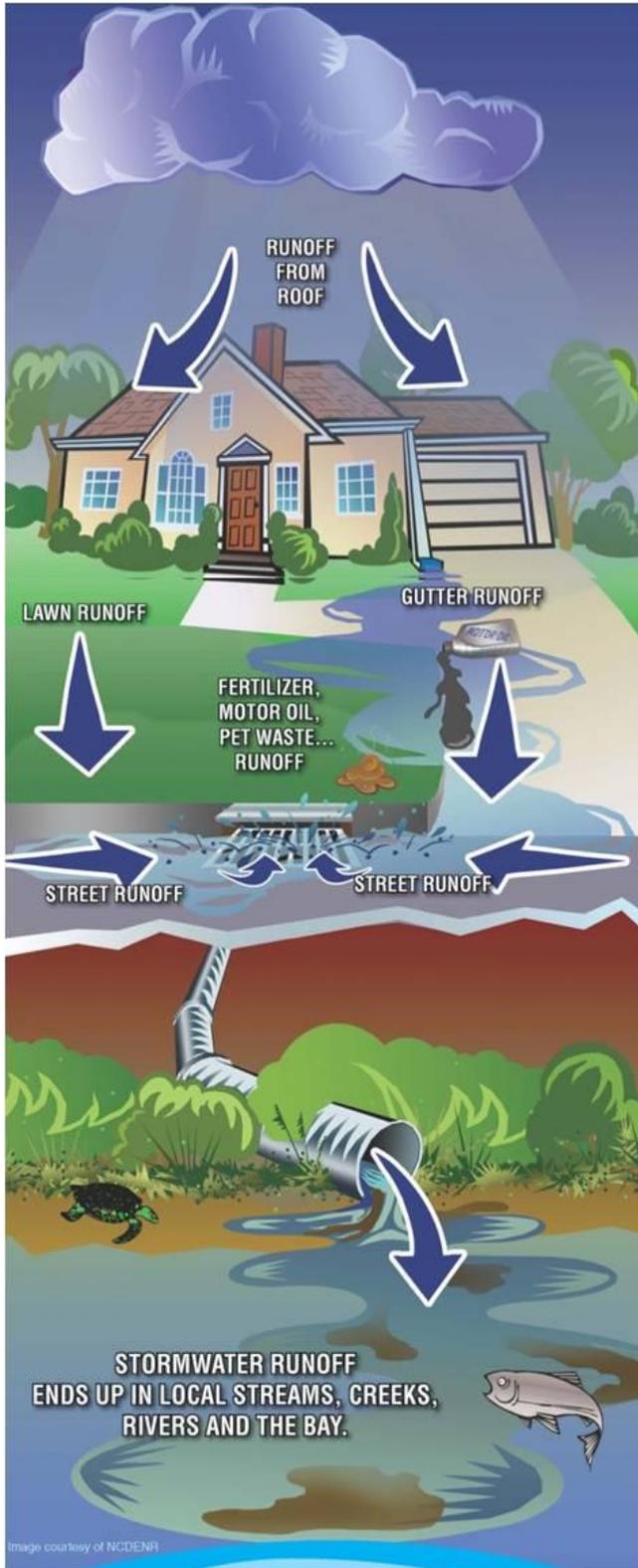


ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Storm Water management Information

Jim Dougherty, P.E., Gilmore & Associates



As we prepare for the upcoming Fall and Winter Seasons, it is important to be mindful of our outdoor maintenance activities and how they impact the environment, especially those that affect the quality of our waterways. We can limit negative impacts by making a few simple and easy changes.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Use low nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers in lawn and garden areas and use these sparingly. This will reduce the amount of nutrients carried away by stormwater.
2. Keep leaves, yard waste and other debris out of the gutters. These get carried away by rain and melting snow, decay in streams and impact water quality and wildlife. Gutter guards in your downspouts are preferred and leaf removal from the street is encouraged to help the Borough.
3. Use salt and deicers only when and where appropriate and apply the least amount necessary to keep surfaces safe. Deicers are ineffective when greater than 3-inches of snow has accumulated. Store in a dry, covered area to prevent runoff and sweep up excess de-icing materials if a storm does not occur.
4. Clean up after your pet year-round during walks, as well as in your own back yard, as animal waste contributes to stormwater contamination.
5. Consider planting native trees and shrubs on your property, they are best suited for our climate, conserve water and require less fertilizer/pesticide applications. Many are available at local garden centers. Autumn is the perfect time for planting; the cool weather gives new plants a chance to establish their root system before the ground freezes.



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.\

Help to Save our Mature Trees and Add New Ones in Ambler

Mature trees help to add both oxygen and shade to our town. Wherever possible, please attempt to save our mature trees for our health and enjoyment. If you believe that a mature tree should come down, please contact a local arborist to see if it can be saved through trimming or a chemical treatment before considering removing the tree.

