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06
MAY

FIRST FRIDAY
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 5:00 PM

07
MAY

FARMERS MARKET GRAND OPENING. OPEN EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH NOVEMBER 19
OLD SEPTA TRAIN STATION | 9:00 AM

15
MAY

AMBLER AUTO SHOW
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 12:00 PM

03
JUN

FIRST FRIDAY
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 5:00 PM

17
JUN

AMBLER ART AND MUSIC FEST
DOWNTOWN AMBLER & CAVALIER LOT | 5:00 PM

18
JUN

AMBLER ART AND MUSIC FEST
DOWNTOWN AMBLER & CAVALIER LOT | 11:00 AM

05
AUG

FIRST FRIDAY
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 5:00 PM

06
AUG

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER
RIDGE AVENUE | 10:00 AM

02
SEP

FIRST FRIDAY
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 5:00 PM

07
OCT

FIRST FRIDAY
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 5:00 PM

08
OCT

OKTOBERFEST
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 11:00 AM

29
OCT

THE HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 11:00 AM

25
NOV

BLACK FRIDAY AND HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
THE FRONT LAWN AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 5:00 PM

26
NOV

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 11:00 AM

03
DEC

HOLIDAY PARADE
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 1:00 PM

08
DEC

SANTA ARRIVES BY TRAIN
SEPTA LOT SOUTH SIDE | 7:00 PM

09
DEC

HOLIDAY SHOPPING WEEKEND FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
DOWNTOWN AMBLER | 11:00 AM



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



Keeping Storm Runoff Clean

As many residents and business owners of the Borough of Ambler are aware, the Borough is responsible for monitoring the storm sewer system for pollutants and to remove, or direct to have removed, any identified sources of any pollution. The program is known as the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, NPDES MS4 for short. In the case of stormwater, a pollutant is basically anything that is not rain water or snow melt. Common pollutants in stormwater come from pet waste in yards, over fertilizing of lawns, washing vehicles in driveways or streets, and improper disposal of cleansers, oil, and paint.

As one can imagine, a good deal of rain falls on the Borough each year. On average, the Borough receives about four feet of rain annually. Anyone who has witnessed a heavy thunderstorm in late summer or snow storm followed by high temperatures in the winter will not argue that runoff from a large storm can cause a great deal of damage and wash a lot of sediment, branches, trees and other materials into the storm drains and streams. While the effect of runoff is easily observed during heavy storms, the effects from light rainfall are equally important. Even a light rain washes sediment, nutrients, oil and other surface pollutants into the streams. All the dirt, oil, lawn fertilizer, road salt, leaves, grass clipping, pet waste, etc. that washes away with even a light rain ends up as pollution in Wissahickon Creek. The NPDES MS4 program requires that the Borough monitor all storm sewer outfalls within the Borough for various types of pollutants and take corrective action if needed. With cooperation and effort from everyone we can all help keep our water clean.



Spring weather encourages many outdoor activities and is a great time to keep stormwater issues in mind. A few things you can do to help reduce pollution in stormwater runoff are:

- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Use the appropriate amount of deicer
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste, especially those falling leaves
- Follow directions when applying pesticides, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet

The Borough website is a valuable resource for stormwater related information (<https://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.



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- Prevents Air and Water Pollution.
- Less Waste for Landfills and Incinerators.
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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.

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The Wire Recycling Process

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When thinking of recycling, we typically think of paper, plastics, and cans. But there is something else found all throughout our lives that you may not have considered as recyclable—wires. Wires run through our homes and workspaces, power our appliances, and charge our phones. Copper conducts electric current better than any other metal except silver and is the favored material for electrical wires. According to the Copper Development Association Inc., an average single-family home contains 439 pounds of copper.

Copper is essential to powering many aspects of our daily lives, and it is important to recycle this material. The EPA estimates that recycling copper requires only 10-15% of the energy required to mine and refine virgin copper, saving energy and keeping valuable resources out of landfills.

Locally, Pasco Inc., a metals recycling facility in Philadelphia, buys and processes copper-insulated wire for recycling. This recycling process starts with baled wire. The wire can be sourced from all over, including construction, appliances, and even nuclear power plants! While the source and size of these wires can vary greatly, they all have something in common: a copper core.

To begin the recycling process, the copper must be removed from the insulation. To do this, wires are first sent through a series of three chopping machines. These machines mechanically break down the wire into small pieces and remove the insulation from around the copper.

