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Ambler Main Street

Fall and Holiday Events!

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Halloween Extravaganza 11am
Join us on Butler Avenue in your Halloween Costume and trick or treat at all the businesses, enjoy pumpkin decorating and lots of fall crafts!

Black Friday & Holiday Tree Lighting
Shop downtown Ambler all day for Black Friday Deals and Steals. Then join us on the patio at First Presbyterian Church for the annual holiday tree lighting at dusk!

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Small Businesses Saturday
Celebrate everything Small Businesses have to offer with Small Business Saturday! There will be specials, sales, and Holiday carols all in downtown Ambler!

The Holiday Parade 1PM
Join us on Butler Avenue from Bethlehem Pike to Main Street for the Annual Holiday Parade, featuring our very special guest Santa himself!

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Santa Arrives by Train 7PM
Meet Santa on the south side tracks of the Ambler Train Station as he arrives by train to ring in the holiday season!

Holiday Shopping Weekend
Your favorite boutiques and shops will be decked out in full holiday regalia and offering gifts you'll only find in a small business!

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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Storm Water Management Jim Dougherty, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do to Help



Reference: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) "Be Storm Water Smart" Brochure (https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/BNPNSM/StormwaterManagement/MunicipalStormwater/Minimum_Control_Measures/MS4Brochure.pdf)

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities such as car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- 💧 Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint—never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- 💧 Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- 💧 Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- 💧 Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- 💧 Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather - a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- 💧 Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess - in a backyard or at the park - storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- 💧 Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.



For more information about Ambler's Stormwater Program or about rain gardens and other Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) please contact the Borough of Ambler or visit its webpage (<http://www.boroughofambler.com/government/stormwater-management/>). The Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) also provides valuable information regarding rain gardens and other BMPs (<http://www.amblereac.org/>)

The Top 5 Impacts of Recycling

- Our Trash Gets Repurposed for Reuse.
- Reduced Consumption of Raw Materials.
- Prevents Air and Water Pollution.
- Less Waste for Landfills and Incinerators.
- Creates Jobs for Towns and Cities.



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.

Stay tuned for County-sponsored Collection events posted next spring!

The Flawed Law: Challenges to PA's E-Waste Recycling Programs

Frank X. Browne, Ph.D., P.E.

Consultant, Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission (NMCRC)

Finding a location to recycle your electronic devices can feel like an uphill battle. They won't be picked up with your trash by your hauler, many places restrict what types or sizes of electronics they take, and others charge by the pound. What is the current law that shapes these recycling realities in Pennsylvania? And how can we fix the issues with the current system to increase access to electronic recycling for people across the state?

The Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010 (CDRA) was a good intentioned law developed to reclaim the valuable materials in e-waste, and to keep the more toxic components out of landfills. The CDRA applies to all "covered devices" which include TVs, desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors, and peripherals (such as keyboards, printers, and hard drives). The first part of the act is that covered devices cannot be disposed of in a landfill or other solid waste disposal facilities. This part of the law prohibits your trash hauler from accepting these devices with your curbside trash (although they may offer curbside pickup and delivery to a recycling facility for a fee). The second part of the law requires covered device manufacturers to "establish and conduct ongoing recycling programs that offer covered device collection opportunities at no cost to consumers."



Like many Pennsylvanians, you may realize that the realities of PA e-waste recycling programs are very different from the initial intentions of CDRA. According to the 2019 DEP Report to the General Assembly Covered Device Recycling Act, only 23.7% of the population has unrestricted

access to recycling opportunities under CDRA. Due to high demand for the recycling of items that are costly to recycle (such as CRT TVs), it is often cost-prohibitive for e-waste recycling vendors to operate in PA. According to a letter from the Electronics Recyclers Association of PA (ERAP), the PA E-Scrap Recycling industry is shrinking due to a lack of financial support from electronics manufacturers to cover collection, transportation, and recycling costs. This deficit leads electronics processors to close sites or restrict the services they offer.

