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“In-Law Suites” to be Considered

The Planning Commission has forwarded to Council their final draft of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). If approved, this will allow for additional living quarters to be built on properties and occupied only by those of close family ties.

Historical Survey Available



Ambler Borough has over 900 buildings built prior to 1940. Seventeen volunteers working with the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society spent 15 months photographing and collecting data on the buildings. The survey time period encompasses the periods of growth before the establishment of the Keasbey and Mattison Company in the 1880’s and as the company grew into the 1930’s. If you are interested in reviewing the survey, a copy is available in Borough Hall. For questions, call the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society at 215-646-6541.

Five Year Plan Includes Equipment Replacement

After refunding EIT revenue back to other municipalities Council is working to find new ways to pay for road and maintenance equipment that is reaching the end of its working life. Scheduled for replacement in 2005 is a 1993 street sweeper (life span 10-12 years, cost \$105,000) and a 1994 Pickup Truck with snow plow (life span 10 years, \$35,000). In 2006 plans call for a 1994 dump truck with snow plow (life span 10-12 years, cost \$90,000) and 1973 compressor (life span 20 years, cost \$11,000). In 2007, 2-1996 trucks with snow plows (life span 10 years, \$37,000 each) and a 1975 roller (life span 25 years, cost \$23,000). In 2008, 1980 tractor/brush hog (life span 25 years, cost \$50,000) and in 2009 a 1985 Skid-Steer (life span 20 years, cost \$25,000).

Did You Know?

The Borough maintains 19 miles of underground sanitary sewer lines within its borders?

Inlets to be Repaired

Two Tennis Ave storm sewer inlets will be fixed using Liquid Fuels funds. Repairs in the 100 block and at Reiffs Mill are expected to be made sometime this summer.

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DVRPC Chooses AMBLER

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission obtained a grant to promote those communities that would be most attractive for young knowledge workers to live in southeastern PA. State officials feel the “best and brightest” - young college-educated workers are leaving the area for other cities and regions after graduation. There is a program underway to attract more students to the area, assist them with job opportunities and help them identify communities of choice in which to live. Ambler was identified as a community of choice.

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Environmental Corner By Councilman Louis D. Orehek

Awareness of WND

Once again the Montco Department of Health is reminding residents that West Nile Virus (WNV) season is upon us and WNV needs to be on everyone's mind during the summer months. This virus can lead to West Nile Disease (WND). WND may cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the covering of the brain).



It all starts when mosquitoes become infected with WNV after they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes transmit WNV when later feeding on humans and animals.

Everyone is at risk but persons over 50 are at greatest risk for severe illness. **Mild** infections are most common and include fever, headache, and body aches, often with skin rash and swollen lymph glands. More **severe** infection is marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, occasional convulsions, paralysis and rarely death.

To reduce your risk to the disease you need to reduce your contact with mosquitoes. Remove any standing water where mosquitoes can breed. This includes clearing rain gutters, emptying buckets, toys, kiddie pools, pool covers, bird baths, and flowerpots. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. For general WNV information, pamphlets and other public education materials contact the Montgomery County Health Department (610) 278-5117 ext. 143 or www.montcopa.org/health/westnile.htm



Amento Family Presents Donation

The family of Joe Amento announced a donation to the Borough specifically toward Pickering Field improvements. During Amber Junior Baseball opening ceremonies, Marilyn Amento presented officials with \$50,000 from the Certainteed Corporation. Joe was very fond of baseball. Look for some good things to happen to Pickering Field. Thank you, Amento family!

Committee Named

Council named 7 residents to the Borough's Open Space Plan Committee. The purpose of the committee is to oversee revisions to the 1994 Open Space and Environmental Resource Protection Plan. This is the first step in order to obtain \$838,000 of Open Space Grant funding allocated to Ambler Borough. This is a direct result of the Open Space referendum passage placed on last November's ballot. Let us thank our neighbors for accepting positions on the Committee: Mary Aversa, George Benigno, Marita Bondi, Homer Elliott, Karen Kieser, John Samanns and Steve Ware.



TV Crews Arrive

It's not what you think. Tri-State Grouting was awarded a contract to video and seal over 6 miles of sanitary sewer lines. This is part of a multi-year plan to repair pipes and reduce rain water entering the sewer system. The infiltration of rain water into the sanitary sewer system is unnecessarily treated at the sewer plant. This can be very expensive. Basement sump pumps connected to the sewer line also add to the expense. This is illegal and homeowners can be subjected to a fine and additional sewer charges.

