Twitter at @AmblerBoroTC. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.



The Borough of Ambler would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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Children's Programs

This summer, WVPL Ambler is partnering with the Ambler Community Garden!

Join us at Knight Park for story times in the Community Garden on Mondays at 10:30 from June to August.

The Summer Reading Program at the Library will run June 19 to August 12. We'll have reading challenges and special family programs in the community room on Thursday evenings from June to August.



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

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.
- **ESL Let's Talk Conversation Group.** Contact esl@wvpl.org to register
- **Yarn Café** – Friday mornings at 10:30am. All fiber crafters welcome!
- **Yoga Classes** - Monday evenings at 6:30pm Drop-in sessions, \$10 suggested donation.

The **Ambler Borough Gym** is now a regular community site for American Red Cross Blood Drives. A blood drive is scheduled on **Sunday July 16 from 10a.m.- 3 p.m.** To make an appointment to give go online to www.redcrossblood.org (keyword: **ambler**) or call **1-800-Red-Cross**. Walk-ins are welcome.



American Red Cross

YMCA Knight Park Summer Day Camp "Where Summer Happens"

The Ambler YMCA will be hosting summer camp in the borough hall from June 19-July 28. Registration opens Wednesday, May 3rd from 5:00-7:00pm at the borough hall, 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. Camp will run from 8:30am-4:00pm. 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.



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Public Safety:	Ms. Henderson (Chair), Ms. Endicott, Ms. Forst, Ms. Hughes
Public Utilities:	Ms. Welch (Chair), Ms. Endicott, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Hughes
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STATE/CONGRESSIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION 2022

Rep. Madeleine Dean (4th Cong. Dist): PH: 215-884-4300 WEB: dean.house.gov
Sen. Maria Collett (12th PA Sen. Dist): PH: 215-368-1429 WEB: www.senatorcollett.com
Hon. Mary Jo Daley (148th PA Assembly): PH: 610-832-1679 WEB: www.pahouse.com/mdaley

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
Last Tuesday	Ambler Main Street – 5:30 pm
As Advertised	Civil Service Commission (call for specific dates/times)
As Advertised	Human Relations Commission (call for specific dates/times)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS – Police, Fire, Rescue, Ambulance 9 – 1 – 1

NON-EMERGENCY & STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

Ambler Police (Chief Jeffrey Borkowski) 215-646-1000 (8:00-4:00pm) **Ambler Police** 215-643-6444 after hours
Wissahickon Fire Co. 215-646-1266 **Fire Marshall** Rick Lockhart 215-646-1000 ext 122
Community Ambulance Association of Ambler 215-643-4111
Water Department Superintendent Steve Smallberger 215-646-1000 ext 124 [ssmallberger@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Water Billing – 215-646-1000 (Brit ext 110 or Ruth ext 111) **Water Emergency** – 215-646-1000 follow prompts
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Patrick Sarro Sr. 215-628-9457 [Awwtpsupt@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Code Enforcement Officer Glenn Kucher 215-646-1000 ext 112 [code@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Public Works Superintendent Marco Resente 215-628-9409 (leave message or call 215-646-1000 '0' Receptionist)
Finance Manager Albert Yaghooty 215-646-1000 ext 107 [ayaghooty@borough.ambler.pa.us]
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