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Police Actions Rewarded

To start the February Council meeting, the Mayor and members of Council presented Medals of Commendation to Police Chief Rocco Wack and Patrolman Jeff Borkowski for actions taken during an incident the month before. The incident was documented and presented to American Police Hall of Fame which recommended medals be awarded. We all like to think that Ambler is a safe community and its because of efforts by men such as these, who put aside personal safety, that we are able to do so.

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PennDOT Drainage Improvement Requested

All that ice, slush and salt at Tennis Ave and Bethlehem Pike didn't go unnoticed by public officials in both Upper Dublin and Ambler. A joint letter signed by both municipalities with enclosed pictures was sent to PennDOT requesting drainage improvements be made to that intersection. The initial response received from PennDOT was 'No'. Stay tuned.



Meter Reader Update



The contractor has completed the installation of the radio read water meters on all customer buildings. If you do not have the box pictured above, you will be contacted by the water company or a note will be on your estimated water bill asking you to call and set up an appointment. All Ambler Borough Water Department employees carry proper ID. Remember to ask for ID before allowing a utility worker into your home. You can also check by calling the Water Department, 215-646-1000 ext 110 or 111

PA DEP says "Tanks!"

The Borough has been notified by PA DEP that the application to build a new Loch Alsh water tank has been received and is complete. After waiting the required 30 day comment period it is expected that a permit will be granted. In addition to replacing the current aging tank, the new tank will increase the fire fighting capabilities within the entire water system.

Borough Applies for County Grant

Ambler has applied for over \$550,000 from the Montco Revitalization Program. Requests include 54 Victorian style street lights to be located on the side streets off of Butler Ave, Parking and Directional Signage and self guided tour brochures.

Did You Know?

In 1874 citizens formed the Ambler Building & Loan Assn., now known as Ambler Savings Bank? Stock sold for \$.50/share.

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RECYCLE YOUR GAS-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT

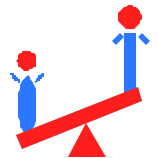
DO SOMETHING GREEN FOR EARTH DAY 2003! Make the switch to electric powered lawn and garden equipment. DEP, the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC), Exelon and Home Depot are sponsoring the sixth annual "Clean Mower Rebate Program" Saturdays April 12, May 3 and May 17, to encourage residents to turn in their gasoline-powered lawn equipment and receive a rebate towards the purchase of environmentally friendly electric equipment. The rebate program provides an easy way for residents to make a "green" consumer choice while saving money. The program will be held at Home Depot Stores on the following dates from 8 am to 1 pm: April 12 - Upper Darby , May 3 - Plymouth Township, May 17 - Bensalem. To participate, you must first register at 1-800-GO-TO-PRC . Then simply turn in your working gasoline-powered lawn mower to receive a \$75 rebate coupon toward the purchase of a new, electric-powered lawn mower. People may also turn in a working gas-powered weed trimmer, edger, leaf blower or chainsaw to receive a \$20 coupon toward the purchase of an electric-powered tool. In addition to receiving a rebate for their purchase, people will save by operating the electric mower which uses an average of \$7.50 worth of energy per year.

AWWTP Proposed Capital Projects Announced

The Borough's wastewater treatment plant consultants, Environmental Engineering & Management Associates, Inc., have submitted a preliminary 5 year Capital Improvement Project list for 2002-2006. Scheduled for completion in 2003 are; electrical switchgear improvements for better handling a reconnection from the emergency generator to PECO power grid when power is restored (\$660,000), sludge dewatering equipment to replace the current aging belt filter press (also \$660,000). Scheduled for 2004 are two plant building roof replacements (\$150,000), and a new emergency generator to replace an existing 25 year old unit (\$330,000). Further out in 2005/6 is a phosphorus removal treatment process. Cost will be based on requirements imposed by PA Department of Environmental Protection.

New Equipment Arrives for Jean Thompson

Parks Chairwoman Anita Pieri has informed HTN that the new playground equipment slated for Jean Thompson park has arrived and will be installed when the weather permits. This equipment improves the safety of the park by replacing worn and weathered items dating back to 1990.



Sewer Repair Program Progresses

The sanitary sewer system repair and improvement program continues in 2003 with work on Tennis, Rosemary and Southern Avenues. Work includes removing and replacing broken pipes and laterals or inserting a pipe liner. The cost of the project is estimated at \$37,000. Currently the Borough estimates a cost total of \$248,800 to repair the most damaged parts of the collection system.



