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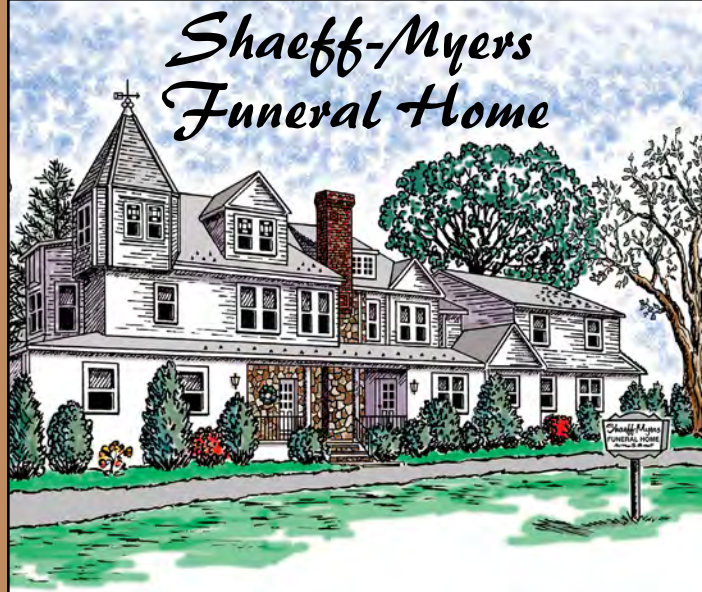
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Ambler Main Street Fall and Winter Events



The Ambler Farmers Market continues every Saturday through October 26th

**October 26th
Halloween Extravaganza**

**November 29th
Black Friday and the
Holiday Tree Lighting**

**November 30th
Small Business Saturday**

**December 7th
Holiday Parade**

**December 12th
Santa by Train**

**December 13th - 15th
Shopping Weekend**

Restaurant Week - January



www.AmblerMainStreet.org

Single Use Plastics

Resolution 2019-01



An Initiative to Voluntarily Reduce the Distribution and Use of Single-Use Plastics and Expanded Polysterstyrene (EPS) Products

Ambler Borough Council seeks a sound, clean, and healthy environment and recognizes that our actions affect our quality of life. Recently, Council acted on the impact of single-use plastics, EPS products and latex balloons on the environment in an effort towards cleaner wildlife habitats, safer waterways and oceans and an overall healthier environment.

Single-use plastics include, but are not limited to, plastic water and soda bottles, plastic straws, plastic lids, plastic bags, and plastic utensils; EPS products include “to-go” containers, leftover food containers (“clamshells”), and drink cups; and latex balloons include both air- and helium-filled.

These products are not biodegradable and take 500-1000 years to decompose and, if ignored, create permanent damage to the environment. With passage of Resolution 2019-01 earlier this year, Borough Council encourages local merchants, businesses and residents to reduce the distribution and use of single use plastics, EPS, and latex balloons.

Council further encourages all citizens to embrace and commit to the Environmental Protection Agency’s hierarchy in their daily lives – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle -- through the use of reusable, compostable and/or recyclable materials.

TAKE OUR ‘Survey Monkey’ PLASTICS SURVEY

Borough Council invites you to take a survey regarding plastic reduction in the Borough. Borough Council intends to use the results as the basis for further public discussion of plastic reduction in the coming months. It is clear that the Ambler Borough community wants this issue explored further and Borough Council intends to do so. Plastic reduction involves environmental, legal, regulatory, and practical issues. These will be explored in a community dialogue as we work toward the creation of a policy for plastic reduction that reflects the community’s goals. We hope you will continue to participate in this process and appreciate your contributions to this survey. Go to www.boroughofambler.com and click on ‘Survey Monkey’ in the Home Page posted article. Survey will run through November 15th.

Ready for 100 Renewable Energy

Resolution 2019-03

A Vision for a 100% Clean Renewable Energy Future

At the March 19, 2019 meeting of Ambler Borough Council, the municipality made a commitment to reduce energy consumption and transition to 100% renewable energy by passing Resolution 2019-03. Council recognized that climate change is a global, long-term threat and stated that a major contributor to climate change is the continued use of fossil fuels by individuals, businesses, and government agencies.