Now that the copper is free from the insulation, the two materials

must be separated. The finely chopped material moves to a shaker table-- a tilted surface that shakes rapidly, separating the copper pieces from the insulation. The heavier pieces (the copper) migrate to the higher end of the table, while the lighter insulation moves to the lower end of the table. This process is very effective in separating the copper from the insulation, which is an important step in maintaining the copper's recyclability. The copper found in electrical wires is 99.99% copper. It is important to maintain this high grade of purity so that it can be melted down and recycled into new wires. Pasco Inc. has looked for markets to recycle the insulation stream of this recycling process, but currently this material is landfilled.

There are many environmental benefits to recycling wires, but due to the value of copper and its recyclability, you can also get paid for it! Many scrap metal yards will weigh and pay you for your old wires and electrical cords. So, before you toss that frayed cord or tangled wire mess into the trash, consider taking it to your local scrap yard for recycling.

Municipal and state regulations require that residents, commercial establishments, and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. Commonly recycled materials include paper, plastic, glass, and metal. You should check with your hauler for a complete list of acceptable recyclable materials.



County-Wide Collection Events - 2022

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection - Montgomery County sponsors **free HHW** Collection events for residents at different drop off locations throughout the county between the months of April and October. For a complete list of collection locations visit www.MontcoPARecycles.org or email recycling@montcopa.org or call their recycling line at 610-278-3618. Follow on Facebook at [MontgomeryCountyRecycling](https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryCountyRecycling). The closest event will be held **Saturday, May 21 at Temple U-Ambler Campus** (enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike). *By appointment only, pre-registration is required.* The event schedule is posted on the Borough website Quick Links at Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste - scroll down. **Tire Collection** - The County no longer holds tire collection events. **Document Shredding** - The County does not hold document shredding events.

Electronics Disposal Ban - The Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA) of 2010 prohibits the disposal of E-Waste as trash. Trash

haulers may not pickup TVs or computers curbside. For a list of drop off options go to <https://www.montcopa.org/2019/Televisions> OR check out the County's partnership with 'retrievr' - this company will come to your door to pick up TVs & monitors, microwave ovens, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, and mini refrigerators as well as used clothing. Go to <http://retrievr.com/montcopa>. Tell them what you are recycling, pick a date for pickup and a truck will come to your door. Visit retrievr.com to schedule a pickup or text the word PICKUP to 757-703-3824 and follow the guided scheduler to set a date. Or call and leave a voicemail. Retrievr charges a flat \$10 doorstep pickup fee and convenience fees for the following items: -\$10 for each microwave; \$35 for each TV under 150 lbs. and monitors that use a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT); \$100 for each TV 150 lbs. or more, such as those with wooden cabinets or rear-projection TVs; \$50 for each dehumidifier; \$50 for each window air-conditioner; \$50 for each mini refrigerator under 50 lbs.

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Ambler EAC EarthFest 2022 - April 30th

After a couple of years being canceled, the Ambler Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is thrilled to announce EarthFest 2022 on April 30th from 10am to 2pm at Ambler Borough Hall. This year's theme is "Small Changes Can Make a Big Difference."