Allison Damage Not Forgotten

Tropical Storm Allison arrived June 2001. One of the most noticeable remnants left is the damaged Rose Valley Creek retaining wall near North Ridge. The Borough is working with PA Emergency Management Agency to complete the repairs. Stay tuned.



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

"Don't let grass grow on the path of friendship. "

(Blackfoot Indian)



Activities in Ambler

Main Street Manager at Work

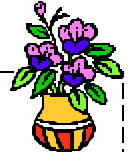


- Increasing in interest of Ambler Main Street members in the Facade program. It is Spring and there is still to spruce up!
- A maternity shop will soon open at 129 East Butler Avenue.
- The May issue of The Borough News which is a PA Borough's Association publication, will feature Ambler and its downtown revitalization efforts as its cover story.
- Lots of interest for a restaurant at the Dollar Fair location.
- The Comcast commercials of 16 Ambler-area establishments are still well-received and frequently watched.

- Sunday April 27 - Victorian Tea Party hosted by Artman Home, Ambler Main Street and befitting Plant Ambler. At Artman Sunday April 27 2-4 PM \$10 donation. Seating limited. Call 215-643-1857 for more info.
- Sunday May 18 - 7th annual Auto Show on Butler Avenue from 1 to 5 PM. This is a fun small town show, not a huge formal competition, and it draws a wide variety of vehicles. Cars and trucks of all kinds will line the street. Delicious food will be available at several locations along the avenue. It will be fun for the whole family. Call Al at 215-643-3517 for more info.



Check out the wonderful article Philadelphia Magazine did on Ambler as One of the 10 Best Neighborhoods! The April issue is now on the newsstands...but they are all sold out in Ambler!



April would be an awesome month to join Ambler Main Street!

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		

Theatre Opens



Ambler Theater is, as promised, now in full operation. To find out what's playing, visit their Web Site www.AmblerTheater.org and then bookmark the site as one of your browser's "Favorites" (next to Ambler Main Streets site of course)

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Reminders from the Manager

- Contact the Borough Manager if you have concerns about work being done by Borough crews.
- The Borough speed limit is 25mph unless otherwise posted. Be watchful of our children and police patrols.
- Spring Leaf Collections are Tuesdays April 15, 22 and 29. Yard waste must be placed in the paper yard bags or unlined trash containers with no lid.
- Commercial and Institutional establishments must recycle corrugated and office paper, aluminum and leaf waste.
- Please clean up after your dog. It's a courtesy to your neighbors. It's the law! \$300 fine for violations.

What's at SAAC?

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

April 11—Free Hearing Evaluations

April 14—"Annual Senior Health Fair. 10am - 2pm.

April 28—Beauty Specialist gives tips on makeup application.

County Announces 2003 HHW Pickup

The Montco Household Hazardous Waste Program will be held on Saturdays from 9am—3pm at the following locations

- April 26—Norristown High School
- May 17—Green Lane Park
- July 12—North Penn High School
- August 16—Temple Ambler.



For more information call the hotline at 610-278-3618.

Stormwater Consortium Meets

A long journey begins with one step. That's what appears to be happening as officials from the Borough, Montco, Whitpain, Upper Dublin, Lower Gwynedd, Temple, US Rep. Hoeffel's office and State Rep. Greenleaf met to determine the reasons for the flooding in Ambler and steps that can be taken to reduce the impact in the Rose Valley Creek, Tannery Run and Stuart Farm Creek watersheds. Stay tuned.

Traffic Study Law



Council amended the land development regulations to include a traffic impact study for projects over 15000 sq ft. It will contain analysis of existing traffic conditions, impact on major intersections and street volume vs. capacity levels.

Free Parking

Council has resolved to give free metered parking between noon and 2pm to help stimulate lunchtime business.



Editor's Note

Recent world events have prompted me to reassure you that as Chairman of Public Utilities for the Borough, many steps have been taken to ensure the safety of your drinking water. For the past 3 years the staff has engaged in a coordinated effort with County, State and Federal agencies to reduce vulnerabilities. Council has supported all necessary precautionary efforts and we continue to make improvements to protect the water system. Unfortunately, nothing is 100% secure so we ask you to take notice of our wells and tanks when you pass by and report to local authorities anything unusual. God Bless America. — Louis D. Orehek, Editor HTN.