The Ambler EAC has led a Spring and Fall tree planting program through the years. This last Spring, we added nine new trees to Knight Park with the help of volunteers like you. This Fall we received orders for 27 trees from residents, public associations and our public parks. We need volunteers to help with the planting of these trees in the parks and to aid the residents. Please contact the Ambler EAC if interested in helping this Fall on Saturday morning November 16th.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday November 16th for Fall Tree planting in our Parks.



NEVER PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART!

Garden hoses, Ropes, Chains, Extension Cords, Christmas Lights, Automotive Parts (such as brakes or engine components), Wood, Trees, Household Electronics, Household Appliances, Construction & Demolition Debris, Tarps, Tools, Nails & Building Materials, Propane Containers, Plastic & Metal Banding or Strapping, Bed Sheets, Jeans & Clothes.



PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES

Ambler Borough Police Department

Message from the Chief of Police Jeffrey Borkowski



Ambler Borough Police Department

131 Rosemary Avenue
AMBLER, PA 19002-4475
Phone: (215) 646-1000
Fax: (215) 646-0704

"To Protect and Serve"

The Ambler Borough Police Department would like to wish all residents a happy and safe Fall season.

Please read the following reminders regarding parking with the flow of traffic, school bus safety, and pedestrian crossings.

Parking against traffic is not permitted in Pennsylvania. The law requires vehicles to be parked in the direction of traffic flow to ensure safety and maintain orderly traffic patterns. Violating this rule can result in parking tickets.

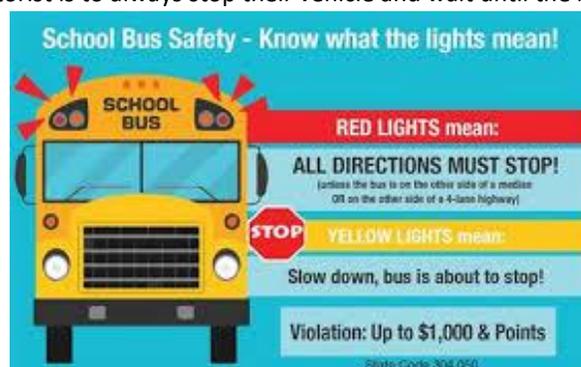
Parking facing the wrong way can be dangerous and can obstruct other vehicles or increase the risk of head-on collisions. In Pennsylvania, vehicles parked on one-way highways must be parallel to the curb and in the direction of traffic. On two-lane streets, vehicles should face the same direction as the traffic in their lane.



School Bus Safety

Recently the three Police Departments that are within the territory of the Wissahickon School District agreed to implement the use of Bus Patrol America LLC. In the simplest explanation possible, the system involves the installation of cameras on the buses that record violations during student bus stop pick-up and drop off. If a vehicle overtakes the school bus when the stop arm and stop lights are activated the violation is recorded. The video footage is then forwarded to the Police Department to determine if an infraction occurred. Based on the evidence a citation may be issued to the motorist.

The best advice for the unsure motorist is to always stop their vehicle and wait until the bus departs from the drop off location.



Pedestrians and Cross Walks

- When a pedestrian crosses the street in a crosswalk the driver must yield.
- Drivers are not required to yield until you begin to step into a crosswalk.
- Do not walk or run unexpectedly into the path of a moving vehicle. Pedestrians should not assume that drivers will see or yield. Look left, right, and left again before stepping out.
- It is illegal for drivers to pass a vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian in the crosswalk.
- If a pedestrian crosses the street while not at an intersection and there is no crosswalk, the pedestrian must yield to vehicles.
- When crossing the street at a signalized intersection, both pedestrians and motorists must obey the traffic control devices.



If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please contact the Ambler Borough Police Department on our non-emergency number 215-643-6444.

Credit Card & Debit Card Payments for Parking Tickets are Now Accepted

Parking tickets, street sweeping tickets, and other parking violations can now be paid online with a credit card or debit card. {Note: if you received a moving violation or other citation you will need to respond to the appropriate court as indicated on the ticket issued.}

You have three ways to pay your Ambler Borough Parking Ticket.

- **U.S. Mail** – Check or Money Order only. Include the ticket #, license plate # and date of violation on your check or money order. Do not mail cash.
- **In Person** – Cash, Checks, Money Orders or Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express) and Debit Cards. Pay cash, checks, or money orders at the Borough Hall Lobby. All credit card or debit card payments are to be made at the Ambler Police Station located at Borough Hall, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler PA 19002. A \$3 convenience fee will apply to all credit card & debit card payments.
- **Online** – Simply go to the **Borough website homepage** www.boroughofambler.com and click on the “**Pay Your Parking Ticket**” icon. Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express and Debit Cards are accepted. A \$3 convenience fee will apply to all credit card & debit card payments.



