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It's Good Stuff

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection recently presented the Borough's Water Department with a



"Certificate of Recognition" for meeting all the monitoring, reporting and treatment technique performance requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Program during 2002. This is a testament to the

dedication of the water department staff to provide the best service for its customers. As PUC Chairman it truly amazes me what goes on behind the scenes in order for us to turn on the faucet and have safe water come out 24/7. Congratulations to Phil Benigno our water department supervisor, assistant supervisor Frankie Scalfaro Engineer Bill Weir, office staff Mary Aversa and Cheryl Casalnuovo and the guys in the trenches, Tom Liguori, John Mastromatto, Ray Stahl, Fred Conti, Aldo Gullo from AWWTP and Joe Gullo from Highway. As you can see, it's a team effort!

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Rath in for Braccio

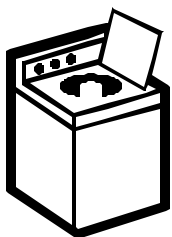
Michael Braccio resigned as Ward 2 representative on Borough Council in early May. Council appointed Jerry Rath to fill the position until the end of the year. The November general election will have the opening on the ballot.

Mr. Rath is married with 2 children and has lived on North Ridge for 10 years. He is a partner with the law firm Blumberg & Rath in Whitmarsh Township and volunteers with Ambler Junior Baseball, Ambler Whitpain Trojans Youth Football Association and Wissahickon Recreation Association youth basketball and served on the Zoning Hearing Board.

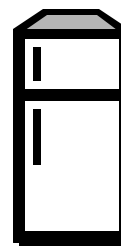
Trash Set Out Time Changes to 4:30pm

Once notices started appearing on the doorsteps of residents who had placed trash at the curb for pickup before the permitted time of 7:30pm, people started calling and e-mails started arriving.

Council has modified the law so that residents may set out trash after 4:30pm the day before scheduled pickup. Cans must still be taken in by 8pm pickup day. Just a reminder... because of the way the ordinance is written, violators are required to appear before the District Magistrate.



On a different trash note: since January, bulk pickup occurs weekly. Residents are allowed one bulk item per week to be set at the curb.



Large appliances must have a separate pre-scheduled pickup date. Items containing Freon must have the Freon removed by a licensed technician before pickup. Call JP Mascaro at 800-432-1616 for more information or consult our web site under Events and Notices.

Did You Know?

Ordinance #34 (1895) makes carrying a slingshot illegal and punishable with a \$5 fine or 10 days in jail.

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West Nile Virus Update

Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD) reported 142 county birds tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in 2002. Ambler Borough had 2 found. WNV is here and it needs to be taken seriously.

Although there were not deaths due to WNV in Montco there where 9 statewide. The elderly and children are most at risk. The following preventative steps are recommended:

- Make sure you remove standing water on your property such as in birdbaths, buckets, kiddie pools, flower pots, pool covers, old tires, and be sure gutters & drainpipes are clean and free flowing. Mosquito larvae grow in still water.
- Avoid outdoors during peak mosquito activity, generally 5pm-11pm. If you must, wear long sleeved shirts and long pants making sure to cover feet and ankles.
- Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin, following label directions. Do not apply to face. Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children. Repellents should not be used on children under 3 years old.
- Discuss concerns with your physician.

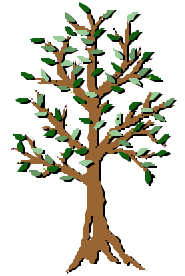
Residents are asked to report dead birds to MCHD by calling 610-278-5117 x167. For more information, call MCHD or www.westnile.state.pa.us

New Equipment at Jean Thompson Park

The new playground equipment has been installed and what a wonderful environment it is for the small children! As always, parents are asked to supervisor their child when at the park.

Leaf Vac Purchased

In an effort to reduce flooding by keeping storm drains and street gutters clear, Council authorized purchase of a large vacuum that will pull leaves and other storm debris into a covered truck bed. There were two major reasons for the purchase. Many man hours have been used for this type of maintenance; the vacuum will speed the process. Also, the Pa DEP storm water management regulations require municipalities to make more of an effort in keeping sewers open and preventing debris from entering local creeks and streams.



What Do YOU Think?



That's exactly what Anita Pieri, Chair of Parks and Recreation, and the Parks steering committee want to know. A survey form is included in this issue of HTN. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to the Borough Office. In order to provide the best of facilities, it is extremely important for you to take part in the survey so that we can obtain a clear picture of how our parks are being used and to determine if new things should be added in the future.

