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Main Street Fall and Winter Events



The Ambler Farmers Market continues every Saturday through October 27th

**October 27th
Halloween Extravaganza**

**November 23
Black Friday and the
Holiday Tree Lighting**

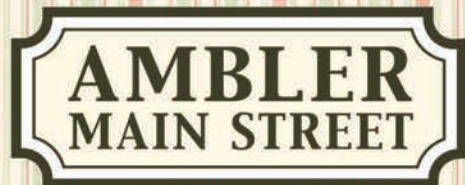
**November 24
Small Business Saturday**

**December 1st
Holiday Parade**

**December 6th
Santa by Train**

**December 7th - 9th
Shopping Weekend**

Restaurant Week - January



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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Keeping Storm Runoff Clean

Jim Dougherty, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

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

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

Fall weather often promotes many outdoor activities and therefore is a great time to keep stormwater issues in mind. A few

things you can do to help reduce pollution in stormwater runoff are:

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

The Borough website is a valuable resource for stormwater related information (<http://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.



Where Does Your Recycling Go?

The Borough's hauler, J.P. Mascaro & Sons, owns and operates *TotalRecycle, Inc.*, located in Birdsboro, PA. This groundbreaking, state-of-the-art single-stream recycle facility contains cutting-edge technology that allows for the precise sorting and processing of recyclable materials.

Situated on a 14-acre site in Berk's County, this 75,000 square foot facility accepts items capable of being recycled, reducing waste and increasing recycling rates by eliminating the need to separate recyclables themselves and making the recycling process simple.

TotalRecycle is the only facility of this magnitude in the area. It is capable of processing 700 ton of recyclables a day or almost 20,000 ton a month. That equates to 560,000 homes a week or over 50 cities the size of Reading! This facility is approved to run 20 hours a day, six days a week. *TotalRecycle* plays an essential role in the successful and expanded recycling efforts in our community.



<p>IMMERSION STUDIO</p> <p>SCULPTURE BY KAREN KIESER immersionstudio1@gmail.com immersion-studio.com</p>			<p>Studio visits available by appointment at 59 Belmont Ave. Ambler PA.</p> <p>Residential and commercial commissions now being accepted.</p> <p>Contact Karen at 215-654-0106.</p>
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Recycling Basics

Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products. Recycling can benefit our community and the environment.

Benefits of Recycling

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
- Increases economic security by tapping a domestic source of materials
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials
- Saves energy
- Supports American manufacturing and conserves valuable resources

- Helps create jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the United States

Steps to Recycling Materials

Recycling includes the three steps below, which create a continuous loop, represented by the familiar recycling symbol: Step 1 – Collection & Processing. Step 2 – Manufacturing. Step 3 – Purchasing New Products Made from Recycled Materials.

Recycling Creates Jobs

EPA released significant findings on the economic benefits of the recycling industry with an update to the national Recycling Economic Information (REI) Study in 2016. This study analyzes the numbers of jobs, wages and tax revenues attributed to recycling. The study found that in a single year, recycling and reuse activities in the United States accounted for: 757,000 jobs, \$36.6 billion in wages, and \$6.7 billion in tax revenues. This equates to 1.57 jobs, \$76,000 in wages, and \$14,101 in tax revenues for every 1,000 tons of materials recycled. For further information go to <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/recycling-basics>.

Growing Ambler Greener

Growing Ambler Greener: Clean Streams, Clean Water is a program funded by the Department of Environmental Protection to engage residents to be a solution to storm water issues in the Ambler Borough community. The Wissahickon Watershed is an impaired watershed. Growing development and impervious surfaces don't allow rain water to filter and drain naturally. Instead, rain picks up pollutants off impervious surfaces before it washes into underground storm sewers where it then spills directly into our creeks. This sudden unnatural influx of water into our creeks has impaired the water habitat and caused the natural water table to not work as it once did.

What we can do is engage Ambler Borough residents to implement storm water features that keep rain where it falls. Rain barrels, downspout planters, rain gardens, and impervious conversions are tools that are available to qualified residents to engage our community to be the solution to cleaner waterways in the Ambler Area Watershed, a subwatershed of the Wissahickon.