PRESCRIPTION & OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG DISPOSAL

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

COMMUNITY AMBULANCE OF AMBLER

HELP WANTED

You are formally invited to support the *Community Ambulance Association of Ambler* (CAAA)! Did you know that a new ambulance can cost well over \$300,000 (and that's without equipment)! CAAA is looking into some building updates such as a new roof; but most importantly we need to provide competitive wages and benefits to our crews (gone are the days of mostly volunteer crews). All of this cost's money, leaving our average ambulance transport bill over \$2,000!

Though donations dropped considerably in the past two years we are thankful for those who have supported us financially over the past 80+ years! We understand the cost of everything is rising and many of you are struggling to survive. If that's you, God bless you! If you can afford an additional donation above and beyond the subscription fees, we thank you! This year's subscription drive will be out in October. All payments received after that time will be applied to our "2023 Subscription Drive" that covers through 2024!

WHAT DO YOU GET?

Hopefully you have insurance that covers 100% of your Emergency Ambulance bill, but most do not. If you are a subscriber, we bill your primary insurance company (and secondary) then send the remaining balance of the bill to you (your copay, coinsurance, deductible or what have you). When you are a subscriber to CAAA we write off ½ of that balance.

To be clear: we bill Insurance (Medicare Part B for example) and then write off ½ of the balance after Medicare Part B covers their portion. You get the benefit of reducing a bill for services, we get the benefit of a monetary donation! Win – Win!

WHAT DOES IT COST?

It is a minimum of \$35 per Senior Individual (65+) or \$50 per Senior Couple. If you are single and under age 65 we charge \$50. We also have a Family Membership for \$70 (only family at the same residence).

Unlike the big cities' ambulances, we are not tax-based. We appreciate the Borough and Township donations we receive, but CAAA receives no steady income from taxes. If you have been in Ambler for any length of time, you know that we only respond to 9-1-1 calls. That means we can't guarantee a steady flow of insurance payments. As a matter of fact, we hope you don't see us every Monday – Wednesday – Friday (unless it's when a crew is getting food, or coffee...).

We know times have been hard. Thank you for considering a subscription, or a donation of any size. They are not received lightly. Please respond to the mailing you receive, and if you never got one feel free and send us a note and a check to:

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler

PO Box 119

Ambler, PA 19002-0119

If you are an EMT-Basic, AEMT or Paramedic you are welcome to mail a resume to us as well. Good staff will always be considered.



COUNCIL, DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE NEWS

Parks and Recreation Committee News

Jennifer Henderson, Committee Chair



Hello Ambler Residents,

Welcome to “Year Two” of the Ambler Community Garden, where we continue to grow, educate, inspire and feed our community. Year two has brought so much growth and as of August we have donated close to 200 lbs. of food that we continue to donate to local organizations within the Borough. Besides our spring, summer and fall planting, we added a few new things this year including a "fall garden" which has doubled as a fun experiment, watching corn and various pumpkins and squash grow from seedling to plant.

This summer, we partnered with Ambler’s First Presbyterian Church for their Vacation Bible School summer camp. This week-long event brought upcoming 1st and 2nd graders into the garden to learn about plants, harvesting, ecology, giving back and making fun garden-inspired crafts to beautify the garden.

We also partnered with the Ambler Library to have “Music and Story Time in the Garden” with Ms. Delia on Monday mornings. Here the garden was also used as an educational piece where the kids could learn about the plants and taste and smell and touch things. Our volunteers coordinated craft time as well.

ACG is looking forward to year three. We hope to feed more residents within the Borough and make more partnerships within the community. Look out for our end of the season “Fall Fest”, where we have fun games and activities for kids and adults. We have a contest going on right now to name our growing pumpkin.

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering with the Community Garden (located in Knight Park), please email us at amblergarden@gmail.com. Our volunteers are the ones that make the garden successful, and we are thankful for any time community members are able to give! We want to thank all the volunteers who helped make the community garden a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

Also, please follow us on FB and Instagram - search for "Ambler Community Garden".

Thank you, Ambler!

Ambler Community Garden



A Message of Thanks from Ambler

It is with a mix of gratitude and sadness that we announce the retirement of Borough Manager Mary Aversa, who will be stepping down at the end of January 2025. Mary has been the cornerstone of Ambler Borough for the past 23 years, including serving as Borough Manager since 2008. Throughout her tenure, Mary has demonstrated unwavering dedication, working nearly around the clock to ensure that Ambler Borough is a vibrant and thriving place for all of its residents, businesses and visitors. Her tireless efforts and commitment have helped to shape the incredible growth and success of our Borough, leaving an indelible mark on Ambler and even the surrounding area.