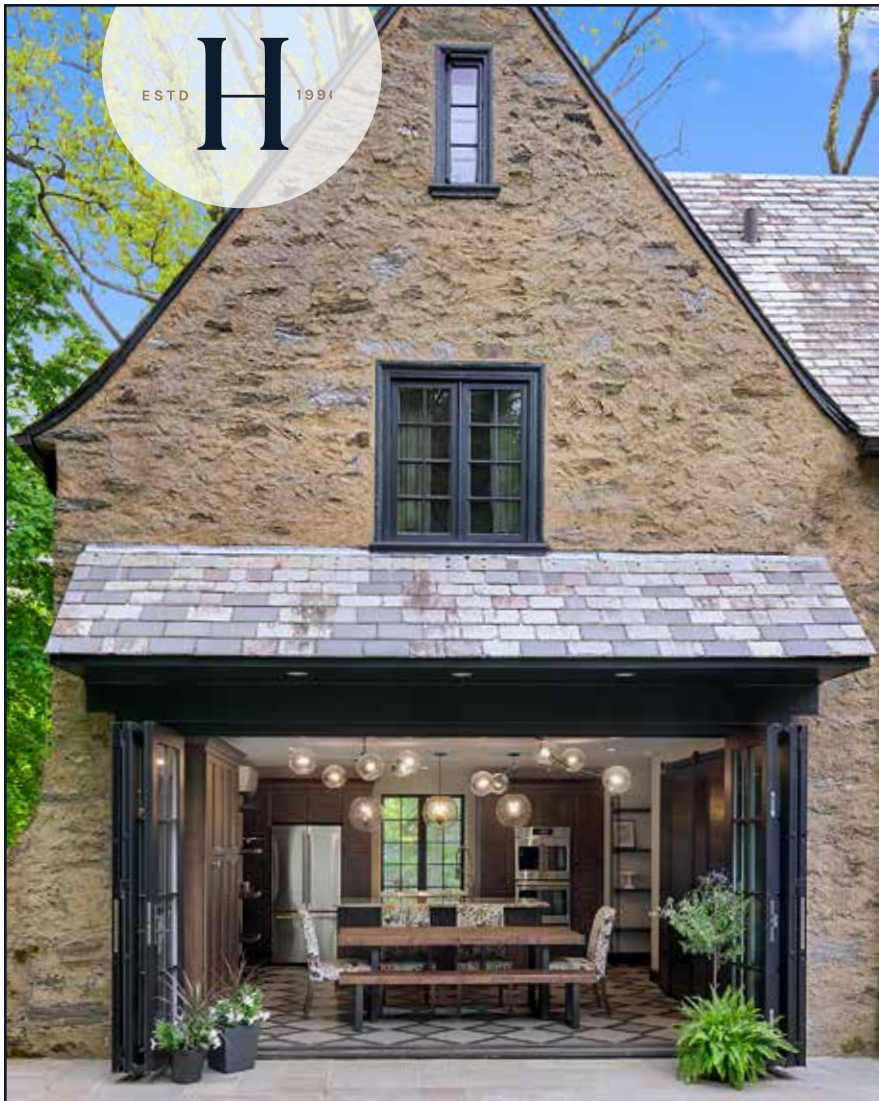
There will be food from trucks and local restaurants, eco-friendly activities for the children, booths featuring a plethora of local earth-minded groups inside the gym, a native plant sale, Electric Vehicles and retail vendors selling earth-friendly goods. Plus, businesses in town will be joining in to celebrate by offering EarthFest specials. Stay at Earthfest for lunch to enjoy eco-friendly and waste reduced food and drink options. Buy a native plant or two and get some advice on gardening tips such as what you can plant to help support local birds and pollinators. Support local vendors and the earth by buying earth-friendly goods. Do you have questions about electric vehicles (EVs)? Electric vehicle owners and their EVs will be at Earthfest sharing their experience with visitors who are interested in driving electric.

The purpose of the EarthFest is to celebrate those who are already making a difference in our community, educate kids and adults and challenge each of us to make small changes which can really add up! Come and learn about all the possibilities to create a sustainable environment starting with each of us.

Join the Ambler EAC in a fun, family friendly day to learn how "Small Changes Can Make a Big Difference." Learn how you can make a difference, and enter a raffle to win eco-friendly goods. Spend Saturday, April 30th at the Ambler EarthFest and then visit participating local stores. For more information visit our website at <https://www.amblereac.org/earth-fest>.



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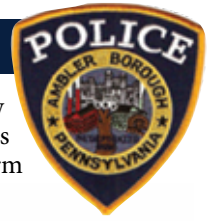
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Ambler Borough Police Department

Chief of Police Jeffrey Borkowski



I hope you enjoy our then and now pictures we added of our officers in their winter uniforms. It is interesting how much change has occurred during the time in between the years. Speaking of change, hopefully spring weather comes sooner than later. There are several reminders we have listed below that will help the residents of Ambler enjoy the warm weather that we are all looking forward to.

"To Protect and Serve"

More pedestrians will be out crossing the streets at intersections. Remember they have the right of way when crossing on a green light and you are turning in your vehicle.

Be aware of bicyclists and please share the road with them. They have a legal right to be using the same roadway as vehicular traffic.



Ambler P.D. Winter of 1974.

Ambler P.D. Winter of 2021

- Do not text while driving/hands free phone calls.
- If you are involved in a motor vehicle accident always call the Police.
- Make sure you are committed to the habit of locking your vehicle every time you use it.
- Take the necessary security precautions with your home by locking doors and windows.
- Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity. Be prepared to answer questions regarding specifics from the dispatcher on the activity you are reporting.
- If you have surveillance cameras please contact us so we can add you to our registry. This will help us when incidents happen in your area. You can register your camera by going on our Crimewatch page.
- Street sweeping starts in April, however we will give you a two week grace period before enforcement starts. Your vehicle still needs to be moved.
- Be aware of the common contractor fraudulent schemes. If you have doubt of the services offered please call 911.
- Always check on elderly neighbors, this is a yearlong responsibility. However, with extreme temperatures it is even more important.

