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Water Dept Submits Emergency Response Plan

Ambler Borough submitted to the PA DEP an Emergency Response Plan for it's water system. Contained within this plan are people to be notified in different anticipated emergency situations, locations of pertinent maps and manuals, backup systems, well location, water treatment and storage information and a list of spare parts and emergency communication equipment. This plan also included the location residents would find the bulk water supply truck (rear parking lot of Ambler Savings & Loan) in the event it is needed.

Borough Council Reorganizes

The January meeting of Ambler Borough Council was to re-organize in order to continue the daily operations of the Borough. New Mayor Charles "Bud" Wahl and 6 Council members were sworn in by Justice Pat Zaffarano. New Council Members are Tom Kenney, Marita Bondi and Michael Braccio. Returning members are John Pugliese, Sal Pasceri as Borough President with Dick Hill as Vice-President. Terms for Sandra Galardi, Anita Pieri and Lou Orehek will expire at the end of 2003. The new members expressed their enthusiasm to help move this Borough in a good direction.

Final Draft of Redevelopment Area Plan Approved

Council unanimously approved a version of the Redevelopment Area Plan that now allows the Planning Commission to proceed with making the changes in the zoning to support that plan. Once the zoning changes are completed and adopted by Borough Council the Redevelopment Plan will include these changes as part of the final document. This plan



Did You Know?

Ambler, a Borough of less than 1 square mile, has more than 250 registered businesses within its borders.

is to outline how the Borough would like to see the section of town bounded roughly by South Main, Butler and South Maple developed and improved. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and held the last Tuesday of the month.

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2002 Budge Approved

Through much hard work, the 2002 Budget was presented to Borough Council and approved at the December meeting. The breakout is as follows:

Fund	Millage	Amount
General	1.907	\$2,263,448
Debt Service	0.183	\$48,099
Fire Tax	0.231	\$102,196
Recreational	0.250	\$65,519
Street Light	0.264	\$72,193
Total	2.835	\$2,551,455

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Environmental Corner by Dan Dohony

Extreme Cold - Your Personal Safety

Exposure to cold temperatures, whether indoors or outside, can cause serious or life-threatening health problems. Infants and the elderly are particularly at risk, but anyone can be affected. To keep yourself and your family safe, you should know how to prevent cold-related health problems and what to do if a cold-weather emergency arises.

Emergency supplies include blankets, matches, dry-chemical fire extinguisher, first aid kit, flashlight, battery-powered radio, extra batteries, non-electric can opener and special needs items (diapers, hearing aid batteries, etc.)

Remember
the toilet
paper and
baby food

Listen to weather forecasts regularly, and check your emergency supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted.

Keep several days' supply of food that needs no cooking or refrigeration, such as bread, crackers, cereal, canned foods, and dried fruits. Remember the toilet paper and, if you have young children, baby food and formula. Also medicines that any family member may need.

If you'll be using a fireplace, wood stove, or kerosene heater, install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated.

To prevent frozen pipes, allow your exterior wall faucets to drip .

New Software for Borough Approved



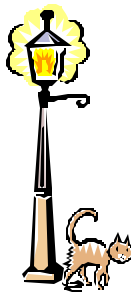
In the spring of 1999 Borough Council started looking for a replacement for the utility billing system and financial planning and budgeting system as technical support for these 12 year old computer programs was diminishing and state reporting requirements was increasing. Through the dedication of Borough bookkeepers, accountants, billing clerks and members of Council, a new computer system was selected and approved. The almost \$110,000 capital expenditure includes the computer, printers, software, data conversion, installation and training necessary to move the Borough forward to answer these new requirements. New features currently not in the existing system are inventory control, project accounting, requisitions/quotes, work orders, receipt printing, land management, assessing/appraisal and parking tickets.



AJB Announces Spring Registration

Registration for Ambler Junior Baseball's spring baseball and softball programs begins this month. It will be held at Ambler Savings on Saturdays January 16 and 23 from 10 AM till 12 Noon, and Wednesdays January 19 and 26 from 7 to 9 PM. This early registration helps them with their preparations for the season and it helps you **avoid the \$20 late registration fee.**

This is AJB's 43rd year and it promises to be another great season. They have a full program with T-Ball for boys and girls ages 5 and 6, softball for girl's ages 7-16, and baseball for ages 7-19. For a complete description of all that is offered visit their web site at www.eteamz.com/ajb.



Additional Lights on Butler Ave

Additional Victorian street lights paid for by a Montgomery County Revitalization Grant are set to be installed some time in early April. There will be 18 new fixtures from Main to Locust and 6 new fixtures from Lindenwold toward Bethlehem Pike.

Pen-Ambler Construction Plans Revised

The preliminary plans for the 17 acres along Pen-Ambler Road, jointly purchased with Lower Gwynedd, have been revised due to budget constraints. The new lower \$800,000 construction project will include a baseball field, one mile walking trail and ground area for future playground. Construction could begin in the fall of 2003.