Mary's contributions have extended far beyond the day-to-day operations inside Borough Hall. Her vision and passion have been evident in every project she has undertaken, from critical infrastructure improvements to community enhancements and everything in between. Most visibly perhaps, she guided the Borough through the tough closure of our beloved Mattison Avenue Elementary School, and then the purchase and transformation of that building into the wonderful Borough Hall it is today. Of the tens of thousands of not-so-visible projects, a favorite story is of Mary personally carrying live fish in buckets from the Loch Alsh Reservoir to the lake at St. Mary's during the dam reconstruction. Hopefully someone has a picture of that!

As Mary prepares for this new chapter in her life, we want to express our deepest appreciation for her extraordinary service and commitment. Her legacy will be one of love for and dedication to Ambler, and her absence will be felt deeply by all who have had the privilege of working with her. Please join us in celebrating Mary's remarkable career and in wishing her all the best in her retirement. We are grateful for her many years of service and the countless ways she has contributed to making Ambler such a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Thank you, Mary, for everything. You will be greatly missed, and you will always be a cherished part of our community. We take great joy in knowing we'll still see your red hair above the crowds at every Ambler event, and we hope you'll enjoy finally being able to just relax and have fun here!

With love and appreciation,
AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL

Glynnis Siskind

Ambler Borough Council, President

gsiskind@borough.ambler.pa.us

[215-872-6119](tel:215-872-6119)



**HOMEOWNERS - CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG !**

Visit www.paonecall.org for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

Pennsylvania One Call: The Keystone of Damage Prevention

Contact 811 prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked. Every few minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first contacting 811. Pennsylvania 811 encourages people to make a request 3 days before digging to avoid damaging buried utilities.

When calling 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to Pennsylvania One Call System, the local 811 center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators then arrive at the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both.

Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, inconvenient outages, and fines. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants contacting 811 by phone or online. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree, and laying a patio are just some examples of digging projects that require an 811 request at least three days before breaking ground.

The depth of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches or digging in a location that's previously been marked, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists. Dig safely!

STREET SWEEPING – Street sweeping ends the 1st week of December and resumes the 1st week in April.

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

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

LABEL YOUR RECYCLE & TRASH ROLL CARTS – Please be aware that grey trash and blue recycle roll carts have gone missing. Residents are advised to put their house number on these carts. Please contact the Borough Receptionist if the wheels (and axles) on your roll carts 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.



WATER EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the event of a water quality emergency, we need to get in touch with our customers. We do this through our phone dial notification system called RaveAlert™. Please go to the website <https://boroughofambler.com/swift911/> to add or update your contact information.

Department of Environmental Protection Groundwater Regulations requires **Immediate Public Notification** and corrective action should routinely collected water samples test positive for bacterial **E coli**. “Boil water” alerts and other general measures usually broadcast over radio are no longer, in and of themselves, sufficient.

Ambler Borough Water has contracted with RaveAlert®, a secure computer phone-dial notification system which will provide hard line, cell phone and/or Email alerts of a water emergency situation to our customers. This system has the capacity to output 3,000 simultaneous calls per minute.

It is vital that you share with us the following identifying information which will be held in confidence. Please note your Primary Phone and Email, if provided, will be contacted unless otherwise indicated. Providing us with a Secondary Phone will help us in making a timely notifying. Calls initiated by the Borough will be identified as “Ambler Borough.” If you do not answer the call, the system will continue to recall.

System Hydrant Flushing – Ambler Borough Water Department conducts routine system flushing throughout the spring, summer, and into the fall months. The schedule for hydrant flushing will be posted on the Borough website, check back often to see if your street is listed. If you experience discolored water, **DO NOT OPEN THE HOT WATER SIDE OF YOUR FAUCET**. This will bring discolored water into your hot water tank. Instead, **RUN COLD WATER ONLY**, from your faucet for several minutes, continuing the process until the water runs clear. If you have a water softener/filter, it is suggested you bypass the water softener/filter until the situation is ‘clear.’ If the discoloration persists, please contact the Ambler Borough Water Department at 215-646-1000 ext. 110 and ext. 111.



