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**October 29,
The Halloween Extravaganza
11:00AM - 2:00PM**

**November 24,
Black Friday (all day)**

**November 25,
Small Business Saturday (all
day)**

**December 2,
The Holiday Parade 1:00PM**

**December 7,
Santa arrives by train 7PM
South platform SEPTA station**

**December 15-17
Holiday Shopping Weekend**



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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Storm Water Management Information

Jim Dougherty, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: FALL / WINTER 2023



As we prepare for the upcoming Fall and Winter Seasons, it is important to be mindful of our outdoor maintenance activities and how they impact the environment, especially those that affect the quality of our waterways. We can limit negative impacts by making a few simple and easy changes.

Here are some suggestions:

Use low nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers in lawn and garden areas and use these sparingly. This will reduce the amount of nutrients carried away by stormwater.

Keep leaves, yard waste and other debris out of the gutters. These get carried away by rain and melting snow, decay in streams and impact water quality and wildlife. Gutter guards in your downspouts are preferred and leaf removal from the street is encouraged to help the Borough.

Use salt and deicers only when and where appropriate and apply the least amount necessary to keep surfaces safe. Deicers are ineffective when greater than 3-inches of snow has accumulated. Store in a dry, covered area to prevent runoff and sweep up excess de-icing materials if a storm does not occur.

Clean up after your pet year-round during walks, as well as in your own back yard, as animal waste contributes to stormwater contamination.

Consider planting native trees and shrubs on your property, they are best suited for our climate, conserve water and require less fertilizer/pesticide applications. Many are available at local garden centers. Autumn is the perfect time for planting; the cool weather gives new plants a chance to establish their root system before the ground freezes.

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](https://montcoparecycles.org) website, email the County at recycling@montcopa.org or give them a call at 610-278-3618.

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Roughly 6.5 billion cigarettes are sold worldwide each year. While most of a cigarette disintegrates when smoked, the cigarette butt does not. Trillions of cigarette butts are thrown into the environment without a thought of what happens to it once it hits the ground. It's no surprise that cigarette butts are the most littered item on earth. Cigarettes make up nearly 38 percent of all collected litter. Disposing of cigarettes on the ground or out of a car is so common that 75 percent of smokers report doing it. While cigarette filters may look like cotton, 98 percent of filters are made of plastic fibers that are tightly packed together. This makes for an estimated 1.69 billion pounds of cigarette butts winding up as toxic trash each year. Cigarettes are non-biodegradable and will only gradually decompose at a rate of about 38 percent after two years. Many think cigarette butts are harmless; however, cigarette filters are composed of cellulose acetate, which is a plastic. Each cigarette butt tossed into the environment not only contains non-biodegradable plastic but heavy metals, nicotine, and various chemicals that negatively impact the surrounding environment. Most cigarette butts make their way to our waterways and eventually the ocean. Please do not throw cigarette butts on the ground. Let's walk our butts to a can a help keep Ambler beautiful.

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metric tons of cigarette butts make their way into the environment every year.²



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Ambler Borough Police Department

Message from Chief of Police Jeffrey Borkowski



The Ambler Police Department is now a member of **Project Safe Return**. Project Safe Return is a program to aid first responders in search and rescue operations for at-risk individuals suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, Autism, or other incapacitating conditions, who may be prone to wandering and/or getting lost.

The information requested in this application is critical in the event the at-risk individual becomes lost. Additionally, providing this information in advance allows first responders to identify at-risk individuals who may be located before being reported missing.

In an effort to keep our records up to date, we request you call in **at least once every six months** to check the accuracy of the information in the Participant's file and replace older photos with new ones.

Ambler Police Department is also in the 'Blue Envelope' program. This program is brought to you by the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. We hope this is helpful to both law enforcement and drivers with special needs.

When participating in Project Safe Return, please be sure to complete all fields on the application.

By submitting this application, you certify that you are the legal caregiver/legal guardian of this Participant and are authorized to provide the information contained in this application.

PROJECT SAFE RETURN

The Ambler Borough Police Department in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter is proud to provide Project Safe Return. Project Safe Return is a voluntary police department program that assists police officers in reuniting caregivers with lost or wandering loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Autism, or other incapacitating conditions. The program is a free service and is a valuable tool for identifying distressed individuals quickly and effectively. Ambler Borough Police Department will also provide registered caregivers with information about the Alzheimer's Association and the services they offer.