It is important that the failings of the current law are fixed, but that it still maintains its initial goals. E-waste can contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. One of the reasons CRT TVs (Cathode Ray Tube Televisions) are so difficult to recycle is because of the leaded glass used for the cathode ray tubes. If not recycled or disposed of properly, these materials can contaminate the environment. Additionally, there are valuable and recoverable materials including gold, silver, copper, and aluminum in e-waste. By ensuring these materials are reclaimed and not lost into the landfill, we can conserve natural resources and reduce the amount of mining required to meet the demand for these materials.

What can we do to change the current issues with CDRA? Pennsylvania is just one of two states that does not allow recyclers like Best Buy to charge a nominal fee for accepting old CRT TVs. The recycling act should be amended to allow businesses to charge a recycling fee for accepting CRT TVs. You can reach out to your state legislators and remind them that CDRA is too important not to fix. You can find specific speaking points and other resources at ewastepa.org/take-action/.

Three Ways to Help Ambler Become Greener

Ambler Environmental Advisory Council amblereac.org

Spring and summer have come and gone with the flower gardens in front of neighbors' houses and kids playing in the parks. If you've spent any time enjoying the seasons outdoors you've likely noticed the intense weather patterns lately, from heavy downpours to longer hotter days. Some days it's just too uncomfortable for that afternoon neighborhood stroll or even your own home is working hard to stay cool and dry. Maybe you've wondered if there is anything you can do. Is there anything singular individuals or families can do to create positive change? There is, grow our tree canopy!

Trees are more than decorative elements for neighborhoods. They provide shade, stormwater filtration, cleaner air, and more pleasant environments. Walking or driving down roads with or without trees you can feel the difference it makes to our comfort and overall health. Shade trees in developed residential and commercial spaces, such as Ambler, are important to plant now so that they can provide better quality air and walkable streets for us now and for our future neighbors. As an Ambler Borough resident, you are eligible for a discounted tree(s) both in the spring and fall that arrive already about 6-8 feet tall. The Ambler EAC offers free advice and volunteers to plant your tree for you. Members of Ambler Borough staff generously deliver the tree right to your home. Planting a tree in your front yard increases your property value, lowers your utility costs, decreases lawn erosion and if planted in a front or side yard, close to the street, it can even provide shade for those passing by.

For Borough residents who don't own a property, you can still

help grow and nourish our community trees by caring for a public or park tree. Ambler EAC's Adopt-a-Tree program matches community members with newly planted and young trees that need a little TLC to become strong and long-standing green assets to our community. Adopters are asked to water the tree weekly in times of little to no rain and to remove weeds from the tree pit. You can give your tree a name like Oliver Oak, or you can write the name of yourself, your children, your family or even your dog's name on the tree's tag as their proud caretaker.

If you don't have the means to adopt, donating a tree is another great option available to residents. These donated trees can either go to households who don't have the funds to buy their own tree or the Ambler EAC will coordinate with you to plant the tree in a public space. Donated trees are a great way to remember a loved one, celebrate a life event, or honor someone special in your life. When dedicating a tree, the Ambler EAC can place a tag on it with your loved one's name.

Help make Ambler an even more beautiful, clean, green, and walkable Borough than it already is by growing our tree canopy! Plant, adopt or donate a tree. Please visit amblereac.org or the EAC Facebook for further details and dates or email us at AmblerEAC@gmail.com.

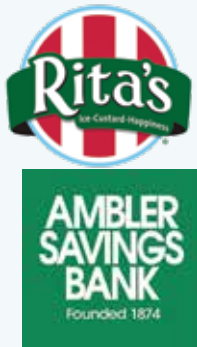


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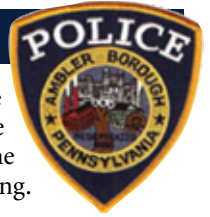
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Ambler Borough Police Department

Chief of Police Jeffrey Borkowski



It's a privilege and honor to be appointed the Chief of Police of the Ambler Community. The Ambler Borough Police Department is here to serve all residents and visitors within the Borough. Our goal is to make each day safer and more enjoyable for everyone. We will strive to work together with all citizens to make meaningful relations and to encourage the community to connect with us. We are constantly working to provide better police service through continuous training. Your Police Officers are held to higher standards each passing year.

