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MELTING SNOW, IT'S STORMWATER TOO!

Stormwater runoff can come in many forms, including melting snow. Winter snow often brings a unique feel to the Borough: making for beautiful photos and lots of family fun. However, it's not long before the sun comes out to expose a host of issues created by the melting snow.

Because the ground is often frozen at the surface, melting snow can't infiltrate into the soil the way a light or moderate rain would be able to. So even a small amount of snow can cause localized flooding on your property. When snow builds up over several small storm events without melting in between, it can turn into large winter storm impacts when it finally does melt – leading to potential Borough wide flooding events. In both cases, that standing and flowing water on the ground is picking up all kinds of debris, pollutants (especially deicing salts and chemicals), and litter that will find their way into nearby streams and waterways.



Snow and Your Rain Garden

Normal snow accumulation does not pose a threat to rain gardens, so there is no need to shovel a rain garden. However, heavy snow loads can weigh down and saturate your garden and hurt plants. Pile snow uphill from the rain garden so when the snow melts the rain garden can do what it is designed to do.

Tips to Avoid Using Salt as a De-icer

- More salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts.
- When temperatures hit 15° F or below, salt is not effective. Consider using traction materials that contain an acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal instead of sand or kitty litter.

Winter Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

Start shoveling early! The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need. Below are some do's and don'ts when shoveling or plowing snow.

Do:

- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground while not causing ponding.
- Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains
- Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt, and make a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like native grasses, meadow plants, trees and shrubs.

Don't:

- Do not pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- Do not pile snow onto rain gardens or bio retention areas.
- Do not over use de-icing chemicals and salts, and avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways and your private well.

Please visit the Borough stormwater website for more information about how you can help reduce pollution in our stormwater. <http://boroughofambler.com/government/stormwater-management/>

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Some Recycling Facts

PLASTICS

- Five plastic bottles (PET) recycled provides enough fiber to create one square feet of carpet or enough fiber fill to fill one ski jacket.
- Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.
- Recycling one ton of plastic bottles saves the equivalent energy usage of a two-person household for one year.

PAPER & CARDBOARD

- Americans throw away enough office paper each year to build a 12-foot high wall from Seattle to NY (a new wall every year).
- Making paper from recycled paper reduces the related contribution to air pollution 95%.
- Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.
- More than 37% of the fiber used to make new paper products in the U.S. comes from recycled sources.
- Recycling cardboard only takes 75% of the energy needed to make new cardboard.
- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.
- Over 90% of all products shipped in the US are shipped in corrugated boxes, which totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard.
- Nearly 80% of all retailers and grocers recycle their cardboard.

CANS

- Every three months, Americans throw enough aluminum in the landfills to build our nation's entire commercial air fleet.
- The average person has an opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 cans in a lifetime.
- Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.
- It requires 95% less energy and water to recycle a can than it does to create a can from virgin materials.

GLASS

- Glass can be recycled and re-manufactured an infinite amount of times and never wear out.
- Making glass from recycled material cuts related water pollution by 50%.
- Recycling just one glass jar saves enough electricity to light an 11watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.
- More than 28 billion glass bottles and jars end up in landfills every year -- that is the equivalent of filling up two Empire State Buildings every three weeks.



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

Household Hazardous Waste Collection - The County has scheduled a HHW event on November 7th (9-3 p.m.) at Temple U-Ambler Campus, 1431 Butler Pike. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, preregistration & by appointment only. See the HHW Announcement on the Borough homepage to pre-register. Stay tuned for the County's Collection events posted next spring!

Retrievr makes Recycling as Easy as Sending A Text

The Retrievr logo consists of the word "retrievr" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by a speech bubble icon containing a white checkmark.

Retrievr has partnered with Montgomery County to collect *clothes and electronics* you no longer use. **Retrievr** collects clothing and electronics right from your doorstep. A convenience fee will apply for certain items: \$10 for each microwave, \$35 for each TV under 150 lbs, and \$100 for each TV 150 lbs or more. Simply visit retrievr.com or text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824) and follow the guided scheduler to set a date.