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Ambler's Police Dept. Lobby is a convenient 24/7 drug disposal location. All drugs will be destroyed in a legal & environmentally safe manner. Check out our Facebook page -- Ambler Borough Police Department -- for more information.

Ambler Borough Human Relations Commission (HRC)

The Ambler Human Relations Commission (to be referred to as HRC) was established on May 17, 2016, by Borough Ordinance #1098. This ordinance specifies that discrimination is prohibited in housing and commercial property, employment and public accommodation on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, age, familial status, religious creed, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, national origin, handicap or disability, use of guide or support animals due to blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or in the event that the user is a handler/trainer for a support/guide animal. The designated characteristics listed above, define aspects of being part of a "protected class".

If you live or work in the Borough of Ambler and feel that you have been discriminated against based on being a part of any "protected class", under this ordinance, you may contact the **Borough's HRC** by calling 215-646-1000 to leave a message for a return contact from the HRC. Be sure to designate that you are requesting contact from an HRC representative. An HRC representative will contact you to discuss your concern, ascertain whether the "protected class designation" covers your concern, is within their jurisdiction, and provide a complaint form as indicated. **HRC MEMBERS:** Denise Valerio (Chair), Anna Lee Lapinski, Marilyn Frazier, Trelana Adams, Katie Kirszenblat, and Mary Wingfield (Alternate).

Wissahickon Fire Company

Main Station 7A (245 Race Street, Ambler, 215-646-1266) & Substation 7B (1130 N. Bethlehem Pike, Springhouse)

Emergency Dial 9-1-1

We start with this photo from Matthew Beatty of the North Penn Fire Company. On Thursday February 3, the firefighters of Wissahickon Fire Company, plus many surrounding fire companies, responded to a fire call at **Ebner's Auto Shop on Butler Ave.** Wissahickon is an all-volunteer fire company, as are many of the surrounding companies, staffed by community members who respond at the call of the siren to help their neighbors. In this case, the call was received around 10 AM and units were still on location until after 6 PM. We stayed until the job was done. Neighboring businesses were able to re-open the following day—in spite of serious damage to the Ebner shop.



The **Wissahickon Fire Company** is composed of your friends and neighbors who have worked and trained to help keep the Borough and surrounding areas safe from fire. We have a proud heritage dating back to our founding in 1891, but we are always looking for new friends and neighbors who share our commitment to the community. We are finalizing our new website which we expect to launch very soon that will show the variety of ways we try to keep everyone safe. There will be fire safety tips, among them:

Reminder to have smoke detectors in EVERY sleeping room—contact us if you need detectors, we can supply you with one and install it for you.

Make sure you have a house number that is visible and readable from the street—we have to be able to find you in order to help you.

Finally, if you are interested in what we do, or better yet, want to join, stop by the firehouse on Race Street any Monday night. We'd be happy to tell you more.

Summer Fire Safety Tips

Richard Lockhart, Fire Marshal

Summer is a time for fun, but it is important to make sure you and your family are cautious when using fireworks, grills, and other potentially dangerous materials. Here are some tips for keeping you and your family safe this summer.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were 15,600 injuries from fireworks in 2020. The safest thing you can do to prevent injuries from fireworks is to leave the show up to the experts and attend one of the many professionally done fireworks shows in the region. There are not many places in Ambler where you can use fireworks and not risk a fire or disturb the neighbors.

The second type of incident we see a sharp rise in during the summer months is the number of issues caused by grills. You want to make certain your grill is at least 10 feet away from any combustibles, including combustible decking. You also want to make sure you clean your grill regularly to prevent the build up of grease which is the biggest cause of grill fires. Also remember to keep children and pets away from the grill when in use and never leave a grill unattended.

Lastly, the best defense we have for detecting a fire in the home is the installation of a smoke detector. One should be located on each level of your home and there should be one in each bedroom. Since we just changed our clocks, you should have also changed the batteries in your smoke detectors and remember to check the operation of your detector monthly.

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Parks Plan - The Borough Planning Commission is currently working on completing the Park System Plan incorporating and prioritizing all of the recommendations / suggestions from the workshops via zoom and the survey late last year. These were great sources of input from the public and the Borough was beyond impressed with the interest from Borough residents in the Borough Parks. The Planning Commission hopes to have the Parks System Plan completed this summer.

Community Garden - While the soil rested, the steering committee was busy planning the installation of the community garden at Knight Park. It will be located adjacent to the block house on the former location of the bocce courts along Church Street. With community input they developed the plan shown here with an aerial layout and future rendering viewed from Church Street. Over the winter the ground was leveled, and a fence installed with preparations continuing for an early summer ribbon cutting. Funding for the garden was made possible with a Montco 2040 grant which assists municipalities in making targeted physical improvements that achieve progress toward goals of Montgomery County comprehensive plan's themes of Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and Vibrant Economy.