Officer involvement in recent community events include: the NAACP community softball game, attending local pre-schools to speak to the children about stranger danger, and working with a local horse farm on de-escalation tactics.

There are two social media outlets that are maintained by the Ambler Borough Police Department. We encourage you to visit our Facebook page for community-oriented messages. Our latest addition is Crime Watch. Here you can find updates on the latest police activity in our jurisdiction. Crime Watch allows users to make tips to assist officers with concerns from residents. Please leave as much information as possible. We highly recommend that you register your security cameras and make vacation notices through the website. If you see anything that requires immediate police response, please **call 911**. If you have a non-emergency situation involving police information, please call 215-643-6444 and tell the dispatcher you would like to make a report. Any and all information is relevant and can help us in preventing or solving a crime. **"If You See Something, Say Something."**

Should you have further questions or feedback about our service, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Chief Jeffrey Borkowski sworn in by Mayor Sorg on July 20th at Borough Council's monthly meeting.

PRESCRIPTION & OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG DISPOSAL

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

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Introducing the Ambler Community Garden, now growing at Knight Park

This year, a small but passionate group of volunteers literally got their hands dirty and created the Borough's first community garden. A garden is just what Ambler needed. Gardening has always been touted as a relaxing recreational activity that brings many rewards. Community Gardens are important ways for people to connect and interact with each other and to build and strengthen community. At Ambler's Community Garden, we are creating a space for individuals of all ages to learn, garden and to build interpersonal relationships. Sources of food, biodiversity, and community agriculture are just a few of the things our participants learn. The good thing about this garden is you don't need a green thumb.

This Community Garden has been created "for the community, by the community." This means that we grow together. Everyone who participates in the Garden shares responsibility for all the plots. They are not allocated.

In the spring of 2021 Ambler Borough received a Montco 2040 grant from the county to fund fencing and the building of raised beds for the Garden. Volunteers will share responsibility for weeding, watering, and harvesting. The food that is grown will be shared among the volunteers first and then donated accordingly. No one will be charged money for food that is grown. The Community Garden will provide many opportunities to people of all ages. We already have a group of dedicated people who are determined to make our Garden a success.

The Garden can also provide out of the classroom learning. We have already partnered with the Wissahickon High School and have had students volunteer in the garden. We know that community gardening is good for the mind, body, and soul. We know that teaching the community about gardening raises awareness of sustainability and can also bridge the area's food insecurity gaps.



Gardening is a great hobby for people of all ages, from children curious about where their food comes from to working individuals and retirees. It allows people to connect with their community and their environment. The members of the Ambler Community Garden want to promote healthy eating and celebrate what nature provides for us. We want to show that good, nutritious food doesn't have to be expensive. We can provide quality food that is sustainable and organic in our own community.

We invite you to learn more and to join us. Check out our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/AmblerGarden>. You can also reach us by email at AmblerGarden@gmail.com. See ya soon!!

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CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer

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. 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.

Council, Department & Committee News

Dear Ambler Residents,

Summer seemed to be a fleeting visitor this year, and we find ourselves poised upon the advent of Fall, and another Winter season not far behind. As seasons tend to usher in change, there has been some change here in the Borough as well.

Foremost, Ambler has a new police chief. Jeff Borkowski has assumed the role upon the retirement of former chief, Rob Hoffman. Chief Borkowski has been with the borough for more than 25 years, and council is very excited to have him at the helm of our police department. I'd also like to thank former Chief Hoffman for his years of dedication to our town.

Ward 1 has a new Council member. Karen Sheedy was appointed to the seat vacated by former resident and Council member, Brooke Marshall. Ms. Sheedy wasted no time in immersing herself in borough matters. Ms. Sheedy has been an active voice on council, and it has been a pleasure working with her.