Individuals interested in enrolling in the Project Safe Return Program may simply print the registration form that is on the Ambler Borough Website under announcements or obtain a registration form in the Ambler Borough or Ambler Borough Police Department lobby.

The completed form along with a recent color photograph of the participant may be mailed or delivered to the Ambler Borough Police Department.

The completed registration form may also be faxed or emailed to FAX #215-646-0704 or Email: twilliams@police.ambler.pa.us.

Questions or concerns regarding this program, please feel free to contact Terrie Williams at 215- 646-1000 ext. 115.

This police department program is provided in association with the Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Program. For further information about the National program, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-9300, available 24 hours a day.

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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.



Community Ambulance Association of Ambler

Chas. Byram, Business Manager

You are formally invited to support the *Community Ambulance Association of Ambler* (CAAA)! 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 a new roof; but most importantly we need to provide competitive wages and benefits to our crews (gone are the days of mostly volunteer crews). All of this cost's money, leaving our average ambulance transport bill over \$2,000!

Though donations dropped considerably in the past two years we are thankful for those who have supported us financially over the past 80+ years! 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 donation above and beyond the subscription fees, we thank you! This year's subscription drive will be out in October. All payments received after that time will be applied to our "2023 Subscription Drive" that covers through 2024!

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 primary insurance company (and secondary) then send the remaining 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 a minimum of \$35 per Senior Individual (65+) or \$50 per Senior Couple. If you are single and under age 65 we charge \$50. We also have a Family Membership for \$70 (only family at the same residence).

Unlike the big cities' ambulances, we are not tax-based. We appreciate the Borough and Township donations we receive, but CAAA receives 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. 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. They are not received lightly. Please respond to the mailing you receive, and if you never got one feel free and send us a note and a check to:

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler
PO Box 119
Ambler, PA 19002-0119

If you are an EMT-Basic, AEMT or Paramedic you are welcome to mail a resume to us as well. Good staff will always be considered.



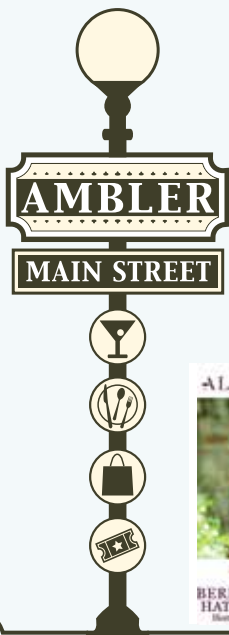
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- Home by Kristen
- Immersion Studio
- Invert Your World
- Jackets N' Things
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- Juice Pod. The
- Kanna Fitness
- KMA Design Studio
- Lilly Ryan Event Group, LLC
- Liz El Jewel Box
- LRB Sons of Italy
- Lucky Well, The
- LUHV Bistro
- Lutter, Inc.
- Magical Trims Cuts for Kids Hair Salon
- Mahoney Event Center LLC
- Main Street Vintage
- Manely For You Beauty Salon
- Marcolina Design, Inc
- Maro's Floor Covering
- Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard
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- Minuteman Press
- Mirage Bodywork LLC
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- Wissahickon Valley Public Library - Ambler Branch
- Xtra 101



COUNCIL, DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE NEWS

Parks and Recreation Committee News

Jennifer Henderson, Council Person

Hello Ambler Residents,

Welcome to “Year Two” of the Ambler Community Garden, where we continue to grow, educate, inspire and feed our community. Year two has brought so much growth and as of August we have donated close to 200 lbs. of food that we continue to donate to local organizations within the Borough. Besides our spring, summer and fall planting, we added a few new things this year including a “fall garden” which has doubled as a fun experiment, watching corn and various pumpkins and squash grow from seedling to plant.

This summer, we partnered with Ambler’s First Presbyterian Church for their Vacation Bible School summer camp. This week-long event brought upcoming 1st and 2nd graders into the garden to learn about plants, harvesting, ecology, giving back and making fun garden-inspired crafts to beautify the garden.

We also partnered with the Ambler Library to have “Music and Story Time in the Garden” with Ms. Delia on Monday mornings. Here the garden was also used as an educational piece where the kids could learn about the plants and taste and smell and touch things. Our volunteers coordinated craft time as well.