Future rendering viewed from Church Street courtesy of Mike Bennett of Backyard Eats

This garden will truly serve the community it is in, as there are no individual member plots and everything grown will go directly back into the community. Donations will be made to Mattie Dixon and the Weaver's Way Community Refrigerator, as well as on site produce pickups!

"It takes a borough..." the growing season is here! Volunteers are needed to help make this vision come to life. Green thumb or want to learn? All are welcome. Community outreach and education are a main tenet to the garden's bylaws and the steering committee welcomes the participation of families with children, youth groups and other community organizations. General community meetings will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm (subject to weather), RSVP and stay informed of other upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at facebook.com/AmblerGarden Questions? Email: amblergarden@gmail.com.



Ambler Square dedication November 6, 2021

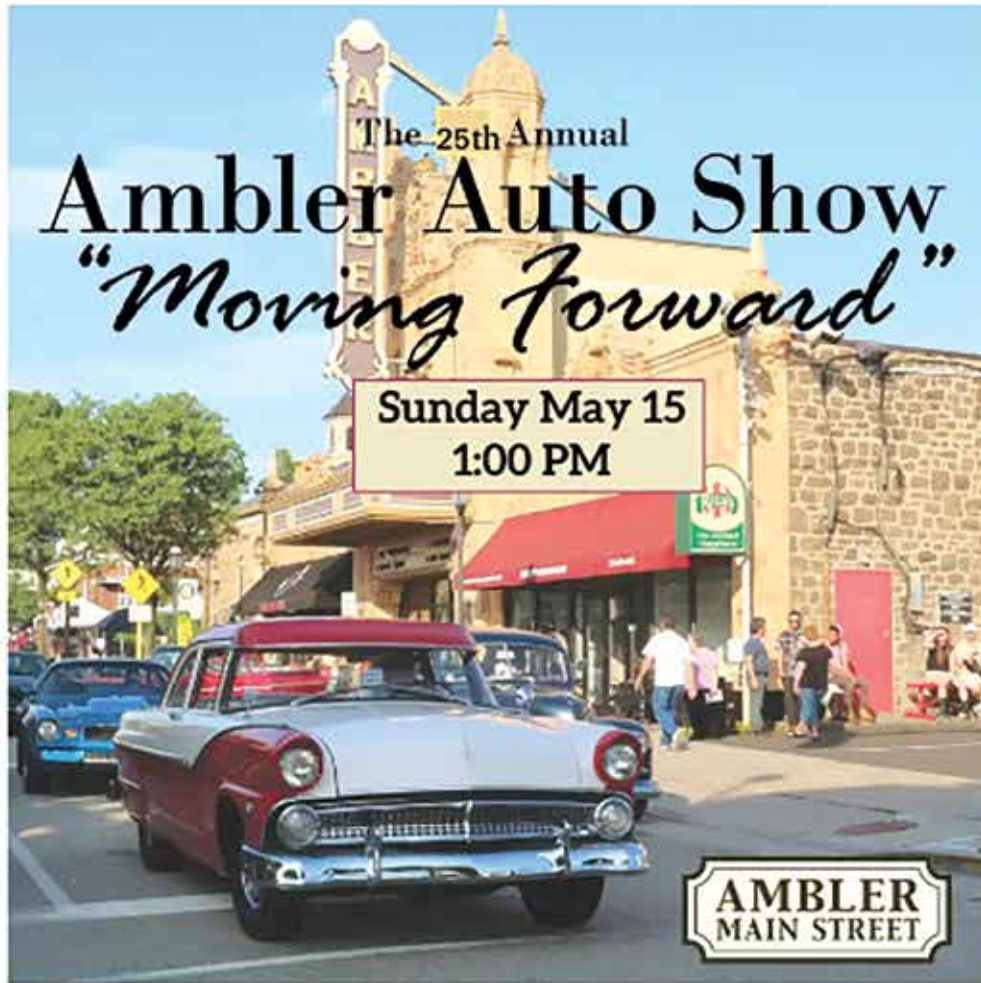
Ambler Square - The borough's newest park Ambler Square, at the southeast corner of Butler and Park Avenues, was dedicated on November 6, 2021! This 10,000 sq ft park was designed and secured with a \$102,000 dollar grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to create the urban oasis you see today. Ambler Square has the potential to become a lively community space that highlights the use of sustainable materials and practices, like the use of pervious pavers, and native landscaping along with stormwater management. Also, a great central outdoor event space for people of all ages to gather for events or take a rest on a bench in the shady grove of ginkgo trees.