Visit the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (AmblerEAC) Facebook page for upcoming workshops. Or check out the AmblerEAC Growing Ambler Greener website to learn more about this program, www.growingamblergreener.com

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- Viva Express
- Weaver's Way
- Wild Lilies
- Wissahickon School District
- Wissahickon Valley Public Library
- Young Stars Theater Company
- Xtra 101



BOROUGH DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE NEWS

Public Works Department News

Marco Resente, Public Works Supervisor

STREET SWEEPING - The Sweeper will continue to operate this fall through the last week of November. Street Sweeping will resume 1st week of April.

TREE DISPOSAL – Holiday trees may be put out in January. Since the 1st Tuesday in January is a holiday, yard waste that month will be picked up on the following Tuesdays -- January 8th and 22nd, 2019. Place trees curbside. Do not wrap trees in plastic tree bags -- our hauler will not pick up bagged trees.

P.W. HOURS OF OPERATION – 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Answering machine 215-628-9409. Contact the Borough Garage or the Borough receptionist to report a pothole, broken playground equipment or damaged signage.

RESIDENTIAL TRASH & RECYCLABLES ROLL CARTS – Please consider marking your 64-gallon trash roll cart (grey) and 64-gallon recycling roll cart (blue) with your house number/address. If you would like to purchase an additional roll cart please call the Borough receptionist. Additionally, please contact the Borough receptionist if the wheels on your roll cart pop off. The Borough will send Public Works to your property to replace the wheels (and axle if necessary) at no cost to you. Please do not toss out your roll carts – in most cases they can be repaired!

WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

Philip Benigno, Water Dept. Supervisor

- The Water Payment Lock Box is located in the Borough Hall parking lot. You may access the lock box from the Poplar Street parking lot entrance.
- On-line credit card & E-check payments are accepted for water bill payments. Please visit www.boroughofambler.com and click on “Pay Your Water Bill.” A convenience fee will be charged.
- Please pay your Water Bill separately from other bills you may pay in the Borough, such as rental registration, tax bills or permit fees, so that your account is properly credited. Water Bills are mailed out quarterly.
- Please keep your contact information with the Water Department current, simply 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!
- Water Department’s Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2017 was mailed out to water customers in June and is currently available on the Borough website.

WATER LINE PROTECTION PLAN 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.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer

TRASH TALK - 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, your containers should be removed from the curb line no later than 8 p.m. the day of the pickup.

PET POOP ETIQUETTE - Keeping pet waste off the ground is an important responsibility held by all pet owners. 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.

DON'T BLOW IT ... INTO THE STREET - Keep clippings in your yard and not in the street. Blowing or leaving grass clippings and other debris such as leaves in the street doesn't just look bad, it is also a Code violation and violators could face possible fines. Additionally, grass clippings and leaves can clog the Borough's stormwater drainage system causing a backup and potentially flooding during a rain event. In addition, during snow events please do not shovel snow into the street. This may create a dangerous situation for drivers.

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Stomsky, Tax Collector

Just a few reminders... The deadline for paying the face value of your school tax bill is October 31st. I do accept postmarks during discount and face periods. However, I can't accept face value after the deadline, so if you are mailing your bills, please consider doing so at least two days before the deadline. There is also a lockbox located at my home office. You can find it on the porch, under the mailbox. As of November 1st, there will be a 10% penalty added to the face value of your bill.

I have moved collections to my home office located at **262 N. Spring Garden St.** (between Mt. Pleasant Ave. and Reiffs Mill Rd). I collect on **Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Please be sure to read your bill for information regarding any additional hours during the end of discount and face periods. I am closed on weekends and holidays. For any other times, accommodations, or special needs, please call me at **215-367-5663** or email me at amblerborotaxcollector@gmail.com. Additionally, if you are on Facebook, please follow my page, Ambler Borough Tax Collector Jennifer Stomsky, for news, updates, or general information. You can also message me through the page.

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 checked WILL NOT be accepted after December 15th. From December 15th to 31st payments must be made by certified check, money order, cash (exactly amount only), credit card (online or by phone), or online by e-check. Please note that paying by credit card includes 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.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this year. It's been a pleasure to meet, and get to know, so many of you.



PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Council Vice President Sara Hertz, Chair

There were activities for all ages throughout the Borough this summer. Families enjoyed two movies under the stars, The Goonies and Toy Story, complete with costume contests and photo opportunities to increase the fun quotient.

Adults were able to de-stress and enjoy our natural world with mindfulness sessions in Ricciardi Park, led by Kara Jo Lehman, and yoga with Dan Rauscher at Pickering Field.

