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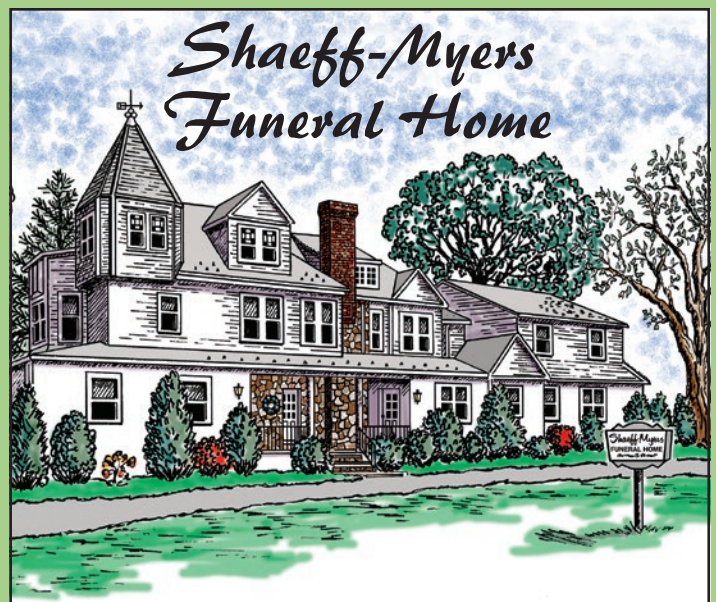
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**First Friday
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Please be patient as the dates are changing given the Covid-19 crisis we're updating as changes happen on the webpage amblermainstreet.org

**Farmers' Market
opening postponed
awaiting Governer's
instruction**

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HOLIDAY TREE
LIGHTING
NOV. 27**

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NOV. 28**

**HOLIDAY
PARADE
DEC. 5**

**SANTA
ARRIVES BY
TRAIN
DEC. 10**

**HOLIDAY
SHOPPING
WEEKEND
DEC. 12-13**

Help Us Prevent Contaminating Our Waterbodies

Ambler Borough is preventing storm water pollution through a stormwater management program whose basis is within the Borough's various ordinances. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. Since the theme of this issue is communication, this article is focused on letting everyone know how easy it is to be involved in helping to make sure the only thing that stormwater contributes to our water is water.

Stormwater runoff picks up pollution from land surfaces such as pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs. Efforts to control stormwater pollution must consider individual, household, and public behaviors and activities that can generate pollution from these surfaces. Remember, the rainwater that drains from the roadways and your property in Ambler eventually makes its way to the Wissahickon Creek.

These common individual behaviors have the potential to generate stormwater pollution:

- littering
- improper disposal of trash and recyclables
- improper disposal of pet-waste
- applying lawn-chemicals
- washing cars
- changing motor-oil on paved driveways
- improper disposal of leftover paint and household chemicals

How can you help with pollution of stormwater runoff?

- Contact Borough Hall to report any erosion and sediment, storm water runoff or other pollution issues, whether from construction sites, businesses, or other locations throughout the Borough.
- Organize a neighborhood pollution watch.
- Stencil storm drains with warnings about dumping.
- Participate in a stream or creek cleanup within the Borough.
- Plant trees along a stream or creek.
- Practice these healthy household habits:
 - Use fertilizers sparingly
 - Use pesticides only when necessary
 - Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street or inlets
 - Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas
 - Compost or recycle yard waste
 - Pick up pet waste and dispose of properly
 - Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved area
 - Service your car regularly to prevent leaks onto paved areas
 - Dispose of household hazardous waste at designated collection locations
 - Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled or recyclable products whenever possible



For more information on how you can reduce stormwater pollution, please visit the following webpages:

- http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/solution_to_pollution.pdf
- http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/nps_month_bookmark.pdf
- http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cu_after_the_storm.pdf

The Borough website is a valuable resource for stormwater related information (<http://boroughofambler.com/government/stormwater-management/>). This webpage contains useful information regarding the NPDES MS4 program. Several links to EPA and PADEP (the Federal and State agencies responsible for this program) are provided as well as numerous other educational and informational resources. All residents and businesses within the Borough are encouraged to review this information and to help in Borough efforts to keep our water clean. Borough Staff and the Environmental Advisory Council are also great resources for stormwater related information. Contact information can be obtained on the Borough website.