ACG is looking forward to year three. We hope to feed more residents within the Borough and make more partnerships within the community. Look out for our end of the season “Fall Fest”, where we have fun games and activities for kids and adults. We have a contest going on right now to name our growing pumpkin.

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering with the Community Garden (located in Knight Park), please email us at amblergarden@gmail.com. Our volunteers are the ones that make the garden successful, and we are thankful for any time community members are able to give! We want to thank all the volunteers who helped make the community garden a success. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Also, please follow us on FB and Instagram - search for “Ambler Community Garden”.

Thank you, Ambler!

Ambler Community Garden



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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 ends the 1st week of December and resumes the 1st week in April.

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.

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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, PetTreat 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, 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!



Water efficiency is the smart use of our water resources through water-saving technologies and simple steps we can all take around the house. Using water efficiently will help ensure reliable water supplies today and for future generations. Best of all, everyone can play their part in preserving our nation's water resources. With the simple steps and informational tools below, you'll find that it's easier than ever.

There are lots of things you can do in your own home to reduce water use and get more from less. Just follow our simple tips below to get started!



Fix a leak:



Small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day. That's why Water Sense reminds Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems each year in March during **Fix a Leak Week**.

In the bathroom—where over half of all water use inside a home takes place:

- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Showers use less water than baths, as long as you keep an eye on how long you've been lathering up

In the kitchen—whip up a batch of big water savings:

- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- Use a dishwasher—and when you do, make sure it's fully loaded!
- Scrape your plate instead of rinsing it before loading it into the dishwasher.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Thaw in the refrigerator overnight rather than using a running tap of hot water.
- Add food waste to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.

In the laundry room—where you can be clean AND green:

- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.
- To save money on your energy bills, set your washing machine to use cold water rather than hot or warm water.
- 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. 111

Hello, Fellow Amblerites!

As I write this, the kids have just started back to school, and we'll hopefully be welcoming some cooler days soon. Over the spring and summer, Ambler again celebrated Earth Fest, the Auto Show, Pride, Juneteenth, Arts & Music Fest, Dog Days, First Fridays, and more. We watched vegetables grow in our community garden; kids grow at the Rising Stars Homework Club, Ambler Youth Alliance nights, and Knight Park Camp; and our population grow with a new apartment building already full of new neighbors.

Traditional Ambler celebrations will continue to blend with growth this fall and winter. We're already gearing up for Oktoberfest and Halloween celebrations; are planning a new Veterans Day event; and are looking forward to the kid-favorite Santa by train, and Ambler's famous holiday parade. Also, this fall, the Borough will be busy working on growth by continuing the additions and improvements to our parks; expanding and improving our water and wastewater facilities; and working on some stormwater management projects.

Old and new. Tradition and growth. It all comes together here in Ambler!

As always, please let me know if you have any ideas, concerns, or questions about anything in the Borough. I'd love to hear from you.

See you around town!

~ Glynnis Siskind

Ambler Borough Council, President

gsiskind@borough.ambler.pa.us

215-872-6119

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

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 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.



Householders shall place receptacles containing garbage and combustible rubbish at the curb or designated place for pickup by the Borough of Ambler not later than 6:00 a.m. on the days scheduled for collection or earlier than 4:30 p.m. on the previous day.

Containers are not to be placed in the street for pickup.

Lastly, the container should be removed from the curb line no later than 8pm on the day of the pickup.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS- KEEPING AMBLER BUSINESSES SAFE FOR ALL

All commercial businesses will be required to undergo a thorough life safety and fire hazard inspection annually to ensure our residents, staff, and guests are safe each and every visit to their favorite establishments. From ensuring fire extinguishers are current, to requiring egress paths to be maintained clear of obstructions, Fire Safety Inspections are one more way that Narberth is creating a safe environment for those around us. If you see a possibly violation or if something doesn't seem right please contact the Code Department.



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

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

With the winter weather fully present, please be reminded that all snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks and public walkways within 24 hours from the end of snow and/or ice fall to ensure all pedestrians are safe whilst traveling throughout the Borough.