Ambler has also been the recipient of two notable improvements. First, Ambler Square has finally come to fruition. What was once a macadam eyesore sitting at the intersection of Butler and Park Avenues is now a beautiful, green open space. A formal dedication of our new park will be happening in the coming months. Secondly, under the guidance and perseverance of Ward 2 Council member Jennifer Henderson, Ambler now has a community garden located at Knight Park. The garden itself is a striking addition to Ambler's largest park and serves as a way to bring residents together for the benefit of all.

The town itself has changed as well. Slowly, Ambler is coming back to life. We are seeing our parking lots fill up again as our business and restaurants get back to full operating capacity after 18 months of limited access. We have had a number of very successful First Friday's and are looking forward to numerous events in the coming months. It would be remiss of me not to thank Liz Kunzier, our Main Street Manager, Bob King, AMS Board President, The Rotary, and all of the Main Street board members and volunteers, for their tireless efforts in finding ways to keep our town, and our businesses, vibrant and alive during the pandemic, and now post pandemic.

Exciting things continue to happen 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 CONTACT INFORMATION – Answering machine 215-628-9409. Contact the Borough Garage or the Borough receptionist to report a pothole, broken playground equipment or damaged signage.

TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHT OUTAGES – If a traffic or streetlight is out, please alert the Borough receptionist at 215-646-1000 or send an email to receptionist@borough.ambler.pa.us. For streetlight outages, please try to obtain and report the pole number. This will help us to more quickly relay the information to schedule a repair.

LABEL YOUR RECYCLE & TRASH ROLL CARTS – Please be aware that grey trash and blue recycle roll carts have gone missing. Residents are advised to put their house number on these carts. Please contact the Borough Receptionist if the wheels (and axles) on your roll carts are in need of repair. Public Works will replace these parts at no cost to you. Please do not throw out the cart.

- The Water Payment Lock Box is located at the Borough Hall parking lot. You may access the lock box from the Poplar Street parking lot entrance.
- During these troubled times, water customers may have difficulty budgeting to pay the water bill. The Water Department is willing to work with you by setting up payment arrangements if you are enduring hardship. Please contact the Water Department to speak with a billing clerk.
- System Hydrant Flushing – When Ambler Water Dept. conducts routine system hydrant flushing a flushing schedule will be posted on the Borough website– check back often. If you experience discolored water, DO NOT OPEN THE HOT WATER SIDE OF YOUR FAUCET – this will bring discolored water into the hot water tank. RUN COLD WATER only from your faucet for several minutes. Continue repeating this process until the water runs clear. If discoloration is severe, it also is suggested, if you have a water softener, that you by-pass the water softener until the situation is ‘clear.’ If the problem persists, contact the Water

Department at 215-646-1000 Ext. 110 or 111 M-F between 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

- 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!

WATER LINE PROTECTION PROGRAM APPLICATION



What is the Water Line Protection Program? It is a lateral water line protection plan offered by Ambler Borough to our residential customers. Why do we offer this? Because the pipe that carries water from the curb to your house is on your property and the pipe is owned by you. If a leak or break in this line occurs (this is called the ‘lateral line’), it is your responsibility – and your expense -- to make the repair.

With the Water Line Protection Plan offered by the Borough of Ambler, if anything happens to your water service line from the point at which it crosses the outer vertical wall of the residence to the point at which it reaches the property boundary, we’ll take care of it.

This protection plan is offered to residential customers, specifically single-family dwelling & residential properties with four or fewer units on the same water meter with 5/8” to 1” water service lines. The cost is \$100 for a one-year protection plan and covers the cost to repair or replace allowing up to two repairs per year, \$3,500 per break maximum, capped at \$7,000 per year. Please be aware this Contract is held by you and not by the property. Therefore, *should you sell your property, the plan is not transferred to the new property owner.* Should you sell your property you may apply in writing for a pro-rated refund.