Cigarette Butts Campaign

Cigarettes are the most littered item on earth with about 4.5 trillion cigarettes littered each year. Cigarettes make up nearly 38 percent of all collect litter. Disposing of cigarettes on the ground or out of a car is so common that 75 percent of smokers report doing it.



While cigarette filters may look like cotton, 98 percent of filters are made of plastic fibers that are tightly packed together. This makes for an estimated 1.69 billion pounds of cigarette butts winding up as toxic trash each year. Cigarettes are non-biodegradable and will only gradually decompose at a rate of about 38 percent after two years.

Let's keep Ambler beautiful. Please do not throw cigarette butts on the ground.



EARTH DAY 2020

EARTH DAY 2020 - April 22, 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Since 1970, Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, pollution, climate change, endangered species, and many other environmental issues. Due to recent community safety precautions, Ambler Borough and the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council have cancelled EarthFest 2020 activities.



Ambler EarthFest 2019 activities

EAC GROWING GREENER GRANT UPDATE

The Ambler EAC through a significant Growing Greener Grant supported by the Department of Environmental Protection, subsidized 12 rain gardens, 4 permeable patios/walkways/driveways, 20 downspout planter boxes, 50 rain barrels, 2 riparian buffer plantings and conducted over 24 stormwater presentations in the Ambler community. It was a busy year for Ambler's all volunteer Environmental Advisory Council to support and implement this essential program that works towards a healthier watershed and assures Ambler Borough is meeting Minimum Control Measure #1 Public Education and Outreach and #2 Public Participation for our MS4 stormwater permit.

By managing rain on our properties where it falls, participating homeowners and businesses grow environmental stewardship of our public and private spaces in our community and our watershed.

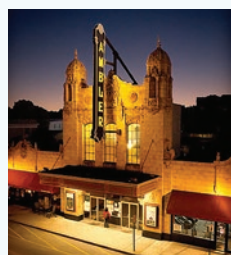
Do you want to beautify your landscape, increase your property value, create habitat, improve water issues on your property? To learn more about how you can take advantage of these subsidies while they last, email your Ambler EAC at amblereac@gmail.com

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- Swaddle Baby & Child
- Tannery Run Brew Works
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- Vincent DiFrancesco Opticians
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- Weavers Way Food Coop
- Wild Lilies Jewelry
- Wissahickon School District
- Wissahickon Valley Public Library
- Xtra 101



SEWER BACKUPS - PREVENT PIPES CLOGGING

Please be aware that cleaning wipes and baby wipes do not dissolve when flushed. Instead they accumulate in the sewer system causing clogs and backups. Clogs can cause sewage to backup into your home through sinks and toilets. The damage caused by backups can be very expensive to repair. Please remember - *it's a toilet, not a trash can.*

DO FLUSH
toilet paper and human waste



DON'T FLUSH
cleaning & baby wipes, paper towels,
feminine products, cotton balls, dental floss, diapers.



SEWER BACKUPS – BEWARE OF FOG – FATS, OILS & GREASE

FOG is fats, oils & grease that can build up in sewer lines. When grease is washed down the sink or toilet it coats and sticks to the inside of sewer pipes. The result can be a backup into basements, roadways and water bodies. Sewer backups create health hazards, can result in expensive property damage and threaten the environment. FOG can pose a significant risk to your home sewer line and the Borough's sanitary sewer system.

Everything from poultry products, baked goods, dairy products and fried foods will create FOG. As meals are prepared, cookware washed and food scraps discarded down the garbage disposal, the FOG gets washed down the drain. The FOG settles in the drainpipes and begins to cool and harden, causing the pipe to become more and more restricted. Eventually the pipe may become so restricted that a full blockage occurs.

You can help 'cease the grease' by being a good environmental steward and not dumping FOG down the drain.

- Never pour grease down sink drains or toilets.
- Dispose of cooled cooking fats, oils and grease into a waxed food container such as a milk carton or container with a lid and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Foods containing FOG can get caught in the plumbing and cause sewer backups.
- Use baskets or strainers in sinks to catch food scraps. Empty scraps into the trash can.
- Scrape food scraps from dishes and pans into the trash can for disposal, before washing.
- Do not use the toilet for disposal of food scraps, sanitary items, rags, cloths or towels.

