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*Ambler Main Street
Spring and Summer Events*

April 21st Earth Day Celebration
& Shopping event

May 4th First Friday

May 5th Ambler Farmers Market opens

Shop every Saturday at the Septa lot

May - October 9AM - 1PM

May 19th Ambler's Auto Show

June 6th First Friday

June 15th and 16th Art and Music Fest

July 9th-16th Restaurant week

August 3rd First Friday

August 4th Dog Days and Bike night

August 18th Criterium Bike race

September 7th First Friday

October 5th First Friday

October 6th Oktoberfest

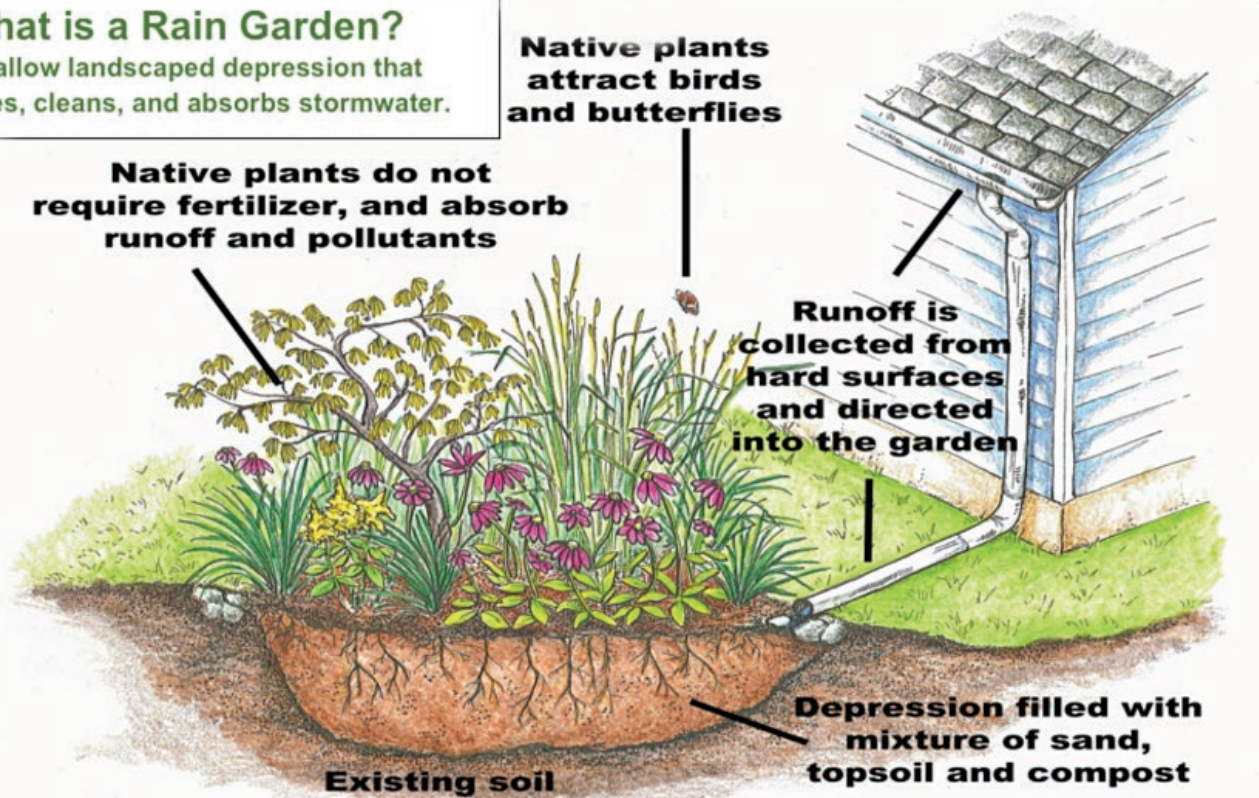


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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

What is a Rain Garden?

A shallow landscaped depression that captures, cleans, and absorbs stormwater.