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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

PENN'S WOODS PUPPET THEATER



Children delight in the "fireworks" launched in celebration of the birth of the new Prince in *Rumpelstiltskin*

Penn's Woods is a traveling puppet theater that had its start in 2010 as a theater of 18th and 19th century history. At that time reenactments, historic sites and their school programs were our primary venues.

But with the production of *Rumpelstiltskin* in 2013 things changed. As the repertoire expanded to include farces, fantasies and other fairytales so did our outreach. Penn's Woods now performs in Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Lancaster, Northampton, Berks, Delaware, Chester, Philadelphia and Cape May counties appearing at community events of all types: First Fridays, township family days, and annual celebrations such as Juneteenth, Independence Day and Visits with Santa.

But timed presentations such as a 30-minute puppet show don't always fit into an event planner's activity schedule, so instead we offer Polly, a life-sized musical puppet whose arms and head the kids move to music they control. Polly is an on-going activity rather than the scheduling challenge of a puppet show. Her costumes and wigs include a farmer, a pirate, a queen, an 18th century woman of fashion and more. But most importantly, Polly gives everyone the chance to be a puppeteer!

Whatever the activity, Penn's Woods Puppets will be a valuable addition to the day.



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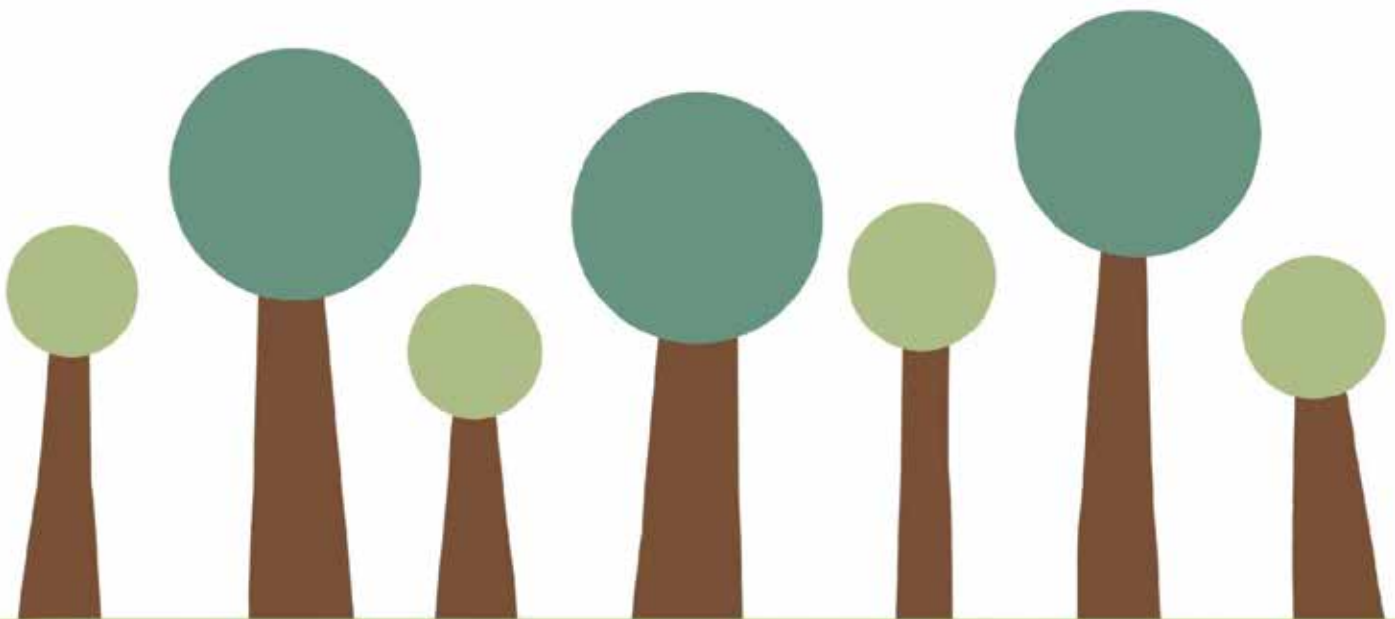
Robin and Susan Tafel - 215 441-4154

<https://www.YouTube.com/user/PennsWoodsPuppets>

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR PARK?