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County-Wide Hazardous Waste & Tire Collection Events - 2020

Montgomery County has released information for **free** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Tire Collection. ***Due to recent community safety precautions, event cancellations may occur.*** For a complete list of collection locations and further details please visit www.MontcoPARecycles.org or email recycling@montcopa.org or call their recycling line at 610-278-3618. As of this date, convenient drop-off locations are listed at:

Household Hazardous Waste

Sat., May 16 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine)

Temple University – Ambler Campus

1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler – entrance

Residential Tire Collection

Sat., May 9 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine)

Montgomery County Community College

1313 Morris Road, Blue Bell – entrance (Lot 1D)

Electronics Disposal Ban - 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. **POSTPONED: ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SPONSORED BY AMBLER SAVINGS BANK.** The April 25 event has been postponed. Please visit posts at www.boroughofambler.com or www.facebook.com/AmblerEAC/ for the future event date. Additionally, check out the County's new partnership with 'retrievr'. **NOTE:** At this time, due to local and state restrictions because of COVID-19, retrievr has extended its service suspension.

retrievr



We all have clothes and electronics we no longer use cluttering our closets, drawers, and basements. **Retrievr is the only program that collects these items right from your door and then recycles them for you.**

Your neighbors have already discovered the joy of decluttering their homes by recycling over 50 tons of clothing and electronics. Now you can, too!

Thanks to Montgomery County's partnership with **retrievr**, you can recycle your clothing and electronics right from your doorstep. This service is **FREE** for all clothing, textiles, and small electronics. **Simply visit [retrievr](http://retrievr.com) or text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824), and **retrievr** will send a truck to your home. Bag up your items and leave them on your porch; or, leave them inside your door and tell **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.**

Convenience fees apply only for certain items: \$10 for each microwave, \$35 for each TV under 150 lbs, and \$100 for each TV 150 lbs or more.

Visit [retrievr](http://retrievr.com) or text **PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH** to get started.

1



Tell us what you're recycling

2



Pick a date for your pickup

3



A truck comes to your door

FAQ

When does the program go into effect?

Right now! 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.

What if I can't send text messages?

Call our number and leave a voicemail. Someone will contact you to schedule a pickup.

What items do you accept?

Visit [retrievr](http://retrievr.com) for a full list of accepted items.

Where should I leave my items?

You can leave your items on your porch, just outside your door, or just outside your garage.

What if I have items I don't want to leave outside, is that okay?

Yes! You might prefer to keep items like computers, phones, or tablets indoors until the driver arrives. When you schedule your pickup, you can ask **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.

Can I get a tax write off for items collected?

No. Just as your recycled paper, bottles and cans are not tax deductible, neither are recycled clothing and electronics.

If you have access to a local donation center and prefer to donate some or all of your items, we respect that choice. Donation keeps your items out of the landfill, which makes us happy.

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Recycling News – Flexible Packaging Now Recyclable in Ambler!!!

J.P. Mascaro & Sons has added flexible packaging materials to the list of what can be recycled in Ambler Borough. Flexible packaging is any plastic packaging that can flex or wrap such as plastic pouches, plastic wraps and plastic bags. By properly recycling and adding flexible packaging materials to your recycling cart you are helping protect the environment. Be sure your recycling materials are clean, dry & contaminant free and Mascaro will do the rest. For questions, contact **J. P. Mascaro & Sons** directly at 484-250-4686.

Recycling News – Recycling the Correct Materials

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 & 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

Contaminated Recycle Materials. Contaminated recycling materials cannot be recycled and usually end up going to a landfill. Uncleaned containers with leftover food wastes cannot be recycled. Containers contaminated with food wastes will be sent to a landfill. You need to wash food containers and remove all of

the food before placing the containers into the recycle bin. Why is Contamination Bad? When a certain percent of a batch of recycling is contaminated, the whole batch of recycling is considered unusable and thrown away.

To avoid contaminated recycling:

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

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Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA)

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler has been proudly serving the community since 1941. In 2021 we will celebrate our 80th year providing emergency medical care – with compassion – by our trained medical professionals. To celebrate, we invite you to join our events in 2020!

Saturday, May 16, 2020 – EMS Week Open House – join us for family fun at this free event at our Ambler station located at 1414 E Butler Pike. This event is free, come tour the ambulances

and station.

Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Designer Bag Bingo – Join us for this over-21 fundraising event at our station. Tickets will be available late summer / early fall for this event that SOLD OUT in October 2018.

Details for all events are TBD and will be available at www.facebook.com/medic351 and www.amblerambulance.org call for information at 215-643-6517.