Specifically, Council’s commitment to reduce energy usage includes:

- Upgrading Borough facility lighting and traffic signals to light-emitting diodes (LEDs), resulting in reduced energy usage and costs
- Implementing a feasibility study performed by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission’s Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (RSLPP) and Keystone Lighting Solutions, and initiating the Project Development Phase of their plan to replace all Borough streetlights with LEDs
- Participating in a PECO energy assessment for Borough facilities
- Submitting grant applications for electric vehicles, chargers, and solar panels

Borough Council has publicly resolved to make renewable energy a key element of our communities’ energy plans. Renewable energy encompasses carbon-free and pollution-free energy generated sustainably from renewable sources such as wind, solar, small hydro, tidal, fuel cells, and geothermal. Council further recognizes that it has a responsibility to future generations to take an active stand to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases within the Borough, and Ambler Borough is committed to be a community characterized by equality, health, safety, livability, prosperity, and equity.

Ambler Borough has resolved to join other leading towns and cities in the national Ready for 100 movement, to transition to 100% clean, renewable energy for all, and complete this transition to:

- 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035
- 100% clean renewable energy when replacing heat & transportation equipment & vehicles by 2050
- As vehicles are replaced, priority will also be given where possible to transitioning the Ambler Borough vehicle fleet to 100% renewable energy sources by 2030

The Ambler Borough Planning Commission and Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will work with Borough Council and other local RF100 municipalities to draft a preliminary energy transition plan by April 22, 2020 (Earth Day). Such a plan could include interim milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics, potential financing mechanisms, and the percentage of renewable energy that is locally produced.

Our first county-wide RF100 Conference was held at From the Boot in Ambler in June. All Ambler Borough stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the planning and implementation process! Please contact Nellie DiPietro at ndipietro@borough.ambler.pa.us with any questions.

RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling is Required - Municipal and state regulations require that residents, commercial establishments and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. Commonly recycled materials include: Cans, Cartons, Glass, Paper and Plastic.



Contaminated Recycling Materials – In recent years, the quality and amount of recycling has been reduced due to contamination. Recycling carts, bins and dumpsters get filled with non-recyclable items every day. Contamination occurs when:

- Non-recyclable materials are put into a recycle bin.
- Recyclable materials contain too much food waste.
- Recyclable materials are put into a recycle bin in the wrong manner, for example, in a plastic bag.

Why is Contamination Bad? When a certain percent of a batch of recycling is contaminated, the whole batch of recycling is considered unusable and thrown away. Contaminated recycling materials end up in landfills.

What Can You Do? To avoid contaminated recycling:

- Check that the material is recyclable. Look for the recycle symbol on items.
- Rinse jars, bottles, and cans that have visible residue in them. A quick rinse is usually adequate.
- Throw away heavily soiled items.
- Do not put food wastes in recycle bins. Food wastes should be put in the trash or in a compost pile.

RECYCLE

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

Cans Aluminum and Steel Cans <small>empty and rinse</small>	Cartons Food and Beverage Cartons <small>empty replace cap</small>	Glass Bottles and Jars <small>empty and rinse</small>	Paper Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines and Flatted Cardboard	Plastic Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers <small>empty and replace cap</small>
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NO!

Do Not Bag Recyclables
No Garbage

No Plastic Bags
(return to retail)

No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)

No Clothing or Linens
(use donation programs)

No Tangles
(no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)

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The Effects of Using Too Much Salt

by Stephen Walsh, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, it takes only one teaspoon of road salt to permanently pollute five gallons of freshwater. Once in the water there is no way to remove the chloride, and at high concentrations, chloride can harm freshwater fish and plant life. Freshwater fish, like humans, dehydrate in salt water and eventually perish over time. The higher the concentration of chloride the quicker the dehydration rate for fish.