Please go to the link below or scan the QR code to fill out the Ambler parks system survey so we can get your input!



WWW.BOROUGHOFAMBLER.COM/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-RECREATION

Paper survey copies available at various locations in the Borough including Ambler Borough Hall.



2021-2022 AMBLER BOROUGH Trash & Recyclables Collection

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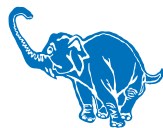
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SOLID WASTE COLLECTION: All solid waste, recyclables and yard waste should be placed curbside no later than 6 A.M. the day of your scheduled pickup. Solid waste is to be placed in the gray roll cart provided by Ambler Borough. No hazardous or E-waste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

RECYCLABLES COLLECTION:

Recyclables are to be placed in the blue roll cart provided by Ambler Borough. All recyclables can be mixed together and placed in this cart **NO SORTING NEEDED.** Recycle newspapers, inserts & junk mail, magazines, catalogs & envelopes, paper back books & phone books, cardboard & clean pizza boxes, office & school papers (colored paper), box board (cereal, cake & cracker boxes); waxed cartons (milk, juice & soup containers); paper egg cartons, paper bags, aluminum cans & clean foil; tin & empty steel aerosol cans, empty glass jars & bottles, and all plastic containers labeled #1-#7. Clean and Rinse please.

PUT FLEXIBLE PLASTICS IN YOUR 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.jpascaro.com

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

BULK COLLECTION: One bulk item (mattress, desk, etc.) per household is permitted per week. **No Tires, No TVs or Computers.** Call J.P. Mascaro & Sons at **1-800-432-1616** for "white" item pickup.

For items containing Freon (refrigerators, etc) visit Montgomery County's website www.montcoparecycycles.org or 610-278-3618 for a list of companies that will remove Freon and dispose of the appliance for a fee. At no cost to you, call PECO Smart Ideas (888-573-2672) for collection of working frigs & freezers (10-30 cuft). Residents must be on site at time of scheduled pickup.

Mattresses and box springs must be bagged and sealed in plastic mattress bags when placed curbside. Items may be set out on your regularly scheduled bulk service day. All mattresses and box springs must now be **wrapped in plastic** before collection. Recent infestations of bed bugs have spread from mattresses to employees as they make curbside pickups. You can find mattress disposal bags at most major retailers and home improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart, Amazon.com, etc.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION: Yard waste shall be placed in paper bags or unlined trash cans or may be bundled with twine. No plastic bags. Yard waste includes leaves, branches and branch materials, twig material, vine and hedge trimmings. No grass clippings. Residents may also bring yard waste to Barnside Farm Compost Facility, 991 Halde-man Rd, Schwenksville, contact at 610-287-8880.

HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

Refer to Montgomery County's website, www.montcoparecycycles.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.

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Stomsky, Tax Collector

As we come up on the end of another year, I would like to again thank everyone for their patience with the continued suspension of in-person collections the first half of this year, and for wearing masks during in-person hours this second half.

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

My office hours for in-person payments are Tuesdays from 9am-1pm. My office is located at 262 N. Spring Garden St (between Mount Pleasant and Rieffs Mill Roads). For special needs accommodations, call me at 215-367-5663 or email me at amblerborotaxcollector@gmail.com and I will be happy to work with you to set up a time/place that works for you. However, **please note that I cannot always accommodate last minute requests, so please plan accordingly.**

Other methods of paying include mail (P.O. Box 3087, Ambler, PA 19002), lockbox located on the porch of 262 N. Spring Garden St., online using a credit card or e-check, or on the phone using a credit card. Please note that credit card payments include a 2.65% fee and e-checks have a flat \$1.50 fee. The link to the online system is available on the Borough website, boroughofambler.com. If you pay online, a receipt will be emailed to you. If you want a receipt when paying by mail or lockbox, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and BOTH copies of the bill.