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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:

- **Paper** – newspaper, office/copy paper, glossy paper, color paper, cardboard, junk mail, phone books, cereal/cracker boxes
- **Plastic** – bottles and jugs No. 1-7
- **Glass** – clear, green and brown containers
- **Metal** – aluminum, steel, tin, and bimetal cans and containers

You should check the Mascaro collection page found in this issue for a complete list of acceptable recyclable materials for Mascaro customers in Ambler Borough.

Are Things Really Being Recycled?

This question often comes up. People are concerned that not all of the materials they put in their recycle bin are recycled. Their concern is that some end up in landfills. This leads some to minimize their recycling efforts. According to several major

waste management firms in Montgomery County, all of the paper, plastic, glass and metal materials listed above are being recycled. You should continue to recycle all of these items.

Things You Should Not Put into Your Recycle Bin

You should check the Mascaro collection page found in this issue for a complete list of unacceptable materials for recycling for Mascaro customers in Ambler Borough.

Avoid Contamination of Recycling Materials with Food or Liquids

Materials contaminated with food or liquid cannot be recycled. Here is what you should do:

- 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.

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Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission (NMCRC)

The NMCRC is a commission consisting of 11 boroughs and townships located in the northern part of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Each municipality is represented by one Commission member. Members include Ambler Borough, Franconia Township, Hatfield Borough, Hatfield Township, Lower Gwynedd Township, Lower Salford Township, Montgomery Township, North Wales Borough, Souderton Borough, Telford Borough and Towamencin Township.

The Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission was formed after the Northern Montgomery County Waste System Authority was dissolved by the county in 1995. Eight communities formed the Commission in August 1995 to coordinate their recycling activities. Each municipality amended their recycling ordinance to name the Commission as their agent for compliance with Act 101 and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection recycling regulations. In 2005 the Commission grew to 11 member communities, bringing the current total number of residents represented by the Commission to 123,471 and making it one of the largest recycling organizations in the state.

The recycling rate in Commission municipalities prior to the formation of the Commission was less than 15%. One of the Commission's goals was to increase area recycling rates. Today, the recycling rate is over 20%.

As part of its efforts to increase recycling in its member municipalities, the Commission sponsors organizations and educational activities that increase the awareness of recycling.

The Commission receives grants from the state based on its recycling rates. Its steady progress increasing the amount of materials recycled in its member communities is reflected by the growth in recycling performance awards received from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

While there have been fluctuations and adjustments in the way the DEP administers the awards program, the general trend has been upwards. The Commission has worked to increase the amount of recycling that goes to market.

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES

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Ambler Borough Police Department

Chief of Police Robert Hoffman



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

1. Stay calm and stay put.

- If you are able, get out of traffic and find a safe place to wait for help to arrive.
- Remain still so as not to aggravate any injuries.
- Try to take deep breaths and accept help from bystanders.

2. Call the police.

- Call 911.
- Insist that police come to the scene of the crash and file a report.
- Make sure the officer provides you with a report number.

3. Don't refuse medical treatment.

- Never refuse assistance from a paramedic or EMT. You may not realize that you are injured since your adrenaline is elevated in the aftermath of a crash.

4. Gather information and witnesses.

- Driver's license information.
- Insurance policy information.
- License plate information.
- Names and contact information of the driver and witnesses.

5. Take Pictures

- Take pictures of: > the crash scene. > the people and vehicles involved. > the license plate.



TIPS FOR REPORTING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS TO POLICE



The first step after any traffic accident is to call 9-1-1. Even if there are no injuries or property damage that you are aware of, you'll want an officer to come and take a report. When the police show up, they'll conduct a brief investigation.

The police will likely collect the following:

1. Date and time the accident occurred -- noting if it was dark or if there were other visibility issues
2. Personal information from all the parties involved, including name, address, telephone number and insurance details
3. Driver statements
4. Information on the vehicles involved in the accident and damage
5. Witness contact information and their statements
6. Injuries noted at the scene
7. Description of the road or parking lot where the accident occurred
8. A diagram of the accident scene

FILING A POLICE REPORT AFTER AN ACCIDENT

If officers don't come to the scene, file your own police report as soon as possible. It is not unusual for the at-fault party to accept responsibility right after the accident, only to change their story later.

