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# Home Town News

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## Improvements Being Made to Stop Signs

Council approved the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to place red reflective tape on the pole of every stop sign in the Borough. This will improve the visibility of the approximately 200 stop signs. The improvements should be completed by early spring.

## Borough Looking for Land to Expand Highway Department Facilities

Council directed its engineers to explore possible sites within the Borough necessary to store the Highway Department's winter road salt. The engineers advised Council that the PA DEP will soon require the salt, currently stored at Caddick Construction on South Main Street, to be moved to an indoor facility to prevent it from washing into the nearby Wissahickon Creek.



## Water Emergency Declared for SE Penna

Governor Schweiker has declared a drought emergency. That means mandatory water restrictions are in place. Ambler Water customers will be receiving in the mail a list of non-essential water uses that are now prohibited until further notice. Residents are to conserve water in every way they can. This includes repairing leaking faucets and toilets, run only full washers and dishwashers, install water saving shower heads, limit flushing of toilets to solids and turn off water when brushing your teeth or shaving. A partial list of prohibited water uses are non-commercial washing of cars, lawn watering, ornamental fountains, filling of swimming pools and washing of sidewalks and driveways. Garden plants may be watered between 6-8am and 7-9pm. First offense violations include fines of \$200 or 30 days in jail.

## GIS Software Grant Won

Ambler applied to the PA DEP and won a Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping software program called ArcView. It is the world's most popular desktop mapping software, with more than 500,000 copies in use worldwide. It is the same software being used by Borough engineers in mapping the Redevelopment Area. This software can work with the recently approved finance and utility billing system for obtaining information to map tax parcels and underground utility lines and equipment.

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**RESIDENT OF  
AMBLER BOROUGH**

### Did You Know?

Ambler's first Church is still standing and located at the corner of Forest and North Spring Garden?

## Code Enforcement to be Stepped Up

The hiring of a new code enforcement officer should be sufficient announcement to residents and contractors that violations to ordinances will be more actively monitored.

## 2002 HHW Collection Program

### Recycling Information

The following are acceptable items for the curb-side recycling pickup.

**GLASS**— clear, green or brown.



Remove lids, rinse and leave labels on. **DO NOT** recycle dishes, light bulbs, drinking glasses, Pyrex, ceramics or window glass.

**CANS**-aluminum, tin and bi-metal



(soup, fruit, fish, etc.). Drain and crush to save space. **DO NOT** recycle foil trays, scrap aluminum or aluminum foil.

**PLASTICS**-#1 and #2 only. Remove lids, rinse and leave labels on. Crush to save space.

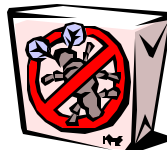
**The above items may all be commingled in the recycle bin.**

**NEWSPAPER**-color, glossy print, junk mail, magazines, phone books, office/copy paper and cereal/cracker boxes.



Remove outer wrappings, inner bags, pouches and handles. Flatten all cartons. Stack 12" high and place in brown paper bag. Then place in a second bag or tie with twine. **DO NOT** use plastic bags or use wire ties. **DO NOT INCLUDE** cardboard, cartons which contained beer, soft drinks, beverages, frozen or refrigerated food, fast/take out food, pizza boxes or cartons which have a foil or foil looking layer.

Any questions please call Waste Management at 1-800-328-1717



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is the discarded, unused or leftover portion of household products containing toxic chemicals. Hazardous waste usually can be identified by labels such as "Warning", "Caution", "Poisonous", "Toxic", "Flammable", "Corrosive", "Reactive" or "Explosive". Montgomery County is establishing 4 collection sites to accept HHW. Items include automotive products such as motor oil and antifreeze. Pesticides and herbicides are acceptable. Paint products including thinner, strippers, removers, refinishers and oil based paint. Other items include pool chemicals, dyes and lighter fluids.

Please keep all products in their original containers, wrap leaking containers, ventilate areas where they are stored and do not smoke near the HHW. All collection sites will be open from 9am to 3pm.

- Green Lane Park; Saturday April 6; Deep Creek Lake Tennis Court parking lot;
- Ft. Washington Expo Center; Saturday June 22; Upper Parking lot;
- North Penn HS; Saturday July 13, Sumneytown Pike & Valley Forge Road;
- Lower Merion Public Works Facility; Saturday October 26.

For more information call the Mont Co "Recycling Hotline" at 610-278-3618 or [www.wsaemc.org](http://www.wsaemc.org)



### Street Sweeping Begins in April

The street sweeping program that was discontinued for the winter will begin again the first week of April. Residents are reminded that parking restrictions outside of the business district will be enforced at that time.

### Trashy Announcements

Bulk pickup is limited to 3 items per household at the curb no later than 6am Saturday April 20. No tires, auto parts or construction material. Refrigerator doors must be removed. Leaf pickup must use 30 gallon paper bags, cardboard boxes or trash cans without plastic bags.

### Loch Alsh Dam Inspected

The 2001 annual dam inspection report for Loch Alsh Reservoir was submitted to PA DEP. The dam is in good condition and only the minor maintenance of adding clean fill, land grading, seeding were recommended.