Plastics Ordinance - In January, Borough Council voted to delay approving the Single Use Plastic Ordinance No. 1126, to allow additional time for community outreach and stabilization of the supply chain. Borough Council will update and refine the ordinance originally drafted in 2019. Public meetings will be held later this spring and early summer. Email P&R Chair Erin Endicott to share your thoughts at eendicott@borough.ambler.pa.us

Team Up to Clean Up - Ambler Parks & Recreation is teaming up with the Ambler EAC for the Second Annual "Team Up to Clean Up". On Saturday May 21st 10am-noon, we invite residents to join us at your neighborhood park for a spring clean up to help beautify the borough's nine parks! Sign up at the Borough's website.

Restoration -

- Red Tail Restoration renewed their contract to continue their work removing invasives and naturalizing overgrown areas of Ambler Park.
- A \$10,000 PECO Green Region Open Space Grant was completed with tree planting and riparian buffer restoration in Ambler Borough Park.
- "Make Ambler A Shade Greener" tree plantings will be back in the fall. This spring our EAC is coordinating their efforts with Upper Dublin EAC to help plant 100 trees in areas devastated by the September 1st tornado.
- You can still "Adopt A Tree" by visiting amblereac.org/adoptatree



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Council, Department & Committee News

Hello, Fellow Amblerites!

What do you do when you have a question about something in the Borough? What if you hear a rumor and wonder if it's true, especially when so many of them aren't? Local online news outlets, Facebook, or that neighbor who seems to know everything might seem like good places to start, but how do you know if what you find out is true? It's actually easier than many may think. It may seem too easy, or too drama-free, but the answer is - Ask us. Just ask us.

Call or email your ward's Borough Council members. Call or email any Borough Council member. Call or email me. If you're more comfortable with Facebook you can even FB message me. Council members' email addresses and phone numbers are all on the website at <http://boroughofambler.com> under the Government tab.

It's never been easier to get answers about what Council is doing, what we're working on, what we're considering, or (sometimes more importantly) what we're not considering. All you have to do is ask. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

~ Glynnis Siskind
Ambler Borough Council, President
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Council recognizes retiring Council Vice President **Sara Hertz** (Ward 2) for her service to the community. Councilmembers from L to R: Jennifer Henderson, Karen Sheedy, Nellie Forst, Frank DeRuosi, Sara Hertz, Haley Welch, Glynnis Siskind, and Erin Endicott.



In recognition for her years of service on Council, retiring Ward 1 Councilperson **Nancy Deininger** receives a commemorative blanket from Al Comly Jr., President of the Wissahickon Fire Company.

CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer

Re-Energizing Procedure Following Flooding Events

In the event of flooding, PECO cannot restore electric or natural gas service to residential and commercial properties prior to completion of all required safety inspections. In some cases, PECO may be forced to shut off service to homes and businesses in flooded areas due to safety concerns.

What is PECO's policy regarding restoration of service in flooded conditions? PECO is responsible for servicing only its equipment up to and including the meter. In the event of severe flooding around natural gas meters, appliances, and/or electrical equipment, PECO is obligated by the state Public Utility Commission to not restore electric or natural gas service if it cannot ensure the safety of the service before restoration. PECO will work in cooperation with local code enforcement officials to ensure public safety. Costs of repairs and safety inspections are the responsibility of the customer.

What must customers do to have electric service restored? In cases where the customer's electric meter or circuit distribution panel have been submerged, the following procedures must be followed: The customer must first arrange for a licensed electrician to perform inspection of their wiring and circuitry. The electrician must satisfy all municipal code requirements, including (if applicable) completion of the appropriate certification forms from the customer's municipality. A third-party electrical underwriter inspector must then examine the internal electrical system, affix a certification seal on the meter panel verifying safety, and provide PECO with the proper notification. The customer should also inform PECO that all repairs and inspections have been completed by calling PECO Customer Service at 1-800-494-4000. PECO then will re-energize electric service to the property. This process is a requirement of the National Electric Safety Code (NESC).

Customers can find an electrical contractor or inspector through the Electrical Association of Philadelphia (EAP) at www.eap.org or by calling 610-825-1600.