Please note that I am closed on weekends, evenings, and holidays. This includes primary and election days. If you call or email on these days/times, there will be a delay in me responding to you.

Many people like to pay their taxes using their bank's online bill payment. Please be careful when doing this as the payments are not automatic. It can take 3 to 5 days for me to receive your payment and, if you are close to the end of discount or face, you risk the payment being late and missing the deadline, which will result in you owing more.

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

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



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IN OUR COMMUNITY

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www.wvpl.org

209 Race Street, Ambler PA 19002

Anne Hall, Branch Manager

215-646-1072

LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION:
MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10 AM to 8 PM
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM



LIBRARY SERVICES

- Browse and borrow books, audiobooks, eBooks, movies, magazines, and museum passes
- Use public computers and access free WiFi
- Study, read, and relax in our common areas
- Grab Bag service - Not sure what you want to read next? Fill out a simple form on our website to help us curate a bag of books and movies just for you!
- Reserve our new spacious community room for your group! Contact librarian Anne Hall to reserve space!

Children's Programs

- Read and Play Story Times – Mondays at 10:30.
- Children will enjoy stories read by Miss Erin, dressed in full costume, as storytime superhero, “Super Reader”! Following storytime is a craft or game, concluding with playtime. Registration is required for safety reasons during Covid-19. Register at wvpl.org
- October 5 – Children’s Author Laura Brown Virtual Visit. Brown will discuss her new fantastical chapter book series, Trillium Sisters. 4pm.
- Magic shows, art classes, STEM programs, music concerts and much more are coming soon! Special programs for children are held each month. Check our website at wvpl.org

Adult Programs:

- Ambler Book Group – 2nd Thursday each month at 2:30pm
- ESL Let’s Talk Conversation Group. Tuesday mornings at 10:30am. For intermediate and advanced students. Registration required. Email esl@wvpl.org
- Yarn Café – Weekly Fridays at 11am. All fiber crafters welcome!
- October 20 – Building Racial Understanding series – Implicit Bias and Macroaggressions. Zoom at 6:30pm
- October 27 - Building Racial Understanding series –How to talk to Children about Race and Racism. Zoom at 6:30pm
- November 9 – Museum of the American Revolution. Zoom at 6:30pm
- November 16 – American Sherlock – True crime author and podcaster Kate Winkler Dawson discusses her historic true crime books and podcasts, Tenfold More Wicked and Wicked Words. Zoom at 6:30pm

The Ambler Borough Gym is now a regular community site for American Red Cross Blood Drives. A blood drive is scheduled in the gym for December 21st from 2-7 p.m. To make an appointment to give go online to www.redcrossblood.org (keyword: **ambler**) or call **1-800-Red-Cross**. Walk-ins are welcome.