As we prepare for the warm Spring and Summer days ahead, it is important that we be mindful of not only our lawns and gardens, but of the lawns, gardens and waterways to which our stormwater drains. Each year, our environment is under attack by polluted stormwater runoff. We can reduce negative impacts by making a few simple and easy changes to our everyday routines.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Use low nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers. This will reduce the amount of nutrients carried away by rain water.
2. Mulch grass clippings and remove excess grass clippings from your lawn and paved surfaces after mowing.
3. Consider installing a rain barrel to collect excess stormwater runoff and use it for future car washing or plant watering!
4. Clean up after your pet during walks, as well as in your own back yard. Animal waste contributes to stormwater contamination.
5. When performing maintenance on your vehicle, make sure that all waste oils and fluids are safely collected and disposed of at approved locations, and be sure to address vehicle leaks promptly.

If you're inspired to do more for our environment a Rain Garden is a beautiful addition to your property that is a green, sustainable solution that is low-cost and easy to construct.

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/>). [Article contributed by Jim Dougherty, P.E., Gilmore & Associates]

Interesting Facts About Paper Recycling

- Around 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.
- To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.
- Every ton of paper recycled saves more than 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- One million tons of recovered paper is enough to fill more than 14,000 railroad cars.
- Recycled paper produces 73% less air pollution than if it was made from raw materials.
- It takes 24 trees to make 1 ton of newspaper.
- An average American uses 465 trees worth of paper during their lifetime.
- Recycling half the world's paper would free 20 million acres of forest land.
- Paper plus cardboard combined make up 73% of the materials in a landfill.



Additional recycling information is available on the Borough website, the County website www.MontcoPARecycles.org, or the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission website www.northmontcorecycle.com.

Hazardous Waste & Tire Collection Events - 2018

Montgomery County has released information for Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Tire Collection. For a complete list of collection locations and further details, please visit www.MontcoPARecycles.org or call their recycling line at 610-278-3618. Visit Ambler Borough's Trash/Recycling & Yard Waste quick link on our website www.boroughofambler.com.

Convenient drop-off locations include:

Household Hazardous Waste

Sat., May 19 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m. rain or shine)
Temple University – Ambler Campus
1431 E. Butler Ave., Ambler - entrance

Residential Tire Collection

Sat., June 9 (9 a.m. - noon rain or shine)
Montgomery County Community College
340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell - entrance



Electronics Disposal Ban

The County will not hold E-Waste collection events in 2018. The Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA) of 2010 prohibits the disposal of E-Waste as trash. Trash haulers may not pick up TVs or computers curbside. There are several options for recycling computers, monitors and TVs and CRT monitors. Check out the County website www.MontcoPARecycles.org for a complete list of drop locations (for a fee) and further details. You may call the County recycling line at 610-278-3618.

Ambler – A Growing Greener Grant Recipient

A Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Growing Greener Grant in the amount of \$206,100 has been awarded to Ambler Borough. This grant will provide for: 75 rain gardens, 250 rain barrels, 250 downspout planters, steep slope restoration on Edgewood Preserve, and 2,000 linear feet of non-congruous riparian buffer restoration in the Borough of Ambler. The Ambler EAC, supported by Ambler Borough Council has been working towards improving stormwater management infrastructure in the community. In December of 2016, working with Red Tail Restoration and Land Management, the Ambler EAC reached out to many homeowners around the Rose Valley Creek and Tannery Run Creek to sign a letter of commitment to implement a stormwater management tool. Over 50 homeowners signed on, demonstrating Ambler Borough's responsibility in improving the Wissahickon Watershed. The Ambler EAC, working with Ambler Borough and the DEP will be implementing a three-year program to address and promote community involvement in Growing Ambler Greener through Clean Waters Clean Streams.

Ambler Earth Fest 2018

Saturday, April 21st

Ambler Borough Council's Environmental Advisory Council brings its annual Earth Fest back to Borough Hall on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. This family-friendly event brings together a range of organizations whose focus is on environmental issues. There will be interactive educational and display exhibits, workshops, kids' activities and learning opportunities for people of all ages. Speakers will also give presentations about environmental issues.

A tentative list of presenters and exhibitors includes: Back to Earth Compost; Always Be Recycling for all your **electronics recycling** needs; and Stephen Hilbert from Bartlett Trees will be available to respond to questions about trees. Tinkergarten will be there to engage young children and, of course, it wouldn't be a festival without food and music. Come learn about what you can do to 'Grow the Ambler-Area Greener.' Visit the <http://www.amblereac.org/earth-fest-2018> for further information.