ARE YOUR SIDEWALKS A HIDDEN HAZARD? PROPERTY OWNER TIPS FOR MAINTAINING AMBLER'S WALKABILITY AND CHARM

Maintaining Safe Sidewalks In order to reduce the risk of slip, trip, and fall incidents, property owners should routinely inspect and repair damage to their sidewalks, parking lots, and other walkways.

Walking surfaces should be regularly inspected to help ensure that problems are discovered and repaired as soon as possible. Inspections should be performed at least annually, but high-traffic areas near daycares, bus stops, business districts, and other areas frequented by the general public should be audited every other month.

Use the following sidewalk safety checklist to assist you in assessing the safety and liability exposure of your sidewalk and walkways.

- You should note and make repairs or replacement to any condition displaying:
- Vertical displacement greater than ½"
- Cracks greater than ½" across
- 50% or more of the surface chipped away or uneven
- Sections sunken more than 2" below normal grade across 8' length
- Divots or holes/pits greater than 1" in diameter and ½" deep
- Chunks of loose concrete or slabs that move or rock
- Hoses, downspouts routed across walkway
- Utility plugs, valves, or other objects that protrude ½" or more above the walking surface
- Low hanging tree limbs, bushes, or other plants growing into the walking sidewalk and/or posing obstruction
- Wet leaves, rocks, sand, dirt or other debris accumulating on the walking surface
- Areas of pooling water that may turn to ice in cold weather or become slick algae growth during warm weather.
- Any other situation that creates the potential for a slip, trip or fall.



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 (*see article in the right column for further information*). 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.

RESIDENTIAL REALES NOW REQUIRE USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT

After several months of input from residents, Borough Council adopted Ordinance 1135 at a public hearing on September 5th 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*

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HOW NOT TO BURN YOUR HOUSE DOWN WITH A SPACE HEATER.

Space heaters are generally inexpensive, portable, and easy to operate. They provide heat quickly & directly. For many of our customers, space heaters are an essential part of staying warm during the cooler months of the year.

But, according to the National Fire Prevention Association, space heaters account for 43% of home heating fires and 85% of associated deaths. More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year. Unvented, combustion-based space heaters have asphyxiated homeowners or led to explosions.



Safety should always be a top consideration when using space heaters. Here are some tips for keeping your home safe and warm when it's cold outside:

- Make sure your space heater has the label showing that it is listed by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Before using any space heater, read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully.
- Inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before each use. If frayed, worn or damaged, do not use the heater.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep, and don't let pets or children play too close to a space heater.
- Space heaters are only meant to provide supplemental heat and should never be used to warm bedding, cook food, dry clothing, or thaw pipes.
- Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas and test them once a month.
- Proper placement of space heaters is critical. Heaters must be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing, and rugs.
- Locate space heaters out of high traffic areas and doorways where they may pose a tripping hazard.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire. Do not plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater.
- Place space heaters on level, flat surfaces. Never place heaters on cabinets, tables, furniture, or carpet, which can overheat and start a fire.
- Always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use.
- The US Department of Energy recommends buying UL-tested, thermostatically controlled units, with tip-over safety switches that will automatically shut off the heater if knocked over.

CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

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 to make this a smooth process. Feel free to contact the Code Department with any questions. This Ordinance was done to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all residents.

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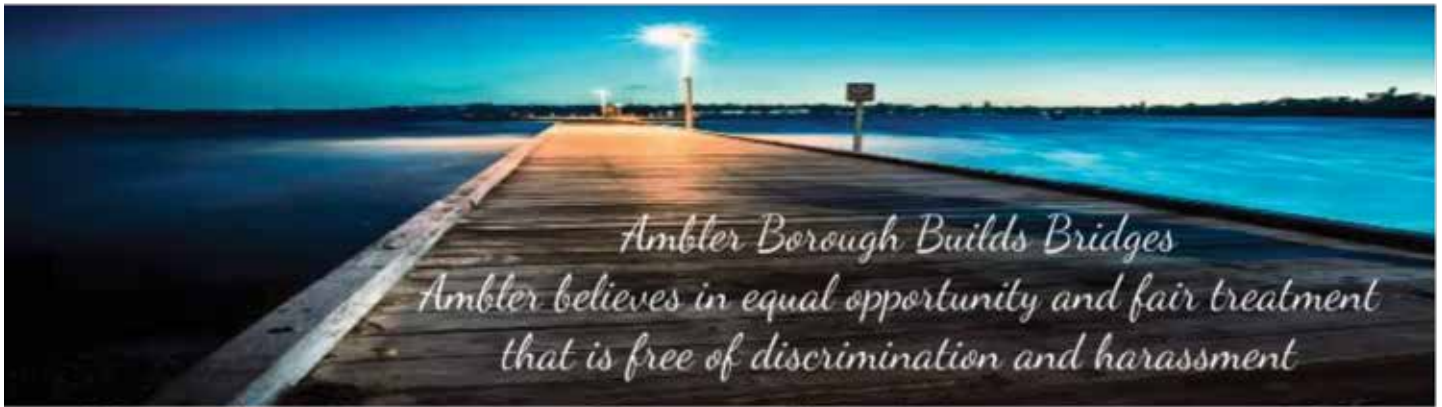
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IN OUR COMMUNITY