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2020 Census at a Glance

The census is much more than just a head count. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals, and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. It also helps us see how our communities have changed over time. That's why an accurate count is so important.

UNDERSTANDING THE CENSUS Once every decade, the federal government conducts a census of the entire population to count everyone in the United States and record basic information about them. Our nation's founders believed this data was so important that they mandated the decennial census in the Constitution.

Easy and Convenient - In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. The public was able to begin responding to the 2020 Census online at 2020census.gov in March 2020. 'Census Day' was April 1. From June through July 2020 census takers will go door to door to count people who have not responded to the 2020 Census. Census takers are Census Bureau employees and will provide proof that they are official government personnel.

Confidential and Secure - Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party. The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

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AMBLER WARD 2 - MONTCO SAAC CENTER, 45 Forest Ave.

AMBLER WARD 3 - CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, 16 E. Park Ave.

For further voter information contact Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280 or go to www.pavoterservices.pa.gov

Movies in the Gym

Please join us Friday nights throughout the year in the Ambler Borough Hall Gymnasium and enjoy a fun-filled FREE family evening of movie entertainment. Bring your own snacks!

Movies begin at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there! Check out the movie line-up!

Aladdin (June 5)

Elf (July 24)

Playing with Fire (September 18)

The Addams Family (October 23)

The Polar Express (December 11)

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Discount Tickets Throughout the Year

Purchase Discount Tickets Here! Discount tickets to area amusements, attractions & ski slopes are available at Ambler Borough Hall throughout the year. Tickets can be purchased at our reception desk weekdays 8-4:30 p.m. Payment via cash or check. Call the Receptionist (215-646-1000) for more information. Discount tickets offered (seasonal availability) include:

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Council, Department & Committee News

Dear Residents and Friends,

2019 was an election year here in the Borough. We have three new council members, and I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome them to Council. Brooke Marshall, for Ward 1. Jen Henderson, for Ward 2, and Haley Welch for Ward 3. I was humbled and honored to be re-elected for Ward 3, and look forward to another 4 years of serving our town. As with all elections, things change. I would like to thank Claudio Zaccone, Ward 2, Fran Tomlinson, Ward 1, and Sal Pasceri, Ward 3, for their years of service and dedication to the borough, and the residents they served.

With each new year comes new challenges. It seems that rings true for 2020. We find ourselves thrust into a global pandemic that has redefined our day to day lives. Those activities we have taken for granted, are suddenly out of reach. We find ourselves having to adapt in ways that are foreign to us. Much like changes to your personal lives, as a Borough, we have been forced to make some changes as well. Adhering to COVID19 requirements, we are asking that residents remain inside as much as possible. If you venture out, please remain off of playground equipment as it is impossible to keep the equipment disinfected. The parks are officially closed until further notice to help prevent groups from gathering. We ask that you please take social distancing seriously. Our best defense is to stop the spread of this virus.

Borough Hall is operating with reduced staff and on a reduced schedule. The building is open daily from 9 am – 2 pm. We are not accepting in-person payments at this time. We ask that all payments be made via the drop box in the parking lot. The box will be collected daily. Payments can also be made on-line. Visit boroughofambler.com for more information.

Most restaurants are open for take-out service. If at all possible, try and support our local restaurants in this difficult time by taking a night off from cooking, and ordering out. If you find yourself in need of a gift, try ordering on-line from one of our local retail shops. It might also be a good time to renew that lapsed membership, or to become a member at the Ambler Theater and Act II playhouse.

Be there for each other as well. We are lucky to live in an age of technology that allows face to face communication, without leaving the safety of your homes. Check up on your neighbors. Help where you can. Drop off donations to Mattie Dixon Food Cupboard. It takes a village, and we have an amazing one. Ambler is no stranger to hardship. I am confident, that together, we will emerge from this more united than before. We are strong. We are resilient. We are Ambler.

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

SUMMER JOBS WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Attention College Students

Ambler Borough's Public Works Department seeks college students interested in summer employment. We offer flexible start & end dates. Please stop by Borough Hall to complete an Employment Application or download an application from the Borough website www.boroughofambler.com. Drop off or mail your application to Ambler Borough,

Attn: Summer Employment, 131 Rosemary Ave., Ambler, PA 19002

BULK WASTE DISPOSAL – MATTRESS DISPOSAL REQUIREMENT - All mattresses and box springs **must be wrapped with plastic and sealed closed** before being placed curbside for pickup. Mattress-sized plastic bags may be purchased at Deck's Hardware or your nearby Lowes, Walmart & Home Depot or on Amazon.