Wissahickon Creek Clean Up

Saturday, April 28th

Be part of the 48th Annual Creek Clean Up of the Wissahickon Creek and its many tributaries. Each year the Ambler EAC partners with Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) to clean up the trail and the creek bed too. Ambler volunteers will focus clean-up efforts on the Rose Valley and Tannery Run tributaries. Trash bags, gloves and other equipment will be provided.



This activity is great for families, scout, school groups and anyone who loves the environment and clean water. Help us clean the creek from top to bottom! To volunteer, please pre-register by E-mail with the EAC at Amblereac@gmail.com. Plan to meet at the parking lot of Trax Restaurant at 9 a.m. the morning of the clean-up. And, be sure to wear suitable clothing and shoes.

Following the clean-up, the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) and Friends of the Wissahickon (FOW) invite all of the participants to join us at the "Talkin' Trash" picnic to be held at the Fort Washington State Park in the pavilion near the Militia Hill L-3 parking lot. Enter from the Joshua Road gate (use 6036 Joshua Road, Fort Washington, PA 19034 for GPS) and follow loop road.

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- Phillips and Associates Architects
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- PMC Mechanical
- Prive Salon
- Pure Spa
- Rita's Water Ice
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- Shaeff Myers Funeral Home, Inc.
- Sisters Painting
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- The Free Shop
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- The Lucky Well
- The Painted Home
- The Pizza Box
- The Salon of Ambler
- United Tire of Ambler
- VIDA & COMIDA
- Villari Marshal Arts Center of Ambler
- Viva Express
- Weaver's Way
- Wild Lilies
- Wissahickon School District
- Wissahickon Valley Public Library
- Xtra 101



Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Zone

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has announced that Montgomery County has been designated as an area quarantined due to Spotted Lanternfly, in a strategic effort to contain the insect's spread. The quarantine now includes areas where the insect is not yet confirmed. This invasive insect threatens to destroy agricultural commodities. The insect has the potential to impact the grape, hops and logging industries. The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive planthopper that invades trees such as willow and tree of heaven, leaving weeping wounds and laying egg masses. To learn more about the spotted lanternfly, please check out the post with related articles on the Borough website's homepage.



Composting to Make a Difference in our Environment

What do you think of when you think about compost? Do you think old, moldy food? Smelly, messy, rotten fruits and vegetables? Composting may not sound pretty or exciting at all ...it didn't to me at first. Just a means to get rid of organic matter. In fact, most people think that throwing food waste and paper products into a landfill is harmless because it biodegrades. But did you know that when they do breakdown they become powerful contributors to greenhouse gas emissions?

"But, it's just another thing I have to do, and I won't make a difference." Wrong. Recycling and composting are easy action items that we can do right now as part of a solution.

If you're not quite sure yet, I would like to share some reasons to consider getting started, whether it's in your yard or through a composting service.

Three BIG reasons to Compost:

1. Composting is an effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. When you compost, you lower your carbon footprint. Bonus: there will be less trash to haul to the curb.
2. Composting enriches soil & helps retain soil moisture. Think less watering.
3. Composting reduces the need for fertilizers on your lawn & garden. Gardening with less pesticides is good for Mother Earth.

If backyard composting just isn't feasible for you but you'd like to make a difference, please reach out to Backtoearthcompost@gmail.com. [Article contributed by *Colleen Falicki, Back to Earth Compost Crew*]

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ONLINE SALE – COMPOST BINS & RAIN BARRELS – 2018 MONTGOMERY COUNTY EVENT

Montgomery County has organized an event to encourage composting and rain barrel use. If you are interested in purchasing discounted backyard compost bins and rain barrels online, you must preorder these items. Preorder by May 19th through the sale website at www.montgomerycompostersale.ecwid.com and pick up on Saturday, June 2 (9:00 a.m. – noon) at Norristown Farm Park, 2500 Upper Farm Road (entrance at intersection of Germantown Pike & North Wales Road). Earth Machine Compost Bin @ \$50 and System Rain Barrel @ \$65 -- see website for details. The Event Flyer is posted on the Borough website www.boroughofambler.com at the Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste Quick Link.

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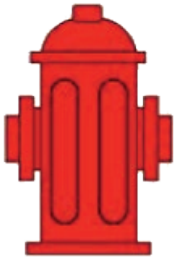
WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

Philip Benigno, Water Supervisor

Online Account Management Made Easy!