The Parks and Recreation Committee also asked Borough residents to share their views with us on how they would like to better support Ambler's six parks. Responses were received from 58 people. Stay tuned for more news about "Friends of Ambler's Parks."



Wissahickon Valley Public Library – Ambler Branch

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Fall Programs at the Ambler Branch Library



- **Tuesday Evening Adult Programs** – 6:15 p.m. refreshments, 6:30 p.m. program
 - October TBD – Drawing to Dance
 - Nov. 13 – Mindfulness Class – How Full is Your Bucket?
 - Dec. 11 - Origami
- **1st Wednesday Film Discussion.** Join us at Ambler Theater for a matinée movie and discussion.
- **Cook the Book Club** – Do you enjoy cooking, sharing, and sampling new recipes? Join Ambler’s fun cookbook club! We meet every other month Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Call Anne Hall to join.
- **Yarn Café** – Weekly Fridays 10:30 a.m. and Tuesdays 7 p.m.
- **ESL Let’s Talk Conversation Group.** Monday & Thursday mornings. Registration required.

Children’s Events at Ambler Branch Library

Story Times – Enjoy stories, songs, and crafts to support early literacy development. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Special Family Events – Once a month, the library has family events on Thursday evenings. Please check the web calendar at wvpl.org for upcoming events.

Barks and Books – Read to Smart T Pants! On the third Monday of the month, lovable therapy dog Smart T Pants visits the library. Young readers gain confidence by reading to this sweet dog. 4 p.m. Registration required.

Library News

The Wissahickon Valley Public Library is moving forward with its plans to renovate the Ambler Branch Library. Renovation plans included handicap accessibility and facility enlargement to accommodate programs and community use. The library is applying for funding through several avenues and will soon begin a capital campaign to fund the renovation. Depending on funding, construction could begin in late spring.

Purchase Discount Tickets Here!

Discount tickets to area amusements, attractions and ski slopes are available at Ambler Borough Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the Borough Hall reception desk Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Payment via cash or check. Call the Receptionist (215-646-1000 for more information or to check if a ticket is in stock. Discount tickets offered (seasonal availability) include:

- PARKS:** Dorney Park • Dutch Wonderland • Hershey Park • Knoebel’s Morey’s Piers • Six Flags/Great Adventure • Diggerland • Sesame Place
- AQUARUMS & ZOOS:** Adventure Aquarium • Elmwood Park Zoo Philadelphia Zoo.
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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for **Thursday, December 27th** at Ambler Borough Hall in the gymnasium. Blood Drive will be held from 2 – 7 p.m. You may make an appointment to give by going online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and entering the sponsor keyword: **ambler** or by calling **1-800-Red-Cross**.

**TOP 10 REASONS TO GIVE BLOOD:**

- You will get juice and cookies
- It's easy and convenient
- You will weigh less
- It's something you can spare
- No one can ask you to do heavy lifting
- You will walk a little taller afterward
- You will be helping to ensure that blood is there when its needed
- You will give a gift that costs nothing, but lasts a lifetime
- You will be someone's hero
- It's the right thing to do!



**American Red Cross**



This holiday season please consider helping bring joy to a needy child. Once again, Ambler Borough will participate in the **TOYS FOR TOTS** holiday gift drive for needy children. We ask for your support in donating to **TOYS FOR TOTS**. Please drop off unwrapped toys between November 1 and mid-December at the **TOYS FOR TOTS** boxes located in the Ambler Borough Hall Lobby and in the Police Department Lobby.

*Thank you for making this a memorable holiday season for a child.*

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| October |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 21      | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28      | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

| November |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 4        | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11       | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18       | 19 | 20 | 21 | H  | 23 | 24 |
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| December |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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■ Trash ■ Recycle ■ Yard Waste ■ Holiday

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

**RECYCLABLES COLLECTION:** Recyclables are to be placed in the blue roll cart provided by the Borough. All recyclables can be mixed together and placed in this cart **NO SORTING NEEDED.** Recycle newspapers, inserts & junk mail, magazines, catalogs & envelopes, paper back books & phone books, cardboard & clean pizza boxes, office & school papers (colored paper), box board (cereal, cake & cracker boxes); 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.

