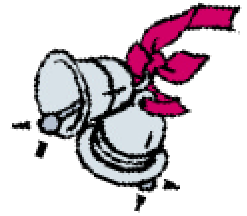




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# Home Town News

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## Michael Cuff is 2002 Citizen of the Year

Years of dedication to the youths of Ambler were recognized by Borough Council at November's meeting. Mike Cuff volunteers hundreds of hours per year as coach, umpire, pitcher, organizer, and head cheerleader for Ambler's children, ages five to fifteen. He gives of his own time and money (supplying bats and tennis balls) to provide a safe environment where children can play informal baseball under the supervision of an adult. Mike teaches and sets an example of structure and respect for others, creating an environment for the youngsters which is not only fun, but productive and beneficial to their development as well. Congratulations Mike, we really appreciate your neighborly efforts.

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## Drought Update

The drought status has been reduced to a 'Warning'. All restrictions have been lifted. Conservation is encouraged.

## Ordinances Galore!

Council is seeking public comment on an unusual number of new laws for the Borough before the December 16 Council meeting. In a nutshell the following ordinances are proposed:

- Skateboarding, roller-skating, in-line skating: Allow in Borough parks only. No ramps allowed and no aerial tricks or stunts may be performed. Recklessness or lack of regard to the safety of other park users is unlawful. These activities are not allowed on public streets or sidewalks.
- Parking of Trailers: It would be illegal to park a trailer overnight, attached or unattached to a vehicle, on any street.
- Excessive Noise: Essentially, quiet hours would be between 10pm and 6am in residential districts. You can't operate a leaf blower or blare a stereo and contractors can't work a wood chipper or operate equipment that goes 'beep, beep, beep' during these times.
- Parades: If there is a likelihood a public gathering will impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic a permit would be required at least one week prior to the event.
- DC Zone: Part of the C-Commercial district would be rezoned to DC-Downtown Commercial.

The full text of these ordinances can be found on our website under Events and Notices.

### Did You Know?

Ambler has a curfew for residents under age 18: 11pm Sunday-Thursday; Midnight Fri - Sat.

## Safety Reaps Award

Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust has recognized the Borough for most improved safe working conditions over the past four years. Congratulations to the employee safety committee and their efforts.

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**AMBLER BOROUGH**



## Home Fire Prevention

The American Red Cross has a National Safe Kids Campaign. Part of this campaign is Home Fire Safety. I want to remind you of their views on various topics:

**Smoke Detectors**— There should be one on every level of your home and one outside each bedroom. Batteries should be replaced once a year.

**Portable Heaters**— Keep blankets, curtains, furniture and anything that could get hot and catch fire away from these heaters. Plug them directly into the wall. Do not use extension cords and unplug them when not in use.

**Electricity**—Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Do not run cords under carpets or furniture. If you have small children, use safety plugs in unused outlets.

**Fire Escape Drills**— Plan and practice with your children the fire escape routes and make sure everyone knows two ways out of every room. Use a chain ladder to escape from upper levels and practice escaping with it. Identify a place outside to meet. Teach them how to call for emergency assistance

**General Items**—Never smoke in bed. Never leave a burning candle unattended.

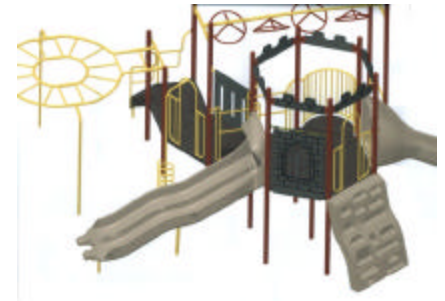
## Crabs to Go!



Council has authorized the removal of the Crabapple Trees that boarder Knight Park along South Main Street. The trees make a real mess along the sidewalk when they drop their fruit. This also creates a walking hazard as well as an insect attractant. The Borough's engineer in cooperation with the Shade Tree Committee will present ideas for replacement.

## Park Gets New Play Structure

Council authorized Jean Thompson Park located at Chestnut and Center Streets to get a new play set. Earlier this year the existing set which was donated in 1990 by the Lions Club was determined to be unsafe. The Parks Committee, lead by Anita Pieri moved quickly to find funds and obtain a suitable replacement. Children will no doubt find this new structure a lot of fun.



## Ricciardi Park Update

Council had authorized the preparation of bid specifications and advertisement of bids for the park improvements. Bids are scheduled to be opened sometime in early 2003.



## Street Sweeping Suspended

The annual street cleaning came to an end on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The ordinance requiring residents to move their cars will not be enforced until the next street sweeping season, April 2003.