Water customers may now view and print their water bills and review account history and usage. Simply access the **eBilling Customer Portal** on the Borough website homepage and sign up!

To pay a water bill, online credit card and E-check payments are accepted. A convenience fee will be charged to customers using credit cards. Visit the Borough's homepage and click on **Pay Your Water Bill**. You may also pay your bill in person with personal check, cash or credit card. You may drop off your water payments (checks only) in the 24/7 Lock Box located on the left side of Borough Hall Poplar Street lot entrance. Payments may also be made in the Lobby during business hours (M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).



System Hydrant Flushing

Ambler Water Department will begin routine system hydrant flushing this spring. Flushing will occur Sunday evenings through Fridays. 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.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Reports

Every year the Ambler Borough Water Department publishes a Consumer Confidence Report which is designed to inform customers about the quality of water we deliver to you every day. CCR reports are sent out to our water customers every June and are also available on the Borough website.



Public Notification for Water Issues

In the event of a water quality emergency we will get in touch with our water customers through our phone dial notification system called **Swiftreach™**. The Water Department must maintain updated contact information. You may update your contact information by accessing the **Swiftreach™** icon on the Borough website homepage, by calling the Borough or directing an E-mail to erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us.

PA One Call System 8-1-1 — 'Call Before You Dig'



To assure safe digging for your project, dial 8-1-1 before you dig. Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to Know What's Below. Make a Pennsylvania One Call phone call three to ten business days before your scheduled dig. PA One Call will notify utility companies who will mark where underground lines, cables and pipelines are located with colored paint, flags or chalk.

We are frequently asked what the colors mean. PA law follows the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices for Temporary Marking (ANSI standard Z535). White, proposed excavation; Pink, temporary survey markings; Red, electric power lines, cables, conduits and lighting cables; Yellow, gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials; Orange, communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduits and traffic loops; Blue, potable water; Purple, reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines; and, Green, sanitary and storm sewer lines.

The Pennsylvania One Call service is no cost to homeowners. If you have a project where digging will occur on your own private property, call "811" or access PA One at www.pa811.org and submit your request online.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Marco Resente, Public Works Supervisor



MARK YOUR ROLL CARTS

Please be aware that lately a number of grey trash and blue recycle roll carts have gone missing. Residents are advised to put their house number on both trash and recycle roll carts.

ROLLCART WHEEL & AXLE REPLACEMENT

Contact the Borough if your Blue Recycle Cart is in need of repair (wheels & axles). Public Works will replace these parts at no cost. Please do not throw out the cart.

TRASH, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash & Recycling are collected **every Wednesday**, with the exception this year of July 4th. Since the holiday falls on a Wednesday, Trash & Recycling will be picked up that week on Thursday, July 5th. Yard waste is collected the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of each month.

TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHT OUTAGES


If a traffic or street light is out, please notify the Borough Receptionist at 215-646-1000 Ext. '0' or send an E-mail to receptionist@borough.ambler.pa.us. For street light outages, please try to obtain the pole number. This will help us to more quickly relay the information to schedule a repair.

POTHoles OR OTHER DAMAGE

If you would like to report a pothole, broken playground equipment or damaged Borough signage please call Public Works at 215-628-9409 and leave a message on the machine. Or, if you prefer, contact the Borough Receptionist and she will relay your message to the Garage.

WEEKLY STREET SWEEPING RESUMES

Street sweeping begins Monday, April 2nd. Public Works has purchased a new sweeper – **we will once again sweep streets on a weekly basis.** Heed the street signs as 'No Parking' on specified days and hours will be enforced. Tickets are \$12.