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

**BULK COLLECTION:** One bulk item (mattress, desk, etc.) per household is permitted per week. **No Tires, No TVs or Computers.** Call J.P. Mascaro & Sons at 1-800-432-1616 for "white" item pickup. For items containing Freon (refrigerators, etc) visit Montgomery County's website [www.montcoparecycles.org](http://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 (1-888-573-2672) for collection of working frigs & freezers (10-30 cuft). Please note, resident must be on site at time of scheduled pick-up.

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

**HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION:** Please refer to Montgomery County's website, [www.montcoparecycles.org](http://www.montcoparecycles.org) for a list of hazardous waste collection sites and other recycling news.

Refer to Ambler Borough's website [www.boroughofambler.com](http://www.boroughofambler.com) for e-waste collection opportunities when they are posted.



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## Ambler Borough Police Department

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## CELL PHONE FRAUD



**Stolen or lost phones** - An estimated three million cell phones are stolen or lost every year. In the wrong hands, they can be used to make unauthorized calls -- one recent victim faced a \$26,000 bill. Alternatively, they can be mined for anything personal stored on them. In other words, loss of your phone can be just a prelude for costly identity theft. **Action:** Look after your cell phone as carefully as you care for your wallet. If you must use it to store confidential information, use password protection.

**Cloning** - Crooks use scanners to read your cell phone identity, including the number and its unique serial number. Then they program another phone with the same details and make calls at your expense. **Action:** This is one area where the crime fighters have made progress, with new technology that makes it more difficult to scan for the number. There is nothing more you can do other than keep a close eye on your bill.

**Bogus text messages** - There are numerous variations of this cell phone scam but the bottom line is that you receive an unsolicited text message (which you may have to pay for) which prompts you to take some sort of action you'll later regret. Most common is what seems to be a message from your bank (this may also arrive as an automated voicemail) saying your account has been suspended and asking you to call a 1-800 number where your account number, PIN and other details may be requested. In reality, your identity is being stolen. Another variation is a "pump and dump" ruse, where you receive a tip urging you to buy a stock in a particular company. If enough people fall for it, the share price goes up and the scammers offload their previously worthless stock for profit. **Action:** If you get any message supposedly from your bank, call them on their normal number to check it out. And never buy stock on the basis of a single tip, from any source.

**The Switcheroo** - You get a call from what seems to be your cell phone company offering you what they claim is a better deal than your present one, or maybe even telling you your current deal is coming to an end and that you must switch. In reality, it's a competitor, another phone store, trying to switch you over to one of their packages, which may not be better than your current one. But since they're trying to deceive you, assume it is better not to do business with them. **Action:** Ask the caller to give you some info about your current phone usage. If they can't tell you when you made your last call or sent an SMS message, they're not who they say they are.

**Catches in the small print** - Sometimes you find what seems to be a really sweet cell phone rental deal. You don't find out you've been ripped off until the bill arrives, showing all sorts of additional charges you didn't know about. In previously reported scams, renters of temporary cell phones were taken in by a money-back deal, offering a refund of the rental fee when the phone was returned. But the credit card they provided was used to levy exorbitant charges for the calls themselves. Usually these deals are perfectly legitimate and the sting is hidden away in the small print of the Terms & Conditions. **Action:** Read the Terms & Conditions!

**Vote with your phone** - During the recent presidential election, people received text or recorded messages offering them the chance to cast their vote by phone, simply by pressing a key for each of the candidates. Turned out this was a trick targeted at voters of one political persuasion from another, to stop victims from actually casting their vote for real. **Action:** You can't vote this way yet. It's also a Federal offense to trick people out of their votes.

**Beware of these hoaxes** - Finally, there are a couple of hoaxes related to cell phone scams to look out for:

- An email that warns against taking a call from a bogus engineer who asks you to key in 90# for a test of your cell phone. The message claims the caller can then use a scanner to collect ID numbers for cloning or to collect other confidential information -- it is untrue.
- You get a message warning you that cell phone companies will soon be releasing all mobile numbers to telemarketers and that to avoid them you must add your number to the "do not call" registry. Sometimes, this is just a bit of mischief; other times they ask you to call a bogus number for which you will be charged an excessive fee. Fact is, cell phone numbers are not publicly available for marketing in this way.

So, let's go to the "**The Too Good to Be True Deal.**" You know the sort of thing, the cell phone of your dreams, with all the latest gadgetry and doo-hickeys at an unbelievably low price. It's almost always a scam. **Action:** Don't even think about it...