Borough Of Ambler

131 ROSEMARY AVENUE
AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002-4476

PHONE 215-646-1000
FAX 215-641-1355 ADMINISTRATION
FAX 215-641-1921 WATER DEPARTMENT
WEBSITE: www.boroughofambler.com



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Dear Water Customer:

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NAME: _____

WATER SERVICE

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP)

MAILING ADDRESS

IF DIFFERENT: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP)

LEGAL JURISDICTION (Borough or Township):

Ambler Lower Gwynedd Whitemarsh Whitpain Upper Dublin

PRIMARY PHONE: _____

SECONDARY PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Thank you for your cooperation. Should your contact information change, please remember to contact the Water Department. Please return completed form to:

BOROUGH OF AMBLER, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler PA 19002
or send us an Email at
water@borough.ambler.pa.us
or notify us by FAX at 215-641-1921

WATER LINE PROTECTION PROGRAM APPLICATION



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

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

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

Name: _____

Water Service Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Check No. _____

Mail completed WLPP Application with check for \$100 payable to "Ambler Borough" to:
Ambler Borough ~ Attn: **Water Line Protection Plan**, 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 1900

PET ETIQUETTE IN THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER

How to Be a Considerate Neighbor and Pet Owner

Taking proper care of your dog as a Borough resident will go a long way in making sure you and your neighbors have a positive experience. You'll want to keep your dog in line within your yard, Borough parks where dogs are permitted and Borough sidewalks. Follow these tips on dog owner etiquette, and your neighbors and fellow Borough dwellers will thank you.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG IN THE YARD AND ON WALKS AROUND TOWN

It's crucial to clean up after your four-legged friend. Always bring plastic bags on dog walks so you can dispose of pet waste in a sanitary manner. Picking up after your dog will keep your community clean – and the Borough sidewalks as well. Keeping pet waste off the ground is an important responsibility held by all pet owners. If not addressed, the presence of unattended waste can quickly become a major point of conflict amongst neighbors.

When taking your dog for a walk, always keep a couple waste pickup bags with you. Even if you don't expect Fido to go, you never know. It may also be that you bump into a neighbor who has forgotten a bag of his or her own and will appreciate the gesture. According to Ambler Borough Code, animal waste should be collected daily and placed in a container or receptacle on your property that has a tight lid to not attract bugs or rodents. Please be courteous as to whose trash can waste is placed in. Your neighbor may not appreciate waste being placed in their trash can as it may attract unwanted pests.



KEEP YOUR DOG LEASHED AT ALL TIMES

It's not only against the law to let your dog off-leash in public areas in the Borough, but it can also be unsafe. Not everyone around you likes dogs and may be afraid of them. Your dog could also get into a fight with another dog or run away from you or even worse may get hit by a car. Keeping your dog leashed allows you greater control over who they interact with and what they get into. Dogs are now **permitted leashed in ONLY Borough Park and Riccardi Park** though not permitted in any playground areas of those parks. All other parks in the Borough dogs are not permitted.

CONTROL THE BARKING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Dogs bark – it's a fact. When it happens too often or at untimely hours, though, it can be a problem for you and your neighbors. Dogs can bark when they're bored, in need of exercise, or stimulated by noises such as street traffic or shuffling in the hallway. You can reduce noise by keeping windows shut and making sure your dog stays in the quietest area of the home. Please be mindful of your neighbors do not leave a dog outside to bark for extended periods of time. Don't be like a Bob Barker!!!!



This list contains only general information, for specific Code information or to file a complaint regarding a neighbor not cleaning up dog waste on their property please contact the Borough Code Department at 215-646-1000 x112. If you see a dog off leash or in a park where dogs are not permitted please contact the Ambler Police Department at 215-643-6444 for non-emergency issues or dialing 911 any time of day or night. All complainant information is held with the utmost security so as not to create retaliation or bad feelings between neighbors

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Code Enforcement plays an important role in preserving the attractive appearance of neighborhoods in Ambler Borough. The mission of Code Enforcement is to provide fair and comprehensive enforcement of Borough Ordinances including junk, trash, weeds, and rentals.

Residents are encouraged to cooperate with one another in a friendly manner to resolve minor concerns before contacting Code Enforcement for assistance. Working together we can provide and maintain safe, clean, and attractive neighborhoods. Ambler Borough Code Department can be contacted at 215-646-1000 X112 or at code@borough.ambler.pa.us Ambler Police Department can be contacted in an emergency by dialing 911 any time of day or night. Contact the station directly at 215-643-6444 for non-emergency issues. Below are some common resident complaints and the rules and regulations regarding them.

EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOME

- All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches.
- Make sure any garden areas are properly weeded and do not overhang into any sidewalks or walkways.
- Gutters, downspouts, and rear alley drains shall be clear and in good condition. This helps prevent flooding during rain events.
- All walkways and driveways shall be free of any large cracks or tripping hazards.
- House number must be 3" in height with a ½" and clearly visible from the street as well as in the alley.

VEHICLES & PARKING

- Please make sure all vehicles stored on both the street and driveways are properly inspected and registered.
- Adhere to all signage regarding street cleaning and parking regulations.
- Make sure you are parked in the same direction as traffic on the street and that you are not taking up more than one space on the street; parking is limited as you know. Double parking on the street and in the alley is not permitted. Be mindful you are not blocking any driveway access for your neighbors. If you see any parking violations, please contact the Borough Police Department.