| Weekly Street Sweeping Schedule – Ambler Borough | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| MONDAY A.M. Rosemary Church S Main (to Poplar) S Spring Garden Southern Highland Trinity Euclid | TUESDAY A.M. Mattison Trinity Highland Southern Park Church | WEDNESDAY A.M. Rosemont (1/2 of street) N Main N Spring Garden Reiff's Mill N Ridge Mt Pleasant Pleasant Acres Doc's Court Hendricks Grist Mill Fulling Mill Tennis | THURSDAY A.M. School Walnut Ln Ridge Walnut St N Spring Garden Forest Glen Mawr Valley Brook Edgewood Hendricks Fairview Heckler Rosemont | FRIDAY A.M. Butler (Beth Pike to Bridge) N Main (to Reiffs Mill) Reiffs Mill (to Tennis) Each side street (1 block radius of Butler Ave) All Parking Lots S Chestnut Maple Wissahickon Locust Center Butler (Hendricks to Bethlehem Pike) |
| MONDAY P.M. Bannockburn Park North Woodland Lindenwold | TUESDAY P.M. Lindenwold Greenwood Water Orange Lemon Euclid North | WEDNESDAY P.M. N Ridge Hendricks Tennis Cove Anderson Cherry Candy Beechmont Artman Overlook Haywood Walker Knight | THURSDAY A.M. Walnut St Belmont Valley Brook Edgewood S Chestnut Maple Wissahickon Locust Center |  |

SUMMER JOBS WITH THE BOROUGH'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.



Attention College Students

Ambler Borough's Public Works Dept. seeks college students interested in summer employment – flexible start & end dates. Please stop by Borough Hall to complete an Employment Application or download an application at www.boroughofambler.com [Documents & Forms / Forms, Permits & Apps / General Forms]. Drop off or mail to: Ambler Borough, Attn: Summer Employment, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002.

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AMBLER'S PLANNING COMMISSION & THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Ambler Borough Planning Commission consists of nine residents appointed by Borough Council who serve for staggered terms of four years. These dedicated volunteers with various backgrounds and insight are tasked with the first step in the planning process as the starting point for most development and changes in the Borough.

The functions of the Planning Commission are to review subdivisions, land development plans, conditional use applications and lot line changes, assist in development of zoning and other Ordinance at the direction of Borough Council. The Planning Commission works toward providing for the coordinated development of the Borough and the general welfare of its people.

Because planning is a continuous process which shapes and guides the physical growth of the Borough in harmony with its social and economic needs, the Planning Commission urges all members of the public to attend its meetings and make known their views. Regular monthly meetings are held in Ambler Borough Meeting Hall, the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Special meetings and date changes will be announced and advertised as scheduled. Materials and agenda for the meeting are posted a day in advance of each meeting. All meeting minutes and agendas are posted on the Borough website under government-boards / committees – planning commission. Look forward to seeing you at the next Planning Commission meeting.

PROPERTY OWNER TIPS TO MAINTAIN AMBLER'S BEAUTY, WALKABILITY & 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.
- During the growing season, maintain any plants, flowers, or trees along sidewalk edges so that they do not hang low or inhibit pedestrians by cutting or trimming areas along curb lines where weeds or grass maybe become overgrown.
- During winter months, 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 3-foot radius around the hydrant and a clear path to the street.

Property owners are encouraged to work with their neighbors to maintain their sidewalks. 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.

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Stomsky, Tax Collector

Hello Ambler residents! My name is Jennifer Stomsky and I am your new tax collector. I know that change sometimes comes with confusion, and there have been a lot of questions concerning the bills, so here are the things that you need to remember:

- ❖ **The County and Borough tax bills are mailed on March 1st.**
 - The discount (2%) period is from March 1st until April 30th.
 - The face value period is from May 1st until June 30th.
 - Bills paid after June 30th (until December 31st) will include a 10% penalty.
- ❖ **The School tax bill is mailed on July 1st.**
 - The discount (2%) period is from July 1st until August 31st.
 - The face value period is from September 1st until October 31st.
 - Bills paid after June 30th (until December 31st) will include a 10% penalty.
 - If you would like to pay your school bill using the three coupons that accompany it, you must pay the first coupon on or before July 31st. If you choose this option, please remember to pay the next two coupons on September 15th and October 31st, or you will be subject to a 10% penalty. Also, please keep in mind that you do not get the 2% discount with this option
- ❖ **Interim taxes are collected all year.** These are extra taxes assessed when you make renovations to your home.



I will collect taxes at Ambler Borough Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. before the Council Meetings. For any other times, accommodations, or special needs, 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. Additionally, if you are on Facebook, please follow my page, Ambler Borough Tax Collector Jennifer Stomsky, for news, updates, or general information. You can also message me through the page.