What must customers do to have natural gas service restored? Restoration of natural gas service is separate and independent of the electric service. If power is restored to the property, a separate evaluation must be performed by local code officials and/or the fire marshal to verify that the customer's fuel line and natural gas appliance are safe and suitable for gas service to be restored. Based on the extent of the water damage to natural gas appliance(s), some customers may need to work with a licensed plumber/HVAC contractor to disconnect and isolate the impacted sections of customer fuel line and appliance(s) to get gas restored to the remainder of the natural gas appliances that were not impacted by the flood. PECO's customers with natural gas service who experience any service problem or notice natural gas odors should contact the company immediately at 1-800-841-4141.

Emergency and Safety Tips for All Customers: Keep the number of an electrician or plumber handy as part of emergency preparations. Do not enter basements that are flooded; the water at certain levels could be energized. PECO encourages customers to unplug sensitive electronic appliances like computers, televisions and microwaves. This will protect the equipment from potentially damaging power surges. However, leave at least one light on so you'll know when power is restored.



2022 AMBLER BOROUGH Trash & Recyclables Collection

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■ Trash ■ Recycle ■ Yard Waste ■ Holiday

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.jpмасcaro.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.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 (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 Haldeman Rd, Schwenksville, contact at 610-287-8880.

HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

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.



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1-800-432-1616

Thank you for re-electing me. I look forward to serving Ambler Borough as your tax collector for another term.

By the time you are reading this, you have already received your County/Borough bill and have probably noticed that it looks different than it used to. Hopefully you took time to review it carefully and discovered that all the information previously located on the front of the bill can now be found on the back. Please review this information carefully as many of the common questions I receive are already answered on the bill.

Some dates to remember: The County/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-11-21, Continuation of Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan (effective 01-Jul-2021), a taxpayer who is delinquent by more than ten (10) days on more than 2 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.

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 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, and allow 24-48 hours advance notice.**

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

Until further notice, **MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON PAYMENTS.**

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% or \$3 minimum 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 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. Please do not staple or tape your checks to your bills.

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](https://twitter.com/AmblerBoroTC). Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Public Works Department News

Marco Resente, Public Works Superintendent

SUMMER JOBS WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Attention Students

Ambler Borough's Public Works Dept. seeks students (age 18+; valid PA driver's license) 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.

STREET SWEEPING – Street sweeping began for the season the 1st week of April. Streets will be swept on a weekly basis. Note the street signs for restricted "No Parking" on specified days & hours. Street cleaning parking fines are \$15, and payment of fines is due within 15 days of the violation.

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 toreceptionist@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 RECYCLING & 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 need repair. Public Works will replace these parts at no cost to you. Please do not throw out the cart.

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. Or, if you prefer, contact the Borough Receptionist at 215-646-1000 and she will relay your message to the Garage.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

WISSAHICKON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY – Ambler Branch

www.wvpl.org

209 Race Street, Ambler PA 19002

Anne Hall, Branch Manager

215-646-1072

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
- Reserve our new spacious community room for your group! Contact librarian Anne Hall to reserve space!

New at Amber Branch: Playaway Wonderbooks (read-along books) for children and a Birding Backpack that you can borrow, complete with binoculars and guides!

Children's Programs

- Read and Play Story Times – Mondays at 10:30.
- **New!** Reading to the Dogs – third Saturday of each month at 11am!
- **New!** AWE Bilingual Literacy Computer Station



Summer Reading Program 2022 - From June 13 to August 5

- Summer fun at the library for kids of all ages. We'll have magic shows, music, art, and fun science workshops! Register at the library the week of June 13.

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 Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. All fiber crafters welcome!
- Yoga Classes will begin late spring of 2022

Featured Program! Gaelic American Music Program with folk musician Kyle Carey

Wed. April 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Kyle performs a unique fusion of Appalachian and Celtic music. Her music is an expression and exploration of Appalachia's Celtic roots. Critics have compared her to being a mix of Loreena McKennit and Alison Krauss. Kyle will provide an education program mixed with musical performances.

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 21st – July 29th**. Camp fee is \$50 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).



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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. The YMCA has partnered with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed providing campers with the opportunity for Nature Activities and Exploration. Ratio is 1:10. For more information contact Tina Scott at 215-628-9950 X1583 or email Tina at tscott@philaymca.org or go to www.philaymca.org.

Camp Registration: Wednesday, May 4th (5-7 p.m.)

Ambler Borough Hall • 131 Rosemary Avenue

Weather Permitting for Outside Registration

or register at the Ambler Area YMCA starting May 5th

Proof of Ambler Borough residency is required at registration

Voter Information – www.montcopa.org/voterservices

AMBLER WARD 1	-	WISSAHICKON FIRE COMPANY, 245 Race St.
AMBLER WARD 2	-	AMBLER BOROUGH HALL (GYM), 131 Rosemary Ave.
AMBLER WARD 3	-	CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, 16 E. Park Ave.