The American Society of Engineers stated in 2013 that 22.33% of Pennsylvania state bridges and 33.56% of local Pennsylvania bridges over 20 feet in length were structurally deficient. Chloride used to deice roads, driveways, and walking surfaces accelerate corrosion, including penetrating/deteriorating concrete on bridge decking and parking garage structures, damage to reinforcing rods, and compromising structural integrity.



When residents use excessive amounts of salt for deicing driveways and walkways, not only does the deicer harm your concrete sidewalks and curbs, the excess salt drains into the Borough's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) and ultimately drains to local streams during the melt. Those streams then experience high levels of chlorides that cause harm to fish, plant life, and bridge structures as previously explained. This winter please consider using less salt when deicing your property and help Ambler protect stream habitat and existing infrastructure.

Please visit Ambler's website for more information regarding stormwater runoff. <http://boroughofambler.com/government/stormwater-management/>

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NOTES FROM THE AMBLER ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mary Margaret Monser, Chair



Trees Play an Integral Role in Our Community - Trees in our public spaces, business properties, and on residential land benefit the Ambler community in a multitude of ways. These benefits include air quality, decreasing heat island effects, mitigating stormwater, providing habitat for wildlife and shade for pedestrians, enhancing the aesthetic beauty of our streets, and increasing property values. According to TreeVitalize, Ambler's tree canopy covers 28.6%. To be considered a healthy tree canopy that helps to mitigate flooding, control stormwater on properties, assure better carbon sequestration and provide biodiversity we should have a tree canopy approaching 40% or more. Growing our tree canopy to assure we are creating a sustainable future is essential.

The Ambler EAC, through TreeVitalize, has a program called Make Ambler a Shade Better. By helping residents and businesses to purchase and plant inexpensive bare root trees, we can grow Ambler's tree canopy and create sustainability for future generations. Planting native trees that contribute to the canopy is especially essential for biodiversity and can mitigate stormwater issues on your property.

Planting trees native to our area supports biodiversity by providing a habitat for birds and insects. Our area is home to the monarch butterfly, which requires the native Milkweed plant for survival. This is just one of the many species that require native trees and plants for survival. Consider this: the common chickadee, native to our area, needs over 5000 insects, grubs, and caterpillars to feed one clutch of young from birth to fledgling. A native tree can potentially possess 300 or more insects, grubs, and caterpillars that Chickadees rely on; while a non-native tree will have less than a handful of similar insects/grubs/

caterpillars. Chickadees can't readily thrive in an area where food is inaccessible. Similar to when Ambler no longer possessed a grocery store within town limits and we had to drive a long distance.

Have you ever walked through the forest when it was raining? Under the canopy of trees it stays relatively dry compared to standing in the open space. The canopy of a mature deciduous (drops leaves in fall) tree can intercept 800 gallons of water a year, while a mature evergreen can intercept 4,000 gallons. As well, trees on your property can soak up 100 gallons of water a day, helping to temporarily store runoff and increase infiltration of rain during smaller storm events. As well, tree roots filter out pollutants from the soil and water, transforming them into less harmful substances. Trees also help to stabilize our creek banks and prevent erosion in areas prone to flooding. The benefits of trees far exceed the work necessary for maintenance. Then again, I always relished raking up a pile of leaves for the little ones to jump in.

The best time to plant trees is in the Fall and Spring. If you missed our September tree order for November planting then you can look for our Spring tree order in February for April planting. Send us an email at amblereac@gmail.com and we will add you to the list for notification of our next planting.

FREE CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS



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PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES

Ambler Borough Police Department

Chief of Police Robert Hoffman



VOLUNTARY SECURITY CAMERA REGISTRATION

Turn your camera into a crime-fighting tool



Residents and business owners with security cameras can now register their exterior surveillance cameras to help assist police. To increase our ability to investigate criminal activity more efficiently and effectively, the Ambler Borough Police Department is asking businesses and residents with video surveillance cameras to voluntarily register them with the Police Department. Should an incident occur in an area where a camera is registered, the owner will be contacted by an officer to determine if the system captured anything that may be of value. This program is entirely voluntary, and the information will be utilized for Police purposes only. At no time does the police department have direct access to a participants system. There is no fee, and your information will be kept confidential. You can unsubscribe to the program at any time.