New this year, there will be the option to **pay your tax bill online via credit card or e-check, or in person using a credit card.** Please note that credit cards include a 2.65% fee and e-checks have a flat \$1.50 fee. The link to the online system will be available on the Borough website.

Please always feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns. I will always do my best to help you.

PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Council Vice President Sara Hertz, Chair

Tinkergarten returns to Ambler

“Tinkergarten brings early childhood education to Ambler Borough Park in year round outdoor classes for children ages 18 mos-5yrs old. In our classes, kids enjoy the freedom of independent exploration through well-designed play-based activities that lend from the best of research and best practice to promote the development of critical capabilities, including self-reliance, creativity, persistence and problem solving. To learn more check out tinkergarten.com or contact Nicole Skinner at Nicole.skinner@tinkergarten.com.” Classes are held Mondays at 10 a.m. in Ambler Borough Park. Spring session start April 16.

Being of sound mind and body

Last year Borough residents at no-cost participated in opportunities to enjoy yoga in Ambler parks as well as a series of sessions on mindfulness. These will be returning again this summer, so please stay tuned. Interested? Check the Borough’s website (www.boroughofambler.com) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Ambler-Borough-198536203526312/) for updates.



Ambler Square - DCNR Recreation & Conservation Grant

A DCNR Recreation & Conservation grant has been awarded to

Ambler Borough in the amount of \$102,000 for the development of **Ambler Square**, the ‘pocket park’ being planned on Butler Avenue near Park Avenue (at the location of the old ‘ACME’ sign). Work will include construction of a plaza, pedestrian walkway and stormwater management measures, ADA access, landscaping, project sign and other site improves. The grant was prepared with assistance from the Montgomery County Planning Commission. The name, Ambler Square, was the most popular name chosen in the survey conducted by our Parks & Rec Committee which was posted last year.

CDBG Grant – Removal of Architectural Barriers

Ambler Borough has received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$70,425 for the removal of architectural barriers and reconfiguration and rehabilitation of the public area restrooms in the Gymnasium Wing of Ambler Borough Hall. The grant will enable the Borough to bring these facilities into conformance with current standards of accessibility.

Council Expands Park Hours of Operation

Ambler Borough has extended hours during which all Borough parks shall be open. Parks shall be open from sunrise until either 7:00 p.m. or sunset, whichever occurs later. Additionally, the Borough’s Skate Park will be illuminated during the winter from twilight until 7:00 p.m. Persons are prohibited from being in the public parks when they are closed.

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler



Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA) is proud to serve the community of Ambler Borough. We provide emergency medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We’re here if you need us. In addition to providing emergency medical coverage in the community for nearly 77 continuous years, we offer meeting space, CPR training and support many community events.

CPR and First Aid classes are offered by our certified trainers and can be scheduled by emailing cpr@amblerambulance.org. Group classes are also available.

Early in 2018, CAAA earned the distinction of being **Prepared for Pediatrics Expert Level**. This program was implemented to ensure that all children in the Commonwealth receive the best possible prehospital emergency medical care. EMS agencies are recognized under this program for showing significant dedication to providing excellence in pediatric emergency medical care. The expert level requires pediatric equipment, continuing education, background checks, community outreach and having Child Passenger Safety Technicians within the agency performing car seat checks. Our Child / Infant car seat checks are free of charge, and can be scheduled by emailing carseatsafety@amblerambulance.org.

We are very proud of our staff and crews who provide the very best emergency medical care to our youngest patients.



CAAA will also be hosting a Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, October 20 at 6 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to join us for an evening of fun in support of your community’s ambulance association. For sponsorship or event details, please contact Jen Sweeney at jen.sweeney@amblerambulance.org. To become a member or learn more about CAAA, visit www.amblerambulance.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES are scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th and Friday September 7th at Ambler Borough Hall in the gymnasium. Blood Drive will be held from 2 – 7 p.m. You may make an appointment to give by going online to www.redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor keyword: ambler or by calling 1-800-Red-Cross. The need is constant. The gratification is instant.



American Red Cross

The Neighbor's Dog Barks Constantly! What Can I Do?



Summer is fast approaching and we know we all have pet peeves.

Even the most ardent dog lovers among us become aggravated if a neighbor's dog barks incessantly. The constant yapping can disrupt sleep, ruin your time in the yard and generally become an ongoing nuisance. But there are some steps you can take -- with effort and a little luck, you and the neighbor's dog can peacefully coexist.