## County Tours Flood Areas

Montco Officials were shown the areas of the Borough subjected to constant flooding.

This is part of an on-going effort by Borough Officials to move the county toward facilitating multi-municipal meetings, workshops and partnerships in order to find a solution to storm water drainage problems.





# Ambler Main Street News

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

## Supporting a downtown for Ambler, Upper Dublin, Lower Gwynedd & Whitpain

### Main Street Manager at Work



- GIS meeting with gifted eighth grade students from the Wissahickon Middle School
- Developing Comcast Commercials for Businesses
- Planning Downtown Holiday events
- Meet with Steering Committee members concerning a possible BID for Ambler
- Decorating Butler Ave for the Holidays



The Annual Ambler Holiday Parade will take place on Saturday December 7 (rain date Dec.8). It start at

1:30 p.m. and proceed through Ambler to the SEPTA parking lot. Santa and Mrs. Santa will ride through on a vintage fire truck, and the U.S. Post Office will collect "Letters to Santa" along the route. Children will receive answers to their letters, if they include their return address.

### "Angel Tree" at Ambler Savings



With the theme of "Be an Angel, Pick an Angel," the tree will be decorated with paper angels which each have information about an individual child. These children have been identified by local churches and social organizations as needing the kindness of a stranger to make their holiday special. The gifts must be left at the bank by Dec. 20, and will be wrapped and delivered by volunteers. Last year 100 children had packages to open thanks to the generosity of people in the community.



### Stuff to do in Ambler

- Santa comes to town Wednesday Dec. 11 by train at 7pm at the SEPTA station. Santa will lead everyone up the avenue to a location where the children will get a chance to visit with Santa, and have their picture taken for a small fee.
- Many stores will be extending their hours until 8pm. Parking is free after Dec 15.
- Ambler "Art in the Storefront" 41 E. Butler Ave has artists Felicia Foster, Barbara Ostrander, Carol Risko and Jean Turkot, of Oreland Art Center, showing their realistic watercolors through Jan. 23rd.
- Saturday December 14 Wissahickon School students will perform in Downtown Ambler stores 1-3PM
- Friday nights December 6 and December 13 musicians David and Krysta will stroll, sing and entertain you with Holiday favorites 6:30-7:30 PM



Your **support** in Dee-Cember is Dee-ply appreciated!

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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## Reminders from the Manager

- Residents have 24 hrs after the snow stops to remove snow & ice from their sidewalks and a 36" wide path is required
- 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 on January 8, 15, 22. Please put your tree at the curb.

## What's at the Library?

All events at the Race Street Library; 215-646-1072.

Dec 3—David Smith, Magician and Juggler; 7pm



Dec 18—Holiday Story Time with Songs and Guitar; 10:30am

January 2003—Babysitting course for kids 11 and up. Call for date.

Feb 11—Ron Geoffries, The Magic Comedian: 7pm.

Story Time every Thurs. 10:30am.



## Meals Needs Wheels

The Ambler SAAC serves Horsham, Lower Gwynedd, Upper Dublin, Whitpain and Ambler. Volunteer drivers are always needed. If you or someone you know can offer even an hour a day, please call the SAAC at 215-619-8863 and ask for Joan.

## Tom Liguori Celebrates 20 Years

Tom Liguori was recognized by Council for dutifully and faithfully serving the Borough as a member of the Water Department. Since 1982 he has undertaken his duties with only the best interests of the Borough in mind. When you see Tommy, congratulate him on a job well done!

## What's at SAAC?

All events are at 11am; 45 Forest Ave; 215-619-8863

Dec 4,5 & 6—Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Exchange. 10-2pm



Dec 9—Beauty Consultant to discuss newest winter colors and give tips on makeup application. Come join the fun!

Dec 10—Dr. Brederode to talk about the importance of proper foot care and typical problems faced by seniors and treatment.

Dec 13—Free hearing evaluations by Acoustic Labs. 9-11am

Dec 13—Michelle Berk discusses The Patient Bill of Rights.

Dec 16—"Warning Signs of Stroke & Osteoporosis"



## You Missed It!

If you didn't go to the Wissahickon Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast, you missed one heck of a good meal. Service was unbelievably fast. The company displayed a tremendous amount of teamwork and camaraderie as plate after plate flew out of the kitchen with kielbasa sized sausage links. I think they had as much fun serving it up as we did eating it.

## St. Anthony's Church Breaks Ground

The Zoning Hearing Board approved the variances to St. Anthony's Church plan for a new school and church building. The number of seats within the church building was to be reduced from 811 to 750 as a stipulation of the approval. Borough Council said OK to the land development plans and a ground breaking ceremony took place on November 2.