This list of additional measures will help if you file a police report:

1. Collect the information listed above.
2. Take pictures of the accident scene and the cars involved in the incident.
3. Use your phone to record any witness statements.
4. If the other party wants to admit fault, ask for a signed statement or make a recording on your phone.
5. Look for video surveillance cameras in parking lots or nearby businesses. Inquire about video footage immediately, since it's unlikely to be stored very long.

In busy metropolitan areas, such as Philadelphia, the police may not take a car accident report unless there are injuries. In this case document as much of the above information that you can.

Ambler specific: There is a \$15.00 cost for an accident report. If the car is towed, get the name of the Tow Company, telephone number and location.

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Have Working Smoke Alarms - Smoke alarms save lives. A smoke alarm should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including basements. Check your smoke alarms each month to make sure they are working properly, and when a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. You should change your smoke detector batteries twice a year, and you should replace your smoke alarms every ten years.

Plan Your Escape - Every second counts. Your family should know all of the different ways out of your home and every room should have two exits. Make sure doors and windows are not blocked so that you can make a quick escape. Draw a floor plan of your house to identify exits and escape routes with your family. Practice your home fire escape plan often and pick a meeting place where everyone knows to go when evacuating the house. Your meeting place should be outside, a safe distance away from the home, and should be visible to first responders.

Close Before You Doze - Make sure all of the bedroom doors are closed before going to sleep. If there is a fire in your home, a closed door can help prevent smoke from entering your room and can buy you time.

If you need a smoke detector or assistance in creating a fire escape plan, please contact the Fire Marshal at 215-646-1000 extension 122.

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA)



In 2020 CAAA provided local response to the global COVID pandemic, but that's not all! Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA) was also awarded the Mission Lifeline EMS Gold Plus recognition by the American Heart Association (AHA). This award recognizes EMS agencies that provide high level of care to heart attack and stroke patients, and 2020 is the 5th consecutive year CAAA has received this type of recognition by the AHA. As

“Ambler Ambulance” approaches its 80th year of service in 2021, we are proud to offer life-saving care to our community. The 2021 Membership drive will be mailed beginning in October. Members support CAAA's ongoing mission by providing critical funding for operating costs associated with this life-saving care. Memberships start at only \$35 and provide reduced charges for service. Visit amblerambulance.org/membership or email support@amblerambulance.org for more details or to sign up. Thank you to our members for supporting our life-saving work!

When Do Fire Sirens Sound?

The fire siren only blows when the county receives a 911 call & the fire company is needed for an emergency. It does not blow for tornado warnings or any other occasion, other than Fires or other related emergencies, where the fire company is needed.



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Council, Department & Committee News

****Ambler Borough Strategic Plan: Transition to 100% Renewable Energy from 2020 to 2050****

On March 19, 2019 Borough Council passed a Ready for 100% Renewable Energy Resolution, with the intention of transitioning all Borough-owned property away from fossil fuels and towards sustainable energy sources by the year 2050. Council then asked Ambler's Planning Commission to develop a Strategic Transition to Renewable Energy Plan, with the intention of turning it over to a professional advocate, perhaps at the county level, who would ensure continuity between the RF100 plans of surrounding municipalities with similar aspirations. This Strategic Transition to Renewable Energy Plan was approved by the Planning Commission in July of 2020.

Planning for the future of renewable energy in Ambler with a data driven approach can begin to meet the challenges posed by climate change and extreme weather events on Ambler's energy sources and consumption. Both Ambler's RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03 *Ready for 100% Renewable Energy Resolution* as well as the development of this *Ambler Borough Strategic Plan: Transition to 100% Renewable Energy from 2020 to 2050* are consistent with current guidance at both the state and federal levels.

The Borough is already making changes in this direction with Electric Vehicle Chargers, LED Streetlights, and Stormwater Management. Ambler continues to be a local leader in the field of sustainability, in large part due to the volunteer efforts of our Environmental Advisory Council.