For starters, don't blame the dog; he's being a dog. Several things could cause the barking:

- Some breeds are more territorial than others. Whether the dog is in the house or out in the yard, he may be "protecting" his home from passing cars, someone walking near his property, or just the mailman approaching the door.
- Dogs don't handle boredom well. If the dog is alone all day in the house or left alone in the yard for long periods of time, he may develop unwelcome compulsive habits, such as barking.
- If the dog sees or hears lots of activity outside, he may become excited enough to bark. This isn't necessarily a warning; it may be a way to express frustration at being left out of the fun or a stress reaction to the noise and activity.

So what can you do?

1. The first step is to talk to your neighbors. If they are away from the house all day, they may not even know about the barking. Or they may be aware of it and are already working on the problem. While it might be tempting to just drop a note in their mailbox, meet your neighbors face-to-face. Leave the attitude at home and communicate in a friendly, neighborly way that the barking is becoming a problem for you and your family. Don't assume, don't accuse; just explain the problem and give them a chance to respond. It's possible they're inexperienced dog owners.
2. You can be proactive, as well. If the dog barks every time you step into your yard or venture near his property, try blocking his vision by planting a hedge or erecting a fence or privacy screen. If the dog's barking is territorial, blocking his view of your property may remove the threat.
3. Of course, dogs don't just sense your presence visually. Mr. Barks-A-Lot next door can also hear or smell you. If blocking his view doesn't help, and he still perceives you as a threat, maybe it's time to make friends with him. Ask your neighbors if you and your family can meet their dog and let him get to know you. You might even suggest that the neighbors bring the dog over to your yard to play a bit. If your trips to the yard are rare, your occasional presence may startle or frighten the dog. Try making time outside an ordinary occurrence. Once he's used to the sight, sounds, and smells of his human neighbors, they may not be such a big deal to him, and he won't feel the need to bark.
4. So, you've done all the polite neighborly things you can to stop the annoying barking, and nothing's changed. You may have to resort to filing a formal noise complaint. Ambler Borough has a Noise ordinance 10-501 as well as a Dogs-not-to-be-permitted-to-continually-bark ordinance 2-203. It might be helpful to check with other neighbors to see if they're also affected by the barking. If so, ask them if they'll file similar complaints.
5. You can contact the police. Barking dogs are probably not high on their priority list, and you'll have to provide them with a written record of everything you've done so far. But they may issue a warning or citation to your neighbor.
6. Last, you can take more drastic steps when all else fails, including taking legal action by going to small claims court. Keep a record of the dates and duration of the barking, take video or audio clips on your mobile phone, and keep a record of all the steps you've taken so far. You might even consider hiring a lawyer to help you through the system.

Are you seeing a theme here? You cannot expect the dog to respect your wish for peace and quiet. But if you're willing to make an effort, and if you understand why the dog is barking so incessantly, you may be able to resolve all this with a friendly visit, some time spent with the dog, and at most, a few alterations to your yard. Or maybe a friendly smile and talk with your neighbor will solve the problem.

LET'S KEEP OUR SENIORS SAFE THIS SUMMER

Let's check on them in the hot weather, and let's keep an eye on the scam artists specifically targeting the older people that own their own homes. Just a reminder that the scammers are out there and they want your money. Remember never give personal information in person or on the phone, never pay with cash, always see ID, and never be afraid to call 911.

PRESCRIPTION & OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG DISPOSAL

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



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REFUSE & SOLID WASTE COLLECTION: All solid waste, recyclables & yard waste should be placed curb side no later than 6 A.M. the day of your scheduled pickup. Refuse/solid waste is to be placed in the grey roll cart provided by the Borough. No hazardous or E-waste collected.

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 and bottles, and all plastic containers labeled #1-#7.

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YARD WASTE COLLECTION: (Christmas trees in January) Yard waste is to be stored on your property until scheduled pickup. Yard waste to 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.

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YMCA Knight Park Summer Day Camp

“Where Summer Happens”



Camp Registration: May 2, 2018 (5 – 7 p.m.) Ambler Borough Hall, 131 Rosemary Avenue or register at the Ambler Area YMCA starting May 3. Proof of Ambler Borough residency is required at registration.