STREET SWEEPING UPDATE – The Borough Crews will be street sweeping when possible, but tickets will NOT be issued. The street sweeping parking restrictions will not be enforced at this time. We appreciate the residents of Ambler that are following the social distancing guidelines. Please stay safe during these difficult times.

TRAFFIC & STREET LIGHT OUTAGES – If a traffic or street light is out, please notify the Borough receptionist at 215-646-1000 or send an email to receptionist@borough.ambler.pa.us. For street

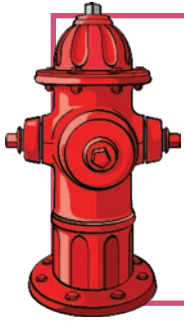
light outages, please try to obtain and report the pole number. This will help us to more quickly relay the information to schedule a repair.

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.

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 home number on these carts. Please contact the Borough Receptionist if the rollcart wheels (and axles) need repair. Public Works will replace these parts at no cost to you. Please do not throw out the cart.

Good news for those of you with electric cars. Ambler Borough has announced that its two Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations have been successfully installed and are ready to be used. The stations are located on Poplar Street near the Cavalier Lot and on Lindenwold Ave. & Race Street.





SYSTEM HYDRANT FLUSHING

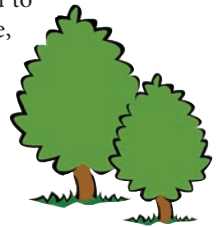
Ambler Water Dept. may begin routine system hydrant flushing later this spring. Flushing will occur Sunday evenings through Fridays. Water Dept. will post a flushing schedule on the Borough website— check back often. If you experience discolored water, DO NOT OPEN THE HOT WATER SIDE OF YOUR FAUCET – 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.

- The Water Payment Lock Box is located in the Borough Hall parking lot. You may access the lock box from the Poplar Street parking lot entrance.
- You may sign up to receive email notification that the Water Bill is being mailed out. Please visit www.boroughofambler.com and click on “Water Portal” on the homepage.
- On-line credit card & E-check payments are accepted for water bill payments. Please visit www.boroughofambler.com and click on “Pay Your Water Bill” on the homepage. A convenience fee will be charged.
- Please pay your Water Bill separately from other bills you may pay in the Borough, such as rental registration, tax bills or permit fees, so that your account is properly credited. Water Bills are mailed out quarterly.
- Please keep your contact information with the Water Department current, simply by accessing the Swiftreach™ icon on the Borough website homepage. In the event of a water quality emergency, we need to get in touch with our customers!

CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer

OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE - At the direction of Council, in 2018, the Planning Commission had been requested to update the 2006 Open Space Plan to incorporate recently acquired parcels Edgewood Preserve, Wahl Park, Ambler Square, and 44 Tennis Avenue. This Plan was adopted by Borough Council on November 6, 2019. Overall, the 2019 Open Space Plan update builds on the 2006 Open Space plan and presents more recent statistics, information, and photos. It is not intended to replace the 2006 Open Space Plan. It has been updated to show new land acquisitions, land use changes, population and demographic shifts, and new goals / implementation strategies for these new parcels. The plan also continues to emphasize the importance of stormwater management and references the 2014 Temple Study regarding Flooding and Stormwater Management.



The 2019 Ambler Borough Open Space Plan Update is intended to serve as a major tool to guide the future direction of current and prospective open space considerations in the Borough. This Update details 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 is included in this update, 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 2019 Ambler Borough Open Space Plan update will serve to guide the future of parks, natural features, historic resources, and open space in the Borough. Through careful planning and collaboration, Ambler Borough will continue to be a great place to live, work, and play. The Open Space Plan is available for review and download on the Borough website.

AMBLER SQUARE CONSTRUCTION MOVING FORWARD - 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 Avenue and Park Avenue. 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 hopes to see construction begin in the summer 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.



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Thank You

The Borough of Ambler would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.



2020 AMBLER BOROUGH Trash & Recyclables Collection

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION: All solid waste, recyclables and yard waste should be placed curb side no later than 6 A.M. the day of your scheduled pickup. Refuse/solid waste is to be placed in the grey roll cart provided by the Borough. No hazardous or E-waste collected. Litter and debris can attract unwanted pests. 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 frigs & freezers (10-30 cuft). Please note, resident must be on site at time of scheduled pick-up.