The Planning Commission discussed a wide range of options during their public meetings on this topic with Councilwoman Nellie DiPietro, Ambler's County Planner, Michael Lowrey, and Code Enforcement Officer, Glenn Kucher. Conservation opportunities, potential solar panel locations, electric vehicle availability, and possible ordinance language were all considered. Be sure to check out the full plan on the Borough website at www.boroughofambler.com located under announcements on the homepage.

Parks and Recreation News

COMMUNITY GARDEN - The past few months have been trying for all of us! We've had to cancel and postpone many usual activities. So, let's look ahead to brighter days! Our committee, with Council member Jennifer Henderson in the lead, is looking into the creation of a community garden to benefit Ambler! Community gardens can be a wonderful way to connect with your neighbors and to spend some time outdoors. The plants in a community garden add oxygen to the air and help reduce air pollution. They also absorb rainwater, reducing runoff. Community gardens give people a chance to meet and learn about neighbors who come from different backgrounds, including people of different ages, races, cultures and social classes. The space and scope are still in discussion. If you'd like to get involved please feel welcome to contact Jennifer Henderson, Ward 2 Council member at jhenderson@borough.ambler.pa.us.

PARKS & REC COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT! Ambler Borough Planning Commission is currently working on a conceptual plan incorporating identified community needs and improvements for each park in the Borough to be used as part of a larger Master Park Plan. Similar to work done on the recently completed 2019 Open Space Plan (available on the Borough website), this Master Park Plan is intended to serve as a major tool to guide the future direction of current and prospective park considerations in the Borough. This plan will detail the unique physical and cultural features of Ambler Borough while assessing growth trends in the area. An inventory of Ambler's existing parks and open space areas will be included in this plan, along with a framework for future management of these amenities.

Currently, there are nine parks and open space areas under Borough ownership, totaling 23.5 acres. Implementation strategies are included to guide the future of these resources and provide a framework for future preservation and land acquisition. Overall, the Borough Master Parks Plan will serve to guide the future of parks in the Borough. Through careful planning and collaboration, Ambler Borough will continue to be a great place to live, work, and play. This item is discussed at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meetings which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Please check the Borough website prior to the meeting for further details. The Borough will be putting together a survey to request further input in the near future. Stay tuned and be sure to get involved in this process. Any comments or questions can be sent to the Borough Code Department at code@borough.ambler.pa.us

AMBLER SQUARE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN - Ambler Borough has been moving forward on the planning and construction of the Borough's newest park, Ambler Square, at the southeast corner of Butler and Park Avenues. The park site is approximately 10,000 square feet and is proposed to provide plantings, greenery, seating, storm water educational opportunities, and event space potential. After all the tremendous input from the park survey, plans were finalized earlier this year. The Borough has started construction with a grand opening date later this year. Borough Council and all dedicated members of the community have been working hard to transform this vacant asphalt lot into a gathering place for people of all ages.

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.

P.W. 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 street light is out, please notify 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 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

Dear Water Customer:

Your water service is currently provided directly by the Borough of Ambler, through its water department. At the beginning of 2020, the Borough formed a Water Authority with Board members from the Borough and each township that is in the service area. Currently, the Borough is in the process of seeking approval from the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission to have the new Authority provide service rather than the Borough itself. In the terminology of the PUC, the Borough operates through something called a Certificate of Public Convenience, and in order to transfer service to the Authority, the Borough technically needs permission to “abandon” its certificate of public convenience. This is not an abandonment of water service and nothing about your service would change! It is simply a confusing legal term that has long been in use by the PUC.

If the application to the PUC is successful, the Borough would lease the system to the Authority. The Borough will continue owning the system. If the application is not successful, the Borough will continue to provide water service directly. In either case, you will continue to receive safe, clean, inexpensive drinking water.

Regards,

Frank DeRuosi
Council President

Mary Aversa
Borough Manager

Glynnis Siskind
Chair, Public Utilities Committee

- 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!