Ambler Main Street News

P.O. Box, Ambler, PA 19002; 215-641-1070; Fax:215-628-2280; www.AmblerMainStreet.org

Providing a downtown for Ambler, Upper Dublin, Lower Gwynedd and Whitpain



Calendar of Events

- Tuesday January 22 7:30 PM Council General meeting
- Saturday February 16 Third annual Frostbite Run. Call Hilary for more information 215-641-0410.

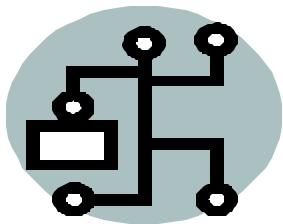
*"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."
Festus. Scene v. A Country Town
(Philip James Bailey 1816-1905)*



Happy 2002



If you think 2001 was an amazing time in Ambler, then you are absolutely correct! New stores opened in every block...Christmas sales were good...and the town looked great. Let's keep it going.



AMS Manager at Work

- Participated in Christmas parade
- Working with the renovation efforts to the Ambler Theater
- Continuing to show buildings to those



- interested in buying or leasing
- Chairing the annual PDC conference to be held this year in Indiana PA
- Greeted Santa as he came to Ambler by train
- Assisted in the distribution of gifts to local groups from the Angel Tree
- Façade program well received and appreciated
- Applied for more grants to help keep AMS alive and working
- In February MSM attends a week long course in Washington, DC to finish up credits needed to become a certified Main Street Manager

What's New?

Ambler Main Street's former vice-president was sworn in as Ambler's new Mayor on January 7. Good luck to you Bud and to all of Council. These are exciting times for our Borough.

Membership is growing everyday. Thanks to all who believe in the work AMS is doing and who are willing to financially support it. To date 419 residential memberships have been received ad 60 businesses. Please know that the Main Street Manager and the more than 50 volunteers work daily to make downtown Ambler a place to be proud of and a place where you want to be. We may not be perfect but we sure do try.

Jump into January with a Main Street Membership. Please Join!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Annual Membership; Resident \$25; Landlords \$165
Send to: Ambler Main Street
PO Box 36, Ambler, PA 19002

Business membership based on number of employees

0-5	\$165	16-20	\$330
6-10	\$225	21+	\$550
11-15	\$275		

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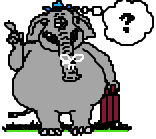
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Councilman Louis D. Orehek, Editor & Publisher



Seasonal Reminders from the Manager

- Residents have 24 hrs after the snow stops to remove snow & ice from their sidewalks. A 30" wide path is required. Violators subject to \$25 fine. No warnings will be issued.
- Do not place furniture in the street to save parking places
- Please remove snow around fire hydrants.
- After a large snow fall, corner property owners are asked to clear a path to the street.
- Christmas tree pickup is Jan 9, 16 and 23. Please place your tree at the curb.

Art in the Store Front

The "Art in the Storefront" gallery in Ambler will open a new exhibit with a sidewalk reception on Fri., January 25th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at 41 E. Butler Ave. Come and meet the four exhibiting photographers: Susan Rothschild of Broad Axe, Alisa Marie Salerno of Flourtown, Roger J. Weiss of Ivyland, and Margaux of Ambler. All works are available for sale directly from the artists. For information call: 215-654-9106.

School Board Eliminates Borough's Region 1 Seat

The Wissahickon School Board of Directors approved a recommendation that its Board Members from Election Districts Region 1, 2 and 3 would, at the next election or vacancy, be elected or filled on an At Large basis in accordance with the method used for the remaining 6 Board Members. Region 1 consists of all the Ambler Borough Election districts, plus Whitpain Township election districts W4, W5, W6. Although possible before, it is now more likely that in the future the Wissahickon School Board will not have an Ambler resident.

Parks in Review

HTN asked Parks Committee Chair Anita Pieri what the future holds for the Borough's parks. As reported in HTN, over the past two years Parks & Rec have restored the bank at Borough Park damaged by Hurricane Floyd and completed a massive planting of that bank and the surrounding area with native trees and plants. The process of landscape improvements to all the parks has begun with Knight Park and will continue to improve in key areas of all parks. A new slide has been installed at Pickering Field and the Borough hired it's first part-time park maintenance employee. The future never looked better. There is the new park being developed with Lower Gywnedd. This property, located on Penn Ambler Rd, will have a new major league baseball field, walking track, small amphitheatre for concerts, plays etc. and much more. Plans are also in the works for a complete overhaul of Riccardi Park. It will be a be an exciting year of change and improvement, keeping Ambler Borough's Parks moving forward. Any comments or questions are welcome and appreciated. You can reach Anita through the Borough office or email apieri@borough.ambler.pa.us.

... complete
overhaul of
Riccardi Park



Code Blue 2002



During life-threatening winter weather conditions, where the Montgomery County Health Department has issued a "Code Blue" advisory, there will be additional shelter beds provided for homeless individuals and families. When the wind-chill factor is 10 degrees (or below), the "Code Blue" advisory will be issued by the Health Department and you may contact the following places to obtain shelter for the night. Should transportation be needed, TransNet will provide transportation through the cab companies to the nearest emergency shelter. Community Housing, 617 W. Main Street, Lansdale (215) 362-5250; After Hours - Emergency # 1-888-366-9261; St. John's Church, Lansdale, 215-855-5489.