For further voter information contact Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280

TOILET LEAK DETECTION

Toilet leaks always get larger and cost you more the longer you wait! Even if you have a 'silent' leak, you may be losing a lot of water. A toilet leak adds to your water bill and can cost you hundreds of dollars!

Sources of the leak may be:



- The flapper valve and valve seat have deteriorated or corroded
- The flush arm and lift chain are not working properly
- The water level in the tank is too high and spills into the overflow tub
- The float rod, ballcock and/or float ball are corroded

Perform a leak test:

- Wait 5-10 minutes after the last flush cycle to perform the leak test
- Remove the cover. Gently drop several drops of food dye into the tank. **DO NOT FLUSH**
- Wait 15-20 minutes
- If the dye color appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.

*This article is for informational use only.
You may need to contact a plumber.*

- 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.
- 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!

LIHWAP May Be Able To Assist You With Overdue Water and Wastewater Bills

What is LIHWAP? The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant – you do not have to repay it. You do not need to be on public assistance however, you must meet certain LIHWAP income guidelines. You need to have an unpaid water bill. You can either rent or own your home.

How does LIHWAP work? Grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and may lose your water service. You can receive one Crisis grant for your drinking water service and one for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each. Crisis situations include past-due water bills, termination of water utility service, or having received notice that service will be shut-off within the next 60 days.

How to apply? Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us or request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired. Applications are available at your local County Assistance Office. You must work directly with LIHWAP and not the Ambler Borough Water Department. LIHWAP will only contact the Ambler Borough Water Department, once your application has been filed with LIHWAP so that they can verify your account's status with us.

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Ambler Borough Planning Commission – What Is Its Function?

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 insights are tasked with being the starting point for most development and changes in the Borough as the first step in the planning process.

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 Ordinances such as Historic Preservation 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 7pm. 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.



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.



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AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL 2022

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AMBLER COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2022

Finance & Planning:	Ms. Forst (Chair), Mr. DeRuosi, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Auerbach
Parks & Recreation:	Ms. Endicott (Chair), Ms. Henderson, Ms. Welch, Ms. Auerbach
Public Safety:	Ms. Henderson (Chair), Ms. Endicott, Ms. Forst, Ms. Hughes
Public Utilities:	Ms. Welch (Chair), Ms. Endicott, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Hughes
Salary & Personnel:	Mr. DeRuosi (Chair), Ms. Forst, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Welch

STATE/CONGRESSIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Rep. Madeleine Dean (4th Cong. Dist): PH: 215-884-4300 WEB: dean.house.gov
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

[Meeting schedules and meeting agendas are posted on the Borough website]

1st Tuesday	Borough Committee –7:00 pm (no Committee Meeting in July)
1st Thursday	Zoning Hearing Board (call for specific dates/times)
3rd Tuesday	Borough Council Meeting – 7:00 pm (except May, to be held Wed., May 18)
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 (Brit ext 110 or Ruth ext 111) **Water Emergency** – 215-646-1000 follow prompts
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent 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 Superintendent Marco Resente 215-628-9409 (leave message or call 215-646-1000 '0' Receptionist)
Finance Manager Albert Yaghooty 215-646-1000 ext 107 [ayaghooty@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Manager's Assistant Elizabeth Russell 215-646-1000 ext 113 [erussell@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Borough Receptionist Melissa Reale 215-646-1000 dial "0"

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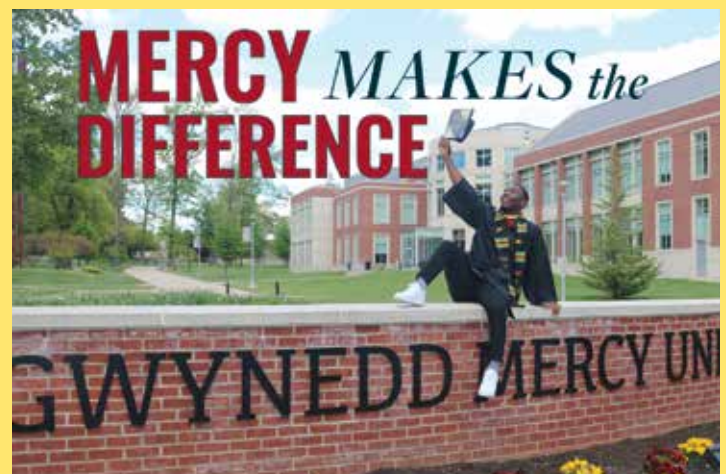
Saturday Vigil 5:15 PM
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