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2020-2021 AMBLER BOROUGH Trash & Recyclables Collection

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION: All solid waste, recyclables and yard waste should be placed curbside no later than 6 A.M. the day of your scheduled pickup. Refuse/solid waste is to be placed in the gray roll cart provided by the Borough. No hazardous or E-waste collected. Litter and debris can attract unwanted pests. 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 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 CURBSIDE RECYCLING CART. Flexible plastic packaging can now be placed in your recycling carts. Flexible packaging is any plastic packaging that is able to flex or wrap such as plastic pouches, wraps, and bags. For example: Grocery Bags, Retail Bags, Pet Treat Pouches, Detergent Pouches, Case Wrap, Shrink Film, Food Storage Bags, Snack Food Pouches, Salad Bags, Wipes Pouches, Candy Pouches, Baby Food Pouches, Bread Bags, Diaper Wrap Packaging (No Diapers New or Used), Air Pillows, Bubble Wrap, Pet Food Bags, Cereal Bags, Paper Towel Overwrap, Chip Bags, Meat Bags, Cheese Bags and Drink Pouches. Additional information regarding curbside collection of flexible plastics can be found at www.jpмасcaro.com



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■ Trash ■ Recycle ■ Yard Waste ■ Holiday

DO NOT PUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THIS CART: 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 refrigerators and 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 Haldeman 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.

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

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

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

Property owners are encouraged to work with their neighbors to maintain sidewalks throughout the Borough. If you see any of the above violations feel free to contact the Ambler Borough Code Department to investigate. Working together we can all do our part to provide and maintain safe, clean, attractive, and walkable neighborhoods.

WINTER IS COMING....

As winter approaches snow is not far behind. 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

It has been a crazy year! I thank everyone for your patience with the changes that were made to collections to follow state mandates and keep us all safe.

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, given the current issues with the USPS, 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.

The County/Borough Real Estate Tax Bill is also still in the face period, as that deadline was extended to December 31. Bills that remain unpaid as of that date will have the 10% penalty added to the amount owed before being turned over to the County.

In-person hours for collection continues to be suspended due to COVID-19. 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, 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.

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 (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.

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



IN OUR COMMUNITY

WISSAHICKON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY – Ambler Branch

www.wvpl.org

209 Race Street, Ambler PA 19002

Anne Hall, Branch Manager

215-646-1072

AMBLER'S NEWLY RENOVATED COMMUNITY LIBRARY!! OPEN FALL 2020

Your community library renovation is complete! Wissahickon Valley Public Library wishes to thank everyone who made this renovation possible!

The library at 209 Race Street will open to the public in mid- to late October.

The newly renovated library features ADA accessibility inside and outside, 2,450 additional square feet of space, a brand new children's room, and all new heating, plumbing, electric, carpeting, and furniture! Most of all, you will find a fresh, comfortable, and safe community space for Ambler residents!!

The library will open under the same COVID-19 guidelines as our Blue Bell location to protect our patrons and staff. These guidelines are on our website at www.wvpl.org

Hours of Operation at 209 Race Street :

Monday through Friday: 11am to 7pm

Saturdays: 10 AM to 2PM (contactless pickup appointments only on Saturdays)

Virtual Programs

The library will continue to offer virtual programs through 2020.

FOR CHILDREN! Miss Michelle's Guitar Storytimes and Miss Erin's storytimes are online at wvpl.org and on our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wvplibrary/>

Special children's events will be held monthly on Tuesdays at 4pm. Check our calendar at wvpl.org for updates!

Adult educational programs will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Book Group - the Ambler Book Group meets online the second Thursday of each month at 2:30pm

Cookbook Club - the cookbook club meets online the third Wednesday every other month

Don't Miss the Silent Auction

To finish the capital campaign, WVPL has 100+ items up for auction. But you have to hurry, the auction ends, October 30 at 5 PM. Go to <https://wvpl.rallyup.com/wvplsilentauuction> to bid. You can also see the items in person at the Main Library in Blue Bell.



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**. The need is constant. The gratification is instant.



Ambler Symphony

www.amblersymphony.org

We are sorry to say the Ambler Symphony has had to cancel this year's concert schedule due to practice and performance space complications from the Coronavirus pandemic. We wish good health to all our subscribers and patrons, and sincerely hope we will be able to gather again next year.

Community Organizations

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Helping Families Overcome Homelessness

31 S. Spring Garden Street | Ambler, PA 19002

215-628-2334 | www.i-fha.org

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215-628-3002 | www.community-cupboard.org

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