## PRESCRIPTION & OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG DISPOSAL

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





# MONTCO CRIME TIPS

*Be our partner in crime fighting and help keep Montgomery County safe!*

With the MontcoCrimeTips program, you have the power to help keep your community safe by providing law enforcement with information anonymously. Now you can anonymously text your tips about any type of criminal activity as easily as you send a text to a friend. And you can also attach photos or videos. Each crime tip goes directly to the 9-1-1 Communications Center for dispatch of police or firefighters immediately or for non-emergent information, to the Montgomery County Detective Bureau for vetting and distribution to the appropriate law enforcement agency to handle. The County's Department of Public Safety recently secured a federal Homeland Security grant that funds the county's version of the STOPit app project at a cost of about \$8,000 annually. Montgomery County is the first county in Pennsylvania to launch such an app.

**"REPORT or MESSAGE"** - Use the STOPit mobile app to anonymously report incidents to law enforcement. Reporting is completely anonymous. You can include text, images and video. It only takes a few seconds, right from your mobile phone. This program makes it easy to do the right thing!

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## Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA)

On Tuesday, August 7, EMT and Paramedic members of Community Ambulance Association of Ambler were present at the Ambler Borough to be recognized by the American Heart Association with the award Mission Lifeline Bronze, 2018 marks the third consecutive year CAAA has earned this designation in recognition for meeting high standards of treatment of patients with serious heart attack symptoms. Ambler Ambulance is honored to join only 497 EMS agencies in the nation and 1 out of 57 other EMS agencies in Pennsylvania.

Ambler Ambulance strives to provide high quality patient care, and supports operating costs through fundraisers like Designer Bag Bingo held on Oct 16, a raffle for Eagles tickets held in September, multiple Dine and Donate events and a membership drive. Please check out [amblerambulance.org](http://amblerambulance.org) for future events and to support their life-saving work.



## Fire Safety Tips from the Fire Marshall

Rich Lockhart, Fire Marshall

### Six Smart Ways That Parents Can Make Halloween Safer for Young Children

Children love the costumes, treats and friendly frights of Halloween parties and going door to door. These can be safe and fun activities for all of us, even younger children. But we want parents to know that flames can quickly ruin Halloween festivities.



**You can keep your child safe from fire and burn injuries by following these six tips:**

1. Children are naturally drawn to glowing jack-o'-lanterns and other flickering lights. Instead of flames, use battery-powered candles or flashlights to decorate. Lit candle flames can burn children. If children come too close to the flame, their clothing can catch on fire. Battery-powered candles are the safer choice.
2. Make sure that all decorations are kept away from flames and other types of heat.
3. Keep all matches and lighters locked up. They should be in a high place out of your child's reach. Teach young children that they must not touch or play with these tools, ever. If they find matches or lighters, they should tell an adult where they are.
4. Choose a costume with fire safety in mind. Fabric can catch fire if children walk close to flames. Avoid loose fabric and features that dangle or drag behind the child. Keep costume sleeves tight. Look for a fabric label that reads "flame-resistant" or "flame-retardant." Keep a close eye on your child. Even flame-resistant fabric can burn.
5. Never let children play with or carry lit candles. Give each child a flashlight to carry while trick-or-treating. Check porches for lit candles, torches and other flames before letting children approach the door.
6. The last tip is the most important: Young children need adult supervision at all times. Stay alert. Watch children closely at parties and as they go door to door.

For additional fire safety and burn prevention information visit the safety section of the Consumer Safety Product Commission Website at [CSPC.gov](http://CSPC.gov).





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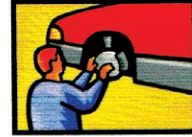
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## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE – Ambler Borough Hall

|                      |                                                                      |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1st Tuesday</b>   | Borough Committee–7:00 pm (except November – meeting on Wed, Nov. 7) |
| <b>1st Thursday</b>  | Zoning Hearing Board (call for specific dates & times)               |
| <b>3rd Wednesday</b> | Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – 7:00 pm                       |
| <b>3rd Tuesday</b>   | Borough Council Meeting – 7:00 pm                                    |
| <b>3rd Thursday</b>  | Ambler Junior Baseball – 7:00 pm                                     |
| <b>4th Tuesday</b>   | Planning Commission – 7:00 pm                                        |
| <b>Last Tuesday</b>  | Ambler Main Street – 5:30 pm                                         |

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

## NON-EMERGENCY & STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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