TRASH, DEBRIS, & JUNK

- Properties are close together so make sure that your trash is stored within a proper trash and recycling container. Make sure the cans are taken back from the alley after picking them up and be sure to clean up any litter on the property.
- Any storage of unsightly or accumulation of junk, garage, broken glass, scrap automobile parts, mattresses, broken stone, cement, crates, barrels, boxes, scrap metal, scrap lumber, used tires, discarded building material, appliances, fixtures, or dismantled machinery on public or private property should be disposed of properly and not stored in the exterior of the property.
- Removal of any accumulation of stagnant water. (ie: water in flower pots, or other containers which may cause mosquitoes or insects.)

RECREATION

- Make sure when using a grill, it is placed at least 10 feet away from your home or neighbor. Never use a grill in a garage, porch, or under a surface that can catch fire. Be mindful of your neighbors when grilling if smoke is going into open windows.
- Borough Parks are a great place for all ages and types of recreation. If you are playing baseball, basketball, hockey, etc. in the alleys or out front please be mindful of your neighbors, their property, and vehicles. You may be responsible for any property damage or injury on your or your neighbor's property even if you or your children are not the ones using such equipment.
- Be mindful of your neighbors when having company outdoors, music in and outside, language and voices of yourself, your family, and your guests especially at night. The noise ordinance prohibits loud noise between 10pm to 6am.
- All dogs within the Borough must be leashed. Please make sure that when walking your dog that you clean up there waste properly. Dogs are permitted in Borough Park and Riccardi Park on leash only and not permitted in any playground areas.

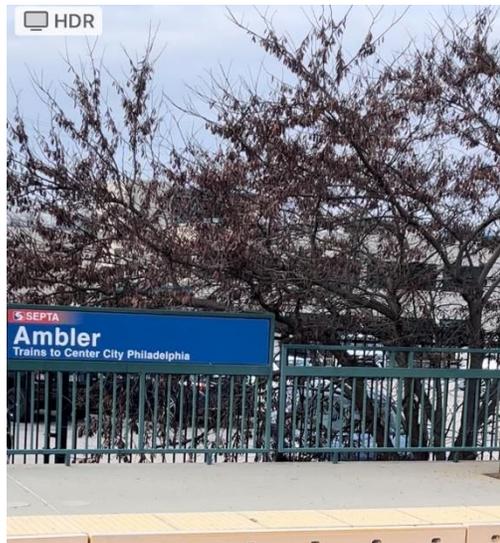
RENTAL PROPERTIES

- Must Give written notice of all changes in occupants in said rental units to the Borough and Landlord.
- Keep in mind overcrowding in a home is not permitted. A renter must give written notice and approval of any change of occupancy to the landlord and Borough. All properties must meet the occupancy requirement. If you see or believe there is overcrowding in a home, please contact Code Enforcement for inspection.

INTERIOR OF YOUR HOME

- Smoke detectors shall be required in each room used for sleeping and on each level of a dwelling.
- Carbon monoxide detectors are required on any floor using a fossil fuel heating source or for cooking.
- No sleeping areas are to be in a basement or in an attic unless there is an approved second means of egress.

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Ambler Borough redevelopment planning efforts in and around the Ambler Station have been discussed within several plans in the Borough dating back to the late 90s early 2000s including Ambler Vision Plan in 2005, Ambler's Transit Revitalization Investment District Study (TRID) 2011, and Ambler Comprehensive Plans over the years.

SEPTA held an Ambler Station Open House on January 30th at Borough Hall to seek out public input for potential redevelopment of the site. This meeting brought out many residents and was very well attended and showed that Ambler residents truly care about their community. Comments included the need for stormwater management, affordability, mixed use of both commercial and residential while maintaining the community character. Over 200 residents attended this open house.

At a March, this year Council Committee meeting SEPTA representatives did a recap from their open house meeting requesting changes to the Redevelopment Overlay District to reflect the community wants for the property. Borough Council authorized the Borough Planning Commission and Montgomery County Planning Commission planner designee Tim Konetchy to begin to work on these changes. The Planning Commission has spent months discussing the proposed changes with public input along the way.

The Montgomery County Planner, Tim Konetchy made a presentation at the August 6th Council Committee meeting to go over the proposed revisions to the Transit Oriented Development Ordinance that include additional Uses, Aesthetics, Development Bonuses, and Architectural Elements that the Borough Planning Commission and County Planner have prepared. This presentation and the ordinance have been posted on the website since the day after the meeting. **Borough Council adopted the regulations at a public hearing on September 17th.** The next steps for redevelopment of the site is SEPTA will be putting out requests for proposals looking for a development partner and will update the community on the selection process.