Mattresses and box springs must be bagged and sealed in plastic mattress bags when placed curbside. Items may be set out on your regularly scheduled bulk service day. All

mattresses and box springs must now be wrapped in plastic before collection. Recent infestations of bed bugs have spread from mattresses to employees as they make curbside pickups. You can find mattress disposal bags at most major retailers and home improvement stores, such as Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart, Amazon.com, etc.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION: Yard waste shall be placed in paper bags or unlined trash cans or may be bundled with twine. No plastic bags. Yard waste includes leaves, branches & branch materials, twig material, vine & hedge trimmings. No grass clippings. Residents may also bring yard waste to Barnside Farm Compost Facility, 991 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.

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Stomsky, Tax Collector

Happy Spring! Some dates 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.
- Per Wissahickon School District Resolution W-6-17, Continuation of Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan (effective 12-Jun-2017), a taxpayer who is delinquent by more than ten (10) days on any installment payments is ineligible for the installment payment option in the following fiscal year beginning July 1.

Interim taxes are collected all year. These are extra taxes assessed when you make renovations to your home.

PLEASE NOTE: AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE TAXING BODIES, IN-PERSON COLLECTIONS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY MAIL, LOCKBOX, OR ONLINE. THE IN-PERSON COLLECTION INFORMATION BELOW WILL BE IN EFFECT ONCE THE LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THIS PERIOD. PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE RETURNED.

My office hours for in-person payments are Tuesdays from 9am-1pm. My office is located at 262 N. Spring Garden St. (between Mt. Pleasant Ave. and Rieffs Mill Road). For other times or

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.**



I have extra in-person collection hours scheduled during the last two weeks of discount. This includes some evening hours at Borough Hall. Please review the information on your bill carefully for details. I am closed on weekends, evenings, and holidays. This includes primary and election days.

Additional methods of paying include mail (P.O. Box 3087, Ambler, PA 19002), lockbox located on the porch of 262 N. Spring Garden St., online using a credit card or e-check, or in person using a credit card. Please note that credit card payments include a 2.65% fee and e-checks have a flat \$1.50 fee. The link to the online system is available on the Borough website, boroughofambler.com. If you pay online, a receipt will be emailed to you. If you want a receipt when paying by mail or lockbox, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and BOTH copies of the bill. Please do not send in payment without at least the tax collector portion (bottom half) of your bill. It helps me to identify what parcel is being paid, which assures that your bills are paid correctly and in a timely manner.

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.

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

YMCA KNIGHT PARK SUMMER DAY CAMP - 'WHERE SUMMER HAPPENS'



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 June 15th – July 31st. Camp fee is \$45 per week per child. Drop off and pick up is at the Ambler Borough Hall Gym Entrance, 131 Rosemary Avenue. 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 fourth year the YMCA has partnered with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed providing campers with the opportunity for Nature Activities and Exploration. Ratio is 1:10.

The YMCA is currently closed and while there is no projected opening date, if you are interested in the YMCA's Summer program please email Y-camp-ambler@philaymca.org and put in the subject line "Knight Park Camp." The YMCA will contact you with registration information.



Wissahickon Valley Public Library
Ambler Branch - 131 Rosemary Ave., Ambler, PA 19002
(Temporary Location in Ambler Borough Hall) | 215-646-1072

AMBLER BRANCH EXPANSION



KEY ADDITIONS TO 209 RACE STREET:

- 1 New accessible entrance ramp
2 New entrance vestibule and welcome lobby with stroller parking + new 8-person meeting room for small groups or quiet study
3 New Dedicated Children's Room for expanded collection
4 New Community Room (capacity 80 people) for educational events
5 New accessible restrooms, updated staff and volunteer spaces

The project is supported in part through a grant with the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Department of Education, with funds provided from the Keystone Recreation Park and Conservation Fund.

TEMPORARY LOCATION AT AMBLER BOROUGH HALL
Visit us at our temporary location on the 2nd floor of Ambler Borough Hall for children's and adult programs, guitar storytimes, summer reading program, and to borrow books, movies, museum passes and more!