Every summer, the Ambler Area YMCA, working with the Borough of Ambler, offers children residing within Ambler Borough a safe and positive place to spend their summer days -- **Knight Park Summer Day Camp**. This year, camp will run from **June 18 through July 27**. Camp fee is \$40 per week per child. [Camp will be **closed** Wednesday, July 4th and camp fees will not be prorated for that week.] Camp is for children ages 5-11 years old (all campers must have completed Kindergarten).

Drop off and pick up is at the Ambler Borough Hall Gym Entrance, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler. Camp hours run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. (No extended Camp Care).

Day campers walk to Knight Park each morning, weather permitting, for structured activities. Energetic, creative, and well trained staff encourage youth participation in a wide variety of activities including sports, arts & crafts, science, gardening, character development, and cooperative play. Campers are given the opportunity for weekly field trips, special events, a voucher for a free swim lesson session in either the summer or early fall, and a family swim pass for the Ambler Area Y Indoor Pool on Fridays. This will also be the second year the YMCA has partnered with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed providing campers with the opportunity for Nature Activities and Exploration. Camp ratio is 1:10. For more information contact Christie Dunning 215-628-9950 x1573 or go to www.philaymca.org.



Wissahickon Valley Public Library – Ambler Branch 209 Race Street, Ambler 215-646-1072

Upcoming Children’s Events at WVPL – Ambler Branch

- **Bounce & Rhyme Baby Time** – New!
1st & last Mondays of each month. For babies 0-23 months & their caregivers! Starts March 26th at 11:30am
- **Guitar Storytime with Miss Michelle** - Tuesdays at 10:30am
- **Special Events**
May 14 at 4:00- **Art Class For Kids** - with Gloria Popeck • May 17 at 7:00- **Magician and Clown** - Judy Tudy
- **Summer Reading Program** Begins in June! There will be special family programs and reading challenges throughout the summer months.



Upcoming Adult & Teen Events at WVPL – Ambler Branch

- **1st Monday Film Discussion** - at Ambler Theater following the matinee film
- **Ambler Book Group** - Meets 2nd Thursday each month 1:30pm
- **Beading Group** - 1st & 3rd Mondays 1pm
- **Cook the Book** - Cooking Club - Meets the 3rd Wednesday every other month at 6pm
- **Painting Classes** - Held quarterly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. - Feb, May, Aug, Nov.
- **Tea & Scones Program Series** – 6:30pm Tuesdays (monthly)
April 24 – Paris in Springtime
May 8 - History of Bicycles and How They Helped the Women’s Movement
- **Yarn Café** - Weekly Tuesday evenings 7pm & Friday mornings 10:30am

Ambler Symphony Concert Season 2018



Ambler Symphony Orchestra closes out its season subscription concerts with a special evening dedicated to composer John Williams. The concert, which will be held on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wissahickon High School Auditorium, will feature selections from the Oscar winning composer, best known for his “*Star Wars*” musical scores. Williams has produced such famous movie scores as “*Jaws*,” “*E.T.*,” “*Superman*,” “*Harry Potter*,” and “*Gilligan’s Island*.” (Really!) He has composed scores for more than 100 films, many of them produced by Steven Spielberg.

Audiences who enjoy the May concert will also be glad to know there are two outdoor concerts planned for spring. The first concert will be held at Parkside Place in North Wales on May 23 at 7 p.m. Parkside Place is off of Sumneytown Pike just before the intersection of Sumneytown & West Point Pike/Church Road. The second outdoor concert is the annual performance at Hope Lodge at 555 Bethlehem Pike in Fort Washington. That will be held on June 6 at 7 p.m. Both concerts will feature pop selections and others. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and picnic fare if desired. At Hope Lodge there is a rain date of June 13. For further information and tickets, visit the orchestra website at www.amblersymphony.org. The Wissahickon High School Auditorium is on Dager Road at the rear of the main school building. Parking is available at the Dager Road lot. Other venues have parking on site.




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| 1st Tuesday | Borough Committee – 7:00 pm (except Nov. – meet Wed, Nov. 7; no meeting July) |
| 1st Thursday | Zoning Hearing Board (call for specific dates & times) |
| 3rd Wednesday | Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – 7:00 pm |
| 3rd Tuesday | Borough Council Meeting – 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 |

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