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www.community-cupboard.org

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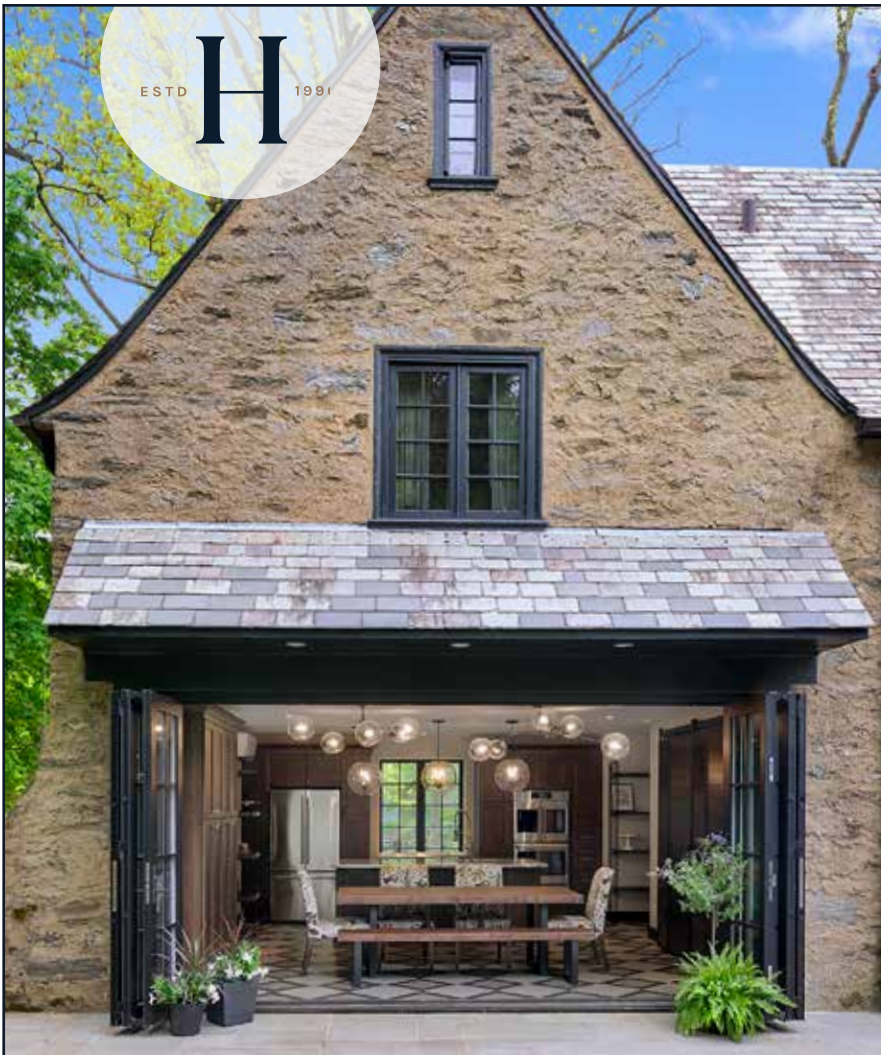
Ambler SAAC involves, enriches & empowers adults aged 50+ years to live as independently as possible through recreational, educational & social opportunities. Activities emphasize creating and maintaining independence in all phases of life. Contact SAAC for membership, Meals on Wheels, special events & programs.



Emergency Supply Kit Checklist

Be sure to customize your kits to meet your household's needs and the season. Basic supplies include:

- Water:** 1 gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food:** non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply)
- Can opener**
- Medical items** and medications (1-month supply)
- Sanitation** and personal hygiene items
- First aid kit**
- Masks** (for everyone ages 2 and above), soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces



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- Extra batteries
- Multi-purpose tool
- Map(s) of the area
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Copies of critical documents
- Blanket
- Change of clothes, plus:
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Hon. Mary Jo Daley (148th PA Assembly): PH: 610-832-1679 WEB: www.pahouse.com/mdaley

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE – Ambler Borough Hall

1st Tuesday	Borough Committee –7:00 pm (except November – meeting Wed., November 3)
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 (call for specific dates/times)
3rd Thursday	Ambler Junior Baseball – 7:00 pm
4th Tuesday	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
Last Tuesday	Ambler Main Street – 5:30 pm
As Advertised	Civil Service Commission (call for specific dates/times)
As Advertised	Human Relations Commission (call for specific dates/times)

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

NON-EMERGENCY & STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

Ambler Police (Chief Jeffrey Borkowski) 215-646-1000 (8:00-4:30pm) **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 Superintendent Steve Smallberger 215-646-1000 ext 124 [ssmallberger@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Water Billing – 215-646-1000 (Cheryl x110 or Ruth x111) **Water Emergency** – 215-646-1000 **follow prompts**
Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Patrick Sarro Sr. 215-628-9457 [Awwtpsupt@borough.ambler.pa.us]
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