Renovation Time Line
2016-17 Feasibility Study
2017-18 Architectural drafts, Grant funding
2019 June: Final Plans
August: Public Bid & Capital Campaign
October: Notice to Award
November: Bid Award to Balton Construction, Inc.
December: Construction Begins
2020 September: Expected Completion

To contribute to the library's capital campaign, visit https://wvpl.org/about-us/donate

AMBLER YMCA TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS (FREE PROGRAMS)

- Middle School Leaders (rotating Tuesdays. Meet other Middle School Students, enjoy pizza and get involved with discussions about our community, current events & service projects.)
• High School Leaders (rotating Saturdays. Meet other High School students from other YMCAs, visit various colleges for FREE, transportation & lunch are provided, and explore career opportunities with those that share similar interests)



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

contact Megan Michael, Teen Programs Director, mmichael@philaymca.org 215-628-9950 x 1540



HOME CHECK DURING VACATION

The Ambler Borough Police Department offers a security check of your residence while you're away on vacation. Police Officers will do periodic checks of the exterior of your home while you're away.

What is a vacation check? Your home will be checked by the police at different intervals, and times during your absence.

What do the officers do when checking my house? The officer will walk around the perimeter of your home and check the doors and windows to ensure they are locked. They will be looking for signs of forced entry, in addition to checking for signs of unwanted persons on the property. Police will look for signs of things that look out of place or appear suspicious. The date and time of the property check will be documented.

What happens if something is wrong? The person(s) you list as an emergency contact will be notified, and if possible, you will be notified immediately afterwards. It is always a good idea to provide a cell phone number in case of an emergency.

You can complete a registration form located on the Borough website www.boroughofambler.com / Documents & Forms / Forms, Permits & Applications / Vacation Home Check Form. A form may also be requested by emailing twilliams@police.ambler.pa.us, or calling the Ambler Police Department at 215-646-1000 (ask for the police department). On the registration form you will be asked to list the property you want checked, the duration of time you will be gone, your emergency contact information and any relevant details.

Helpful tips:

- Notify a trusted neighbor that you will be away. Inform them that your property will be checked by the police.
- List any vehicles that will be on the property.
- Provide multiple phone numbers for emergency contacts.
- Notify your mail carrier, and paper delivery person to place a hold on deliveries



**AMBLER POLICE DEPARTMENT
VOLUNTARY SECURITY CAMERA REGISTRATION**

****Turn your camera into a crime-fighting tool**** Video surveillance is one to the best methods for apprehending and convicting suspects who are caught in the act of committing a crime. Installing video surveillance and registering in the program is a great example of a community-police partnership. Contact the Police Dept. at 215-646-1000 for further information.

**PRESCRIPTION &
OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG DISPOSAL**

Ambler's Police Dept. 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.



The **Ambler Borough Gym** is now a regular community site for American Red Cross Blood Drives. The next scheduled Blood Drive will be held **Monday, June 1 (2-7 p.m.)**. 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.



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AMBLER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Public Utilities:	Mrs. Siskind (Chair), Ms. Marshall, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Welch
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STATE/CONGRESSIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sen. Maria Collett (12th PA Sen. Dist): PH: 215-368-1429 WEB: www.senatorcollett.com
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 July - no Committee Meeting in July) (except November – meeting Wed., November 4)
1st Thursday	Zoning Hearing Board (call for specific dates/times)
3rd Tuesday	Borough Council Meeting – 7:00 pm (except July – meeting Tues., July 14)
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 Robert Hoffman) 215-646-1000 (8:00-4:30pm) **Ambler Police** 215-643-6444 **after hours**
Wissahickon Fire Co. 215-646-1266 **Fire Marshall** Rick Lockhart 215-646-1000 ext 122
Community Ambulance Association of Ambler 215-643-4111
Water Department Supervisor Philip Benigno 215-646-1000 ext 124 [pbenigno@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Water Billing – 215-646-1000 (Cheryl x110 or Ruth x111) **Water Emergency** – 215-646-1000 **follow prompts**
Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Patrick Sarro Sr. 215-628-9457 [Awwtpsupt@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Code Enforcement Officer Glenn Kucher 215-646-1000 ext 112 [code@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Public Works Supervisor Marco Resente 215-628-9409 (leave message or call 215-646-1000 ‘0’ Receptionist)
Finance Manager Gail Gordon 215-646-1000 ext 107 [ggordon@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Manager’s Assistant Elizabeth Russell 215-646-1000 ext 113 or 114 [erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Borough Receptionist Melissa Reale 215-646-1000 dial “0”

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