Video surveillance is one to the best methods for apprehending and convicting suspects who are caught in the act of committing a crime. Installing video surveillance and registering in the program is a great example of a community-police partnership.

Registration forms are self-explanatory and can be easily filled out. You may obtain a form at the Borough website www.boroughofambler.com / **Documents & Forms / Forms, Permits & Applications / Security Camera Registration**. A form may also be requested by emailing twilliams@police.ambler.pa.us or by calling the Ambler Police Department at 215-646-1000 (ask for the Police Dept.) On the registration form, you'll be asked to provide contact information as well as details on the location and recording abilities of your cameras. We ask that if you have more than one location you would like to register please submit separate forms for each site.

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.

WELCOME! New Officers to the Ambler Borough Police Department



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Officer Brian Ly

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Council, Department & Committee News

Dear Residents and Friends,

It is hard to believe that another Fall is upon us. Seems we hardly got to know summer, and it has moved on. It has been a busy spring and summer for Council. I'm happy to have this opportunity to highlight some notable, exciting changes.

First, and perhaps most importantly, Council is very happy to have had the opportunity to hire two new police officers, bringing our force up to 14 officers. The well-being of our community and our residents is imperative. The addition of the new officers will ensure that Ambler continues to be a safe environment in which to live, to visit, and to raise a family.

Things continue to happen at Borough Hall as well. With renovations complete, we now have two new handicapped accessible restrooms located in the community center. The Ambler branch of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library has temporarily moved in upstairs while the branch building undergoes extensive renovations. Finally, we are overjoyed to welcome Head Start back to the borough. The readiness program for children will be occupying space on the second floor. As Borough Hall began as a school – our beloved Mattison Avenue Elementary - it is only fitting that children are back in the building.

Council has also been busy working on ways to be better stewards of our environment. Recently, Council passed a plastics resolution, encouraging our residents to voluntarily reduce their use of plastics and increase their use of reusable products. Council is in the process of creating a plastics ordinance that will call for the end of single use plastics and polystyrene in the businesses within our boundaries. Council also passed the Ready for 100 (RF100) resolution, joining other municipalities in Montgomery County in a pledge to reduce our carbon footprint.

Exciting things are happening in our small town. If you have never been to a Council meeting, I invite you to join us at Borough Hall every first and third Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 pm.

As always, Borough Council remains dedicated to our constituents, and to working together to keep Ambler moving forward.

Regards,
Frank DeRuosi
President, Ambler Borough Council
fderuosi@borough.ambler.pa.us

Public Works Department News

Marco Resente, Public Works Supervisor

STREET SWEEPING – Street sweeping ends for the season the 1st week of December. Street sweeping will resume 1st week of April.

HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL – Holiday trees may be put out the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of January. Place trees curbside. Do not wrap trees in plastic tree bags -- our hauler will not pick up bagged trees.

PUBLIC WORKS 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.

TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHT OUTAGES – If a traffic or street light is out, please notify the Borough receptionist at 215-646-1000 or send an email to receptionist@borough.ambler.pa.us. For street light 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 are in need of repair. Public Works will replace these parts at no cost to you. Please do not throw out the cart.



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.
- You may sign up to receive email notification that the Water Bill is being mailed out. Please visit www.boroughofambler.com and click on "Water Portal" on the homepage.
- 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" on the homepage. 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!

Code Enforcement News

Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer



WINTER IS COMING . . . As winter approaches snow is not far behind. Residents are reminded to 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. When removing snow off your sidewalk, driveway, or vehicle do not throw the snow into the street. This makes it difficult for passing plows and possible re-freezing.

As always remember to help your neighbors who may require special assistance – the elderly and those with disabilities. Working together property owners and the Borough can get life back to normal as possible after a snow event.