Ricciardi Park Update

A \$254,000 contract for improvements to Ricciardi Park was awarded to Bertolet Construction. Improvements include resurfacing the multipurpose court, new fencing and a small tot-lot. Improvements to the jogging trail and additional trees have been completed by the Borough's Highway crew. This project was long in the making and the Parks Committee, chaired by Anita Pieri, should be congratulated for all their hard work.





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

"Rain, rain go away, Come again another day. "

(Children's song)



Calendar of Events



Main Street Manager at Work

- Continue to meet with possible new business owners for vacant storefronts.
- Design Committee meets monthly with business owners looking for advice on façade improvements.
- Helped to facilitate the second round of Comcast commercials.
- Art show Committee meets regularly to plan fourth annual Art Show at Artman.
- Business Development Committee is working on a Welcome to Ambler packet for prospective new businesses and developers.
- Seventh annual Auto Show was a success and very well received and attended.
- Meet monthly with Main Street Managers from Montgomery County.
- Met with Ambler Symphony to promote all the good things going on in Ambler.
- Partnering with Plant Ambler to plant under all trees along Butler Avenue and improve the "look" of the bridge coming into Ambler with the use of flowers.

Feldman is Store Front Artist

Marcie Feldman is displaying painting, watercolors and 3-D works at 41 East Butler Ave. Works will be displayed until July 17.

- Clean-up Days...the last Saturday of each month 7AM-9AM
- Wissahickon Pops...July 18th 7PM
- Dog Days of Summer...August 16th Parade 10AM
- Oktoberfest...September 21st Noon-5PM



Ambler Theater Starts Capital Campaign

Ambler Saving Bank formally kicked off the major donors portion of the Theater's \$1.4 million fund raiser with a charitable gift of \$5000. Funds raised will go towards completing the restoration of the Theater's main stage and balconies.

Becoming an Ambler Main Street member in June is just "jim-dandy"!

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

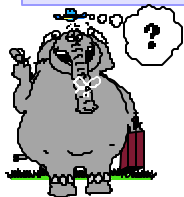
0-5 \$165 16-20 \$330

6-10 \$225 21+ \$550

11-15 \$275

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Reminders from the Manager

- Parents are responsible for supervision of their children as they play in the parks and sidewalks.
- For safety, Skateboards and roller blades are permitted in Borough parks only.
- All trash must be stored in animal resistant containers with lids.
- Property owners must keep their grass no higher than six inches.
- Ambler has a zoning regulation that does not allow private vehicles to be parked on a homeowner's lawn.
- The YMCA summer camp at Knight Park still has openings. Contact Eric at 215-628-9950.

What's at SAAC?

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

June 9,11 - "55 Alive" AARP sponsored driving class.

June 13- Free Hearing Evaluations 9-11am

June 23- Osteoporosis

June 26—Chiropractic Care

June 30- "Medication Safety," ARC

Institutional District Zoning Change

There is a proposed zoning change to allow low intensity professional offices as a conditional use. This would require the owner to come before Council and ask for the use. The proposed change in zoning has the approval of the Borough Planning Commission. Property owners affected by a change in use will be notified of any hearing by way of registered mail.

Planning Commission Agenda

Historical District Ordinance, Minor Land Development guidelines, Street Trees and Rail Corridor Redevelopment are just a few of the items the Planning Commission is addressing. The Commission meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.



Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract Awarded

As part of the Borough's Sanitary Sewer Maintenance, Council has awarded TRS \$6,900 to line small sections of existing sanitary sewer mains. The isolated sections (typically 4' in length) are located in portions of Tennis, Rosemary and Southern Avenues. The project should start mid-summer.

Walk this Way!

Both sides of Mattison Ave, one side of Park, and a small section of Lindenwold are in the process of having new sidewalks installed. This is part of Council's continuing effort in sidewalk improvements to increase pedestrian safety and promote a "walkable" community. This project is funded by the Monto Community Development Block Grant Program.

\$17,353

That's what the Borough spent to clear the streets after the +20" snow storm this past February. The Borough is expected to receive a PEMA grant to cover the costs.



Summer Fun at the Library

Terrific Tuesdays at 7pm

June: 24 Magic

July 1: Jokes Galore

July 22: Games

June 29: Bingo

Thursday Surprises 10:30 am

June 26: Storyteller

July 3: Magic and Surprises

July 24: Theater for Kids

July 31: Puppet Show