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
- Mary Wingfield (alternate)

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

So far 2023 has been a very exciting year for Ambler Main Street. We hit the ground running in May with the start of First Fridays and The Farmers Market and we have been going full speed ever since. This year's Art and Music Festival was our most well attended EVER! Butler Avenue was packed with artisans and crafters on Saturday and the stage in Cavalier rocked from Friday at 6 until Saturday at 11PM.

We're super excited for this year's First Friday and Oktoberfest to kick off our fun filled Fall & Winter Season! In October we celebrate Halloween with the Halloween Extravaganza on the 28th of October when we shut Butler down so the little ghosts and goblins in town can trick or treat at our amazing shops and restaurants. In November we host our annual Holiday tree lighting on Black Friday on the 24th at dusk and then the next day we shop till we drop for Small Business Saturday.

Then BOOM! The Holidays are on! The Holiday parade takes place on Saturday December 2nd at 1PM. Santa arrives by train Thursday the 7th at 7PM on the south Side platform. Friday the 15th through Sunday the 17th we host a Holiday shopping weekend with sips and nips, strolling carolers, specials, and the unique holiday shopping experience that only a small town can give.

Make sure you continue to #shopsmall all year 'round - when the holidays are over the businesses and restaurants still need your support!



Family Promise Montco PA (formerly Inter-Faith)

31 S. Spring Garden Street, Ambler, PA 19002 • 215-628-2334 • www.fpmontco.org

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.

Helping Families Overcome Homelessness

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.



Senior Adult Activities Center (SAAC)

45 Forest Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002

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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.



LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10 AM to 8 PM • FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM

CHEERS TO 100 YEARS! 1923 TO 2023!

We are celebrating 100 years of lending books to the Ambler community!

Join us for a celebration of 100 years!

Saturday, October 21 from 10 to 5.

The library's origins began in 1923 when the North Penn Community Center, located at 11 N. Main Street in Ambler housed 150 books for lending to the public. As the collection and service quickly grew, the library and community center moved several times in Ambler, eventually landing at its current home at 209 Race Street.



Upcoming Children's Programs

Storytime every Monday 10:30am-11am

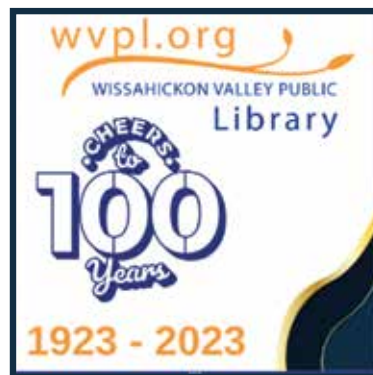
Baby time every Tuesday 10:30-11am

- Oct. 5 6pm-7pm - Kids Chess Club
- Oct. 1 1am-12pm - Reading to the Dogs
- Oct. 28 2pm -. Halloween Hip Hop Show - Featuring Illstyle
- Nov. 2 6pm-7pm Kids Chess Club
- Nov. 16 6:30-7:30 Bollywood and Classical Indian Dance Show

- Nov. 18 11am-12pm Reading to the Dogs
- Dec. 7 6pm-7pm Kids Chess Club
- Dec. 14 6pm-7pm Stem Night: Use a 3-d Pen
- Dec. 16 11am-12pm Reading to the Dogs

Current 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 are welcome!
- **Friday Artists Group** – weekly in the library's bright community room. Friday mornings at 10am.



