

# Abington Township

## Newsletter

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### RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

- Reviewed and adopted the Municipal Budget for 2010;
- Approved 2010 Road Overlay Program in the amount of \$273,000 (see details inside);
- Accepted \$16,739 from the Montgomery County Transit Bus Grant Program for the township's bus;
- Approved the start of the Huntingdon Pike Traffic Signal Upgrade project;
- Accepted a \$499,500 Recycling Program Development and Implementation Grant for the purchase of 3 hybrid trash trucks;
- Approved the 2010 Roslyn Revitalization Plan for the Roslyn Business District;

The Board of Commissioners meets the second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Township Building.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**Memorial Day** - Monday, May 31st -

No Newspaper Recycling

**Independence Day** - Observed Monday,

July 5th

No Newspaper Recycling

### CONTACT YOUR TOWNSHIP

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Telephone: 267-536-1000

Fax: 215-884-8271

[www.abington.org](http://www.abington.org)

Address: 1176 Old York Road

Abington, PA 19001

Public Works/Trash 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tax Office

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

267-536-1025,1026,1027,1028

## Community Shredding Event



Residents of Abington Township are encouraged to bring personal and confidential documents to Abington Township's shredding event at the Abington Township Highway Yard, 2201 Florey Lane, Roslyn on May 8th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. No need to remove binder covers, paper clips or staples...all materials will be recycled.

There is a **limit of 4 boxes or bags per car**. The boxes can be no bigger than 1.2 cubic feet. Whatever container used, it cannot weigh more than 30 lbs.

**What to bring:** Obsolete tax documents, bank statements, cancelled checks, sensitive information, birthdates, social security information, signatures, passwords and pins, credit card statements and receipts, and credit card offers. **Don't bring:** Newspapers, books, magazines, plastic coverings or cardboard, CD's or floppy discs.

**No businesses for this event.**

**Information:** 267-536-1034 or 1038.



## Abington's Financial Excellence Award

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the **Finance Department, Township of Abington** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 15,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.

## BRIAR BUSH ACTIVITIES

Please call [215-887-6603](tel:215-887-6603) with questions about any of these programs.

### Family Programs with The Nature Geek

Sundays 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
\$5 per person or \$10 per family of 4

### Nature Playscape Grand Opening!

Saturday, May 8th from 10-11:30 a.m.  
Our nature playscape will take components in our environment (like balancing logs, tree stumps and boulders) and organize them into a reliable and experiential play area aimed at the developmental needs of children. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 5th to 215-887-6603.

### From Beaks to Feathers: Birding 101

June 20 - Ages 7 and up  
Birding is one of the most popular outdoor activities, but where do you begin? This program will introduce budding ornithologists of all ages to the world of birding.

### Investigating Insects

July 18 - Ages 5 and up  
You'll learn about different groups of insects and why we just can't live without those creepy crawlies!

### Those Bloomin' Trees, Wallingford, PA

Friday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. - \$37.50  
Guided tour of the Taylor Arboretum and the green roof at Scott Arboretum.

### Biking at Peace Valley - Doylestown, PA

Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - \$25  
Leisurely bike ride on a 6-mile paved trail encircling Lake Galena.

### Linville Raspberry Festival-Media, PA

Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - \$25  
Pick-your-own raspberries and other in-season produce, free food samples, live music, and tons of fun activities for the whole family!

### Butterfly House

This seasonal house at Briar Bush will open in May. Date to be determined based on butterfly releases by Abington School District 2nd grade classes.

### Summer Camp

Sign-ups going on now! Camps available for kids from 2 years old through 8th grade.

### Celebrate the Sun

Sunday, June 7 from 4-7 p.m. at Briar Bush Ctr.  
Steve Cardullo, Vice President of Retail Banking at Abington Bank will be awarded with the esteemed Griscom Award. Ticket info: 215-887-6603

Information on trips or programs: [215-887-6603](tel:215-887-6603)

## POLLING PLACE CORRECTIONS

Please make note of the following changes on Page 31 of your Township Calendar:

Ward 5 District 1 Willow Grove will vote at the Willow Hill Community Baptist Church, 1712 Easton Road

Ward 5 District 2 Willow Grove will vote at the Willow Hill Elementary School, 1700 Coolidge Avenue

**Primary Election Day - May 18th**



## E-Mail Notifications?

If you would like to be notified of Abington Township news i.e., community events, road closures, special bulletins, refuse collection changes, etc. please sign up by going to [www.abington.org](http://www.abington.org) and clicking on 'Electronic News Distribution Registration'

## HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION



Temple University - Ambler Campus  
**Saturday, June 19, 2010**  
Butler Pike Entrance ONLY  
Student Parking Lot  
Upper Dublin Township 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Montgomery County Community College  
**Saturday, July 17, 2010**  
Enter near 473 Cathcart Rd.  
Blue Bell, PA  
Whitpain Township  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Abington Junior High School  
**Thursday, August 12, 2010**  
Rear Faculty Parking Lot  
970 Highland Avenue  
Abington, PA  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Please visit the County's website at [www.montgomerycountyprecycles.org](http://www.montgomerycountyprecycles.org) or call **610-278-3618** for lists of what you can recycle and items that are not accepted at drop off points

*Abington Recycle Center  
2201 Florey Lane Roslyn, PA  
Saturday, June 5th - 9-11 a.m.  
Cost \$10.00*



*The Montgomery County  
Health Department  
will conduct a low-cost  
cat, ferret, and dog  
rabies immunization clinic.  
Info: 610-278-5117, ext. 6741*

## Police

### Contact Telephone Numbers

Emergency: 9-1-1

Abington Township Police Dispatch:

215-884-2700

All other Police Calls:

267-536-1100

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**24-Hour Relay Needs Volunteers** - volunteers are needed for the 16th annual 24-Hour Relay, one of C.A.P.T.'s most successful undertakings to raise money for youth and community programs while providing a fun event that is alcohol, drug, and violence free. As little as four hours of your time would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help register teams, set out and serve meals, provide security, support site logistics, provide a variety of entertainment, and assist with healthcare. To sign up for a volunteer time slot for most options contact Valerie Ward at 215-659-0509, for entertainment options contact Bob Reich at 215-885-1684, and for healthcare assistance contact Cindy Santee at 215-886-2566. It is also not too late to help sponsor this event. For more information, contact Jack Murphy at 265-536-1071. This year's Relay Challenge runs from Saturday morning, May 22 through Sunday morning, May 23.

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### **Township Maintains "No Solicitations" Registry**

Anyone who is an owner or lawful occupant of an Abington Township property and does not wish to have people enter onto their premises for the purpose of solicitations may register with the Abington Township Police Department. While the police will take complete information that includes your name, only your address will be listed on a registry to be distributed to door-to-door solicitors. To add your name to this list, call the Police