Done, Finally



Tropical Storm Allison came in June of 2001 damaging the Ridge Ave bridge over Rose Valley Creek and much of the retaining wall. State and Federal funding finally came through and the repairs were wonderfully made.



Ambler Main Street News

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Making downtown Ambler your social, cultural, and business center!

Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible

— Dalai Lama



Upcoming Events

Main Street at Work



- Finalized a Revitalization Grant request to Montco to continue downtown improvements.
- Filed an Exit Grant from the Dept of Community & Economic Development.
- Established a new Finance Committee to investigate different methods of funding AMS projects
- Making improvements to our Website www.AmblerMainStreet.org
- Held a very successful Car Show. Fun was had by family after family.
- The April Fools Party held at Knopf Motors was a grand and successful event.

- July 27—Wissahickon Pops, Ambler Savings Bank, 7pm
- July 31— Clean-up Day, Butler & Lindenwold, 7-9am
- August 21—Dogs Days of Summer Parade, Butler Ave, 10am

What's Happening at SAAC?

The Senior Adult Activity Center events are at 11am; 45 Forest Ave; 215-619-8863.

July 7th "Home Safety and Fall Prevention"

July 8th "Breast & Cervical Cancer Questions and Answers"

July 9th "Women's Dietary Issues"

July 14th "Food Safety in warm weather"

July 16th "What is the Burial Society? Learn how to save money on burial expenses.

July 27th "Osteoporosis"

AMS maintains the 47 hanging baskets in Downtown; and during the last Saturday of each month (from April through November) we also cleanup the streets and sidewalks in the downtown area.

Contractor Scammers



Be very wary of contractors knocking on doors. Paying up-front for services can leave you with an incomplete job. Ask for references. Check other job sites.

Summer is a HOT time to becoming a Ambler Main Street Member

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Annual Membership; Resident \$35; Landlords \$200

Please send your tax-deductible gift to:

Ambler Main Street

PO Box 36, Ambler, PA 19002

Business membership based on number of employees

0-5	\$200	16-20	\$500
6-10	\$300	21-25	\$600
11-15	\$400	26-30	\$700
		31+	\$800

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Saturday Matinee



Looking for something to do on an early or rainy Saturday afternoon? The Ambler Theatre will be showing children's G and PG rated movies such as *Battlejuice*, *Monsters, Inc* and *Robin Hood* all summer long. Start times vary between 11am and 1pm. Call the theater hot-line 215-345-7855 or www.amblertheater.org for the full schedule

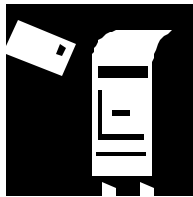


Reminders from the Manager

- No building material is permitted in the trash.
- Property owners must keep their grass no higher than six inches. A fine of \$15.00 per day can be imposed if you don't comply with the warning notice.
- Property owners are responsible for maintaining in good repair: curbs, sidewalks, shared alley ways and sewer laterals.
- Please include your barcode billing stub when paying your water bill at Borough Hall.
- Owners of residential rental properties are required to register the name of their occupants within 30 days. A \$20 annually rental fee is due July 31.
- Please donate blood. Contact the Red Cross 215-299-4000. Give it for life.

Main Flushing Continues, Ends August

Flushing of water mains is done between 11pm and 6am. This may cause brief periods of low pressure and discolored water. If these problems persist, please call the Water Department between 8am and 4:30pm. 215-646-1000 ext. 110 or 111.



Drop Box for Bills

Customers frustrated with the inability to pay their water, sewer and trash bills outside of normal working hours will be happy to know that a drop-box will be placed on the York Street side of Borough Hall. This will be of the 'drive-up' style so you won't have to leave your car. Look for the drop box later this summer.



Events at the Library

Race Street; 215-646-1072.



Musical Story Hour with Guitar by Miss Michelle:
Tuesdays 4:30pm
Wednesday, Thursday 10:30am
July 13: 7pm. The Magic and Comedy of Joe Romano
July 27: 7pm Songs & Drawings by Steve Pullara

Summer Reader's Club.
July 13– August 10. Read 10 books and get a Pizza Party Invitation.

July 20: 7pm. Amazing Juggler David Smith

August 3: 7pm. Ventriloquist David Carr

Check out books each week starting July 13 and get tickets to one of the summer events. August 10th 7pm is Reader's Club Awards Night and Pizza Party for children who read 10 books

For more information <http://www.wvpl.org>