Special Adult Programs

- **Wed. Oct. 4 at 6:30pm on Zoom** – Know Your Medicare Options
- **Wed., Oct. 11 at 6:30pm** – Vikings in Italy presented in person by Steve Pollack
- **Wed., Oct. 18 at 6:30pm** – Sound Bath – a soothing live music experience
- **Sat. Oct. 21 from 10 to 5** – 100 Years of WVPL/Ambler Library Celebration
- **Wed., October 25 at 1pm** – Moviehouse Productions presents Philadelphia A-Z: A fascinating lost Phillytale for each letter of the alphabet.



FRIENDS OF THE AMBLER LIBRARY BOOK SALE
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OF THE AMBLER LIBRARY
MEMBERS ONLY. FRIDAY, NOV. 10 FROM 10:00 TO 4:00
AND SATURDAY NOV. 11 FROM 1:00- 4:00

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

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



The **Ambler Borough Gym** 131 Rosemary Avenue is now a regular community site for American Red Cross Blood Drives.

A blood drive is scheduled on Thursday, December 28 from 2pm to 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.



American Red Cross

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Stomsky, Tax Collector

Happy Autumn!

At this point in the year the deadline for the discount on your Wissahickon School District real estate tax bill has passed, and we are in the face period. The deadline for paying this is October 31. I do accept postmarks, however, I cannot accept face value after the deadline, so if you are mailing your bills, please consider doing so at least a week before the deadline. After October 31, there will be a 10% penalty added to the face value of your bill.

For anyone who has not yet paid the County/Borough real estate tax bill, that is in the penalty period.

For the remainder of this year, my office hours for in-person payments are Tuesdays from 9am-1:00pm during September and October, and by appointment only during November and December. My office is located at 262 N. Spring Garden St (between Mount Pleasant and Rieffs Mill Roads). For special needs accommodation, call me at 215-367-5663 or email me (the quickest way to get a hold of 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.**

Other 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 on the phone using a credit card. Please note that credit card payments include a 2.65% 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 note that I am closed on weekends, evenings, and holidays. This includes primary and election days. If you call or email on these days/times, there will be a delay in me responding to you.

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 DO NOT postdate checks. They will be returned for you to hold on to until the time that it can be deposited.

Please make sure that your checks are made payable to Jennifer Stomsky, Tax Collector or Ambler Borough Tax Collector. Please DO NOT make your checks payable to Ambler Borough. They will need to be returned. Also, please be sure that your parcel number and/or address are identified on your payments so that I can properly apply them, and please also include your phone number so that I can quickly and easily contact you if there are any issues. If you require a receipt, please enclose both halves of the bill and a SASE with your payment and one will be sent back to you.

As we come to the end of the year, please remember that any bills not paid in full by December 31st will be delinquent and subject to additional penalties. Personal checks WILL NOT be accepted after December 15th. From December 15 to 31 payments must be made by certified check, money order, cash (exact amount only), credit card (online or by phone), or online by e-check.

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](https://twitter.com/AmblerBoroTC).

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

HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

Four SIGNS THAT IT'S A SCAM

- 1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.** Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.
- 2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.** They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.
- 3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.** Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
- 4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.** They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.



Information for this article from the Federal Trade Commission website: [ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID A SCAM

- 1. Block unwanted calls and text messages.** Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.
- 2. Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.** Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, such as your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- 3. Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- 4. Know how scammers tell you to pay.** Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- 5. Stop and talk to someone you trust.** Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

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AMBLER BOROUGH HALL

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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE – Ambler Borough Hall

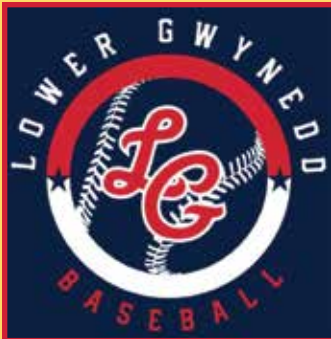
[Meeting schedules and meeting agendas are posted on the Borough website]

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
Last Monday	Ambler Main Street – 3:00 pm
As Advertised	Civil Service Commission (call for specific dates/times)
As Advertised	Human Relations Commission (call for specific dates/times)

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