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Stomsky, Tax Collector

Along with Halloween, 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 cannot accept face value after the deadline, so if you are mailing your bills, please consider doing so at least two days before the deadline. After October 31st, there will be a 10% penalty added to the face value of your bill.

My hours for in-person payments are Tuesdays from 9am-1pm. I am located at 262 N. Spring Garden St. (between Mount Pleasant Ave. and Reiffs Mill Road). For other times or special needs accommodations, please call me at 215-367-5663 or email me at amblerborotaxcollector@gmail.com and I will be happy to set up a time and place that works for you. Please note that I am closed on weekends, evenings, and holidays. This includes primary and election days.

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 in person 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.

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.

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 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.

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.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wissahickon Valley Public Library – Ambler Branch

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LIBRARY HOURS AT BOROUGH HALL

Monday & Wednesday: 10am - 8pm | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am - 4:30pm



ONGOING PROGRAMS AT AMBLER BRANCH LIBRARY

- **Children's Guitar Storytimes** – Tuesday mornings at 10:30am, Thursday afternoons at 2pm
- **Read to Smart T Pants the Dog** – 3rd Monday of the month at 4pm
- Wee Build Zone - Preschool STEM Play – 2nd Friday each month (except December) at 10:30am (October 11, November 8, December 20, January 10, February 14, March 13)
- **Ambler Book Group** – 2nd Thursday every month at 2:30pm
- **Beading Group** – meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 1pm
- **Cook The Book Cookbook Club** – a culinary book group at Ambler Library. Meets the 3rd Wednesday every other month at 6:15pm. (August, October, December, February, April, June)
- **First Wednesday Film Discussions** – in conjunction with Ambler Theater. Join our movie discussion following the afternoon matinee every 1st Wednesday
- **Yarn Café** – meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and Friday mornings at 10:30am



UPCOMING SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT AMBLER BRANCH LIBRARY



- **Wednesday, October 23** – Tech Q&A. 1pm to 3pm. Sign up for half hour slots.
- **Wednesday, October 23** – Cemetery Stories: Secrets revealed from Philadelphia's forgotten Monument Cemetery. 6:30pm. (adult enrichment)
- **Wednesday, November 13** – Tannery Run Fundraiser Night. Visit Tannery Ran Brew Works on Nov. 13 after 4pm. Proceeds from food sales will benefit the Ambler Branch Library Renovation Capital Campaign!
- **Tuesday, December 17** – Holiday Party for Children. Seasonal songs and stories with Miss Michelle. 10:30am.

The Wissahickon Valley Public Library Ambler Branch is now located at Ambler Borough Hall while the Race Street branch undergoes a major renovation for expansion and accessibility.

Where to Park When Visiting Ambler Library:

1. Cavalier Lot (free parking between noon and 2 and after 6pm) – the Cavalier lot is directly across Poplar and can be accessed from Butler or from Poplar
2. Metered spaces on street
3. Free street parking is usually available on Mattison and on Rosemary. All streets in the borough have free parking beyond one block of Butler.
4. Free parking is available in the lower borough lot after 4:30pm and in the upper borough lot after 5:30pm

Discount Tickets Throughout the Year

Purchase Discount Tickets Here! Discount tickets to area amusements, attractions & ski slopes are available at Ambler Borough Hall throughout the year. Tickets can be purchased at the Borough Hall reception desk Monday-Friday 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. **AQUARIUMS & ZOOS:** • Adventure Aquarium • Elmwood Park Zoo • Philadelphia Zoo **SKI AREAS:** • Bear Creek • Big Boulder/Jack Frost • Blue Mountain • Elk Mountain • Shawnee Mountain. **MISCELLANEOUS:** PA Renaissance Faire • Crayola Experience • Franklin Institute



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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. 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.



2019-2020 AMBLER BOROUGH Trash & Recyclables Collection

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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 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. **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 & branch materials, twig material, vine & hedge trimmings. No grass clippings. Residents may also bring yard waste to Barnside Farm Compost Facility, 991 Halde-man Rd, Schwenksville, contact at 610-287-8880.