The deadline for paying the face value of your school tax bill is October 31st. I do accept postmarks during discount and face periods. However, I cannot accept face value after the deadline, so if you are mailing your bills, please consider doing so at least two days before the deadline. After October 31st, there will be a 10% penalty added to the face value of your bill.

My hours for in-person payments are Tuesdays from 9am-1pm. I am located at 262 N. Spring Garden St (between Mount Pleasant and Tennis Ave). For other times or special needs accommodations, please call me at 215-367-5663 or email me at amblerborotaxcollector@gmail.com and I will be happy to set up a time and place that works for you. Please note that I am closed on weekends, evenings, and holidays. This includes primary and election days.

CASH PAYMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED. Payments should be in the form of a personal check or certified funds (unless paying online).

I am closed on weekends, evenings, and holidays. This includes election days.

Other methods of paying include mail (P.O. Box 3087, Ambler, PA 19002), lockbox located on the porch of 262 N. Spring Garden St., online using a credit card or e-check, or 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.

DO NOT SEND OR DROP OFF PAYMENTS TO BOROUGH HALL. They do not collect payments and sending them to the wrong place could result in my either not receiving the payment or the payment being late, regardless of postmark.

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

As we come to the end of the year, please remember that any bills not paid in full by December 31st will be delinquent and subject to additional penalties. Personal checked WILL NOT be accepted after December 15th. From December 16th to 31st payments must be made by certified check, money order, cash (exactly amount only), credit card (online or by phone), or online by e-check.

If you are on Facebook, please follow my page, **Ambler Borough Tax Collector Jennifer Stomsky** for news, updates, changes in my office hours, or general information. I can also be found on X at **@AmblerBoroTC**. You can also sign up for email notifications. The link to sign up can be found on the borough website, or you can email me for more information.

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

IN OUR COMMUNITY



Ambler Human Relations Commission (HRC) Who are we and what do we do?

The Ambler Human Relations Commission was formed by an ordinance in 2016. Our Commission was created to address discrimination in our town.

As our Ambler website indicates, we are a town that welcomes diversity and works to make everyone feel welcome.

If you live, or work or do business in Ambler Borough and you feel that you are being discriminated against, we would like to hear from you.

Specific guidelines designate our role and jurisdiction.

We invite you to read more about us on the Borough website. Go to boroughofambler.com, click on Government and select Boards & Committees. You can then select, Human Relations Commission.

We presently have a vacancy on our Commission. Should you wish to become a representative in our Commission, please send a letter of interest and your resume to the Borough Manager at manager@borough.ambler.pa.us

If you would like to talk to a member of the commission to learn more about this role, please reach out to the Borough Manager and ask to speak with a Commission member.

Current HRC Members:

Denise Valerio, chair

Trelana Adams

Marilyn Frazier

Katie Kirszenblat

Bruce Anderson

Mary Wingfield (alternate)



AMBLER MAIN STREET

2024 has been another exciting year for Ambler Main Street. We hosted our very first Fire and Ice festival in February in record 60-degree temps. It was a BIG hit and we're doing it again February 2025. We hit the ground running in May with the 27th Annual Ambler Auto Show. We welcomed over 300 amazing vehicles to downtown Ambler. Then in June we hosted the First Friday of the season to a record crowd. This year's Art and Music Festival was our most well attended EVER! Butler Avenue was packed with artisans and crafters on Saturday and the stage in Cavalier rocked from Friday at 6 until Saturday at 11PM.

We're super excited for this year's First Friday and Oktoberfest October 4th and 5th to kick off our fun filled Fall & Winter Season! We celebrate Halloween with the Halloween Extravaganza on Sunday 27th of October from 11-1 we welcome little ghosts and goblins in town to trick or treat in town at our amazing shops and restaurants. In November we ring in the Holiday season and shop till we drop for Small Business Saturday.



Then BOOM! The Holidays are on! The Holiday parade takes place on Saturday December 7th at 1PM. Santa arrives by train Thursday December 12th at 7PM on the south Side platform. Friday the 13th through Sunday the 17th we host the Holiday shopping weekend with sips and nips, strolling carolers, specials, and the unique holiday shopping experience that only a small town can give.

Make sure you continue to #shopsmall all year 'round - when the holidays are over the businesses and restaurants still need your support!





209 Race Street, Ambler PA 19002 Anne Hall, Branch Manager ahall@wvpl.org

215-646-1072

Library Hours and Services

Monday through Thursday – 10 AM to 8 PM

Friday and Saturday – 10 AM to 5 PM

WHERE WE BELONG

WISSAHICKON VALLEY AREA POETRY CONTEST

Presented by Montgomery County Poet Laureate Lisa DeVuono
and Wissahickon Valley Public Library

Theme: Where We Belong: Celebrating the Poetry of Home

October 15 to February 15 - Submissions are open to the public.