## Ambler Main Street News

P.O. Box, Ambler, PA 19002; 215-641-1070; Fax:215-628-2280; [www.AmblerMainStreet.org](http://www.AmblerMainStreet.org)

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

*"The stormy March has come at last,  
With winds and clouds and changing skies."*

-William Cullen Bryant

### Let's Keep it Going!

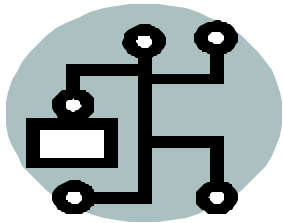
AMS Membership is critical to keeping the revitalization momentum strong.

Please join us in this effort. Thank you.

\$25 resident

\$165+ business based on # of employees.

Check out our website for more information and membership forms. [www.amblermainstreet.org](http://www.amblermainstreet.org)



AMS Manager at Work

- Spoke at Ft. Washington Estates and the Ft. Washington Historical Society
- Attended the second phase of workshops in Washington, DC for the Main Street Certification Institute

- Attended the open house festivities at Ralph's Restaurant
- Continue to work with the Business Development Committee on a possible BID program
- Met with representatives from Temple and Gwynedd-Mercy about bringing their students to downtown Ambler
- Third annual Frostbite Run was well attended with approximately 300 runners. Kudos to APD and especially to, Detective Rob Hoffman, Sgt. Bill Frank and Patrolman Jeff Borowski and to the many AMS volunteers who assisted that day.
- Continue to plan for the annual conference of all Main Streets across PA. Two volunteers from Ambler Main Street will present: Mike Fink and Susan Steinbrink.
- Had a clean-up day with the assistance of the youth group from First Presbyterian in Ambler.



### Calendar of Events

- Tuesday April 2 5-8 PM Fourth Annual April Fool's Party at Palladio 1 W. Butler \$10/person. Space limited to 150 people. Send your check to AMS at PO Box 36, Ambler, 19002.
- Annual Auto Show Sunday May 19 11-5 PM. Check in by noon.

### From the Main Street Manager

Things they are a changing in Ambler these days. New construction, new stores, new restaurant, new faces. It truly is Ambler's turn to thrive. It's so exciting. It's so contagious. For so long one had to "beg" people to take a chance on downtown Ambler. Now everyday someone new calls looking for business opportunities. We cannot thank Mike Fink, Mike Sloane and John Westrum enough for taking a chance, for being the first to invest in our downtown. They saw what we 'Amblerites' have known, the sense of community, the sense of belonging that is Ambler, that cannot be manufactured or falsely created in a strip shopping center. Ambler is this areas' town center.

Roar like a March lion 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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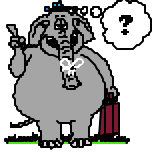
Councilman Louis D. Orehek, Editor & Publisher

## Mattison Ave Elementary to Get Facility Update



Mattison Ave Elementary will look quite different come this fall. Significant

improvements are scheduled to be made during the summer months. This will include removing all of the asbestos from the building and replacing it with new materials. The Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning systems throughout the entire building will be replaced or upgraded. An area of the building will be enclosing to create a new and enlarged library area and the existing library will be converted into a Head start room so that that program can operate. Lighting throughout the building will be upgraded and a new fire alarm system will be installed. In addition, new bathroom partitions will be installed and new cafeteria tables will be purchased.



### Reminders from the Manager

- Earned Income Tax (EIT) is due April 15, 2002. Ambler Borough assesses 1.0% of earned income of which half goes to Borough and half goes to the Wissahickon school district. Forms can be picked up at Borough Hall or call Central Tax 610-940-1770.
- Please do not put commercial trash out for residential pickup and vice-versa.
- Owners must conspicuously display the address of their properties and numbers are to be placed over the main doorway/entranceway. There is a fine for failure to comply.
- Spring leaf collection will be Wednesdays April 17, 24 and May 2.
- Bulk pickup Saturday April 20.

### SAAC's March Line-Up

March 11- Michelle Berk Esq. Will be presenting "*Elder Law*" about wills, advanced directives, trusts and other issues

March 18 - Dietician Pat Schweiker will discuss "*Good Nutrition Tips*".

March 20 - Jesse Hayden from UD Fire Dept. will present "*Fire Safety and Prevention*".

For additional information and activities call SAAC at 215-619-8863

### Act II Presents "Cobb"



The Act II Playhouse will give a different look at one of the most controversial and legendary baseball players of all time. It is a humorous look at Ty Cobb at three different ages and what made him so competitive and contentious. This theatrical production runs March 27 to April 21. For tickets or more information call 215-654-0200.



### Series Concert #2

Wednesday April 10, 8pm at the High School, AS will present 18 year old Marie Nazar performing on the piano. Also the orchestra will perform Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information call 215-646-4310 or [www.amblersymphony.org](http://www.amblersymphony.org)



### Prep-Work for Haywood Park Storm Sewers

Council gave the OK for a road survey as the first step in installing storm sewers for residents along Artman, Overlook and Beechmont Roads and Candy Lane. Once the survey is complete, bids for the project can be let as early as April.

### SAAC to Hold Craft and Candy Fair



The first annual Spring Craft Fair will held March 13-15 from 10-2. Hand crafted holiday items such as bunnies, baskets, placemats, aprons and home made holiday candy will be available to shoppers.