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

Refer to Ambler Borough's website www.boroughofambler.com for e-waste collection opportunities when they are posted.



AMBLER SYMPHONY FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED



The Ambler Symphony Orchestra opens its 2019-2020 season with the first Subscription Concert on Friday evening, November 15. The program will include the Overture to the Magic Flute by Mozart and Bach’s Little Suite from the Anna Magdalena Notebook. Then the orchestra will perform the tour de force Mahler Symphony No. 5, a complex piece which is a challenging 75 minutes in length. The concert will begin at 7:30 at the Auditorium of Wissahickon High School off Dager Road in Lower Gwynedd. Tickets are available at the orchestra website, amblersymphony.org, and at the door on the evening of the performance.

The Ambler Theater will once again host a couple of community favorites. First, the Holiday Concert and Sing-along will be held at the theater on Butler Avenue on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Traditional holiday music will be featured along with favorite carols. The movie ‘White Christmas’ will follow, and tickets are available only through the theater. Then, on Saturday, January 18th, the orchestra will present the Annual Children’s Concert showcasing Prokofiev’s Peter and the Wolf, as well as more music directed toward the youngest audience members. Watch for a surprise guest soloist! This program begins at 11 a.m., again at the Ambler Movie Theater on Butler. This concert has been selling out, so it is suggested that tickets be bought online, and early. There may be a few tickets left to sell at the door, but it is not guaranteed.

On Sunday afternoon, February 16, the Annual Menges Scholarship Concert will be held at St. Alphonsus Church in Maple Glen. This concert showcases the talent of five local teens who have been through a grueling audition to win a chance to perform as a soloist with the Ambler Symphony. A scholarship award is also included. This concert will begin at 3:00 p.m. Directions will be on our website. If you have a young family member starting out on an instrument, this concert can be a strong motivator. This year’s featured instruments are violin, viola, cello, flute, and piano, and music includes Schumann, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky among others.

The two remaining subscription concerts begin on Friday, March 27, featuring Beethoven’s violin Concerto with guest violinist Madison Day, and Dvorak’s Symphony No. 9, “From the New World.” The final subscription concert, on Friday, May 15, will feature operetta music from Sigmund Romberg and Victor Herbert, and the performance will include members of the Concert Operetta Theater of Philadelphia. Both concerts will be held at the Wissahickon High School Auditorium, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The entrance and parking are behind the main school building, off Dager Road.

For tickets and further information, please see our website at amblersymphony.org.



The Ambler Borough Gym is now a regular community site for American Red Cross Blood Drives. Please check the Borough website for the next blood drive. To make an appointment to give go online to www.redcrossblood.org (keyword: ambler) or call 1-800-Red-Cross.

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By phone: (610) 834-1040 x.120
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Montco Office of Aging & Adult Services Announces Name Change

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services has announced that the Office of Aging and Adult Services, in its 41st year of operation, will be operating under the name Office of Senior Services. The new name has been chosen to better reflect the current strategic focus on serving seniors and to bring awareness to the specific needs experienced with the aging process. For more information on the Montgomery County Office of Senior Services, please visit <https://www.montcopa.org/148/Senior-Services>.



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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE 2019 – Ambler Borough Hall

1st Tuesday	Borough Committee–7:00 pm (except October – meeting Wed., October 2) (except November – meeting Wed., November 6)
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

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

NON-EMERGENCY & STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

Ambler Police (Chief Robert Hoffman) 215-646-1000 (8:00-4:30pm) **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 Supervisor Philip Benigno 215-646-1000 ext 124 [pbenigno@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Water Billing – 215-646-1000 (Cheryl x110 or Ruth x111) **Water Emergency** – 215-646-1000 **follow prompts**
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Code Enforcement Officer Glenn Kucher 215-646-1000 ext 112 [code@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Public Works Supervisor Marco Resente 215-628-9409 (leave message or call 215-646-1000 '0' Receptionist)
Finance Manager Gail Gordon 215-646-1000 ext 107 [ggordon@borough.ambler.pa.us]
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