March 2025 - Winners will be announced.

April 26, 2025 - Celebration and Readings will be held in the Ambler Branch Library Community Room.

Montgomery County Poet Laureate program named Lisa DeVuono the poet laureate for 2024-2025. As a retired librarian, and resident of Ambler, Lisa is partnering with the Ambler Library to hold a community wide poetry contest for National Poetry Month in April 2025.

The project is two-fold:

1. The theme of the contest is *home, hometown, community and belonging*. Participants can submit one page poems on any aspect of the theme. The contest is open to children, teens and adults with prizes for each category.

There will be a printed anthology of all submitted poems and a public reading on April 26 at the Ambler Library Community Room from 1-4 pm.

2. Posters with selected submitted poems will be displayed in several Ambler storefronts during the month of April 2025.

Submission guidelines and forms will be available on the Library website and at the Wissahickon Ambler branch and Blue Bell libraries.

Web Site: <https://www.wvpl.org/poetry-contest>
Email: poetrycontest@wvpl.org

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

Family Promise Montco PA (formerly Inter-Faith) Helping Families Overcome Homelessness

31 S. Spring Garden Street, Ambler, PA 19002

215-628-2334

www.fpmontco.org

Family Promise Montco PA (formerly Inter-Faith) provides opportunities for families in our diverse community to achieve self-sufficiency by offering community-based programs designed to bridge homelessness and independence. How to help? Please call or visit our website to donate, host a drive or become a volunteer.

Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

150 N. Main Street, PO Box 367, Ambler, PA 19002

215-628-3002

www.community-cupboard.org

The Cupboard offers food, clothing, employment assistance/job help/resume building, medical referrals, housing referrals and emergency financial assistance. The Cupboard is a 501 C (3) non-profit food pantry operating for over 40 years. To volunteer, donate or if in need, please contact us.

Senior Adult Activities Center (SAAC)

Live Full. Live Well. Live Long.

45 Forest Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002

215-619-8863

www.montcosaac.com

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

The **Ambler Borough Gym** 131 Rosemary Avenue

is now a regular community site for American Red Cross Blood Drives.





is scheduled on Thursday December 26 from 2pm to 7pm.

Appointment to give, go online to www.redcrossblood.org (keyword: **ambler**)
Red-Cross. Walk-ins are welcome.

AMBLER BOROUGH HALL

131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002

215-646-1000

Fax: Administration 215-641-1355 Fax: Water 215-641-1921
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed Federal holidays)

Web site : www.boroughofambler.com

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Borough Manager Mary Aversa manager@borough.ambler.pa.us
Council President Glynnis Siskind gsiskind@borough.ambler.pa.us

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL 2024

WARD 1

Karen Sheedy
Amy Hughes Kelly
Louis Orehek

WARD 2

Glynnis Siskind, President
Jennifer Henderson
Lisa Auerbach Vice President

WARD 3

Elizabeth Iovine
Nancy Roecker-Coates
David Hui

AMBLER COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2024

Finance & Planning: Ms. Iovine (Chair), Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Auerbach
Parks & Recreation: Ms. Henderson (Chair), Ms. Auerbach, Ms. Roecker Coates, Mr. Hui
Public Safety: Ms. Hughes Kelly (Chair), Ms. Roecker-Coates, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Orehek
Public Utilities: Ms. Sheedy (Chair), Ms. Hughes-Kelly, Mr. Orehek, Mr. Hui
Salary & Personnel: Ms. Auerbach (Chair), Ms. Henderson, Ms. Sheedy, Ms. Iovine

STATE/CONGRESSIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION 2024

Rep. Madeleine Dean (4th Cong. District): PH: 215-884-4300 WEB: dean.house.gov
Sen. Maria Collett (12th PA Sen. District): PH: 215-368-1429 WEB: www.senatorcollett.com
Hon. Melissa Cerrato (151st PA Assembly): PH: 267-282-6695 WEB: www.pahouse.com/mcerrato

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE – Ambler Borough Hall

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

1st Tuesday Borough Committee – 7:00 pm
1st Thursday Zoning Hearing Board (call for specific dates/times)
3rd Tuesday Borough Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
3rd Wednesday Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – 7:00 pm
3rd Thursday Ambler Junior Baseball – 7:00 pm
4th Tuesday Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
Last Monday Ambler Main Street – 3:00 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 ext. 101 (8:00-4:00pm) 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**
Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Jarrett Evans 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 Vito Pagano 215-628-9409 (leave message or call 215-646-1000 '0' Receptionist)
Finance Manager 215-646-1000 ext. 107 [Finance@borough.ambler.pa.us]
Borough Receptionist Melissa Reale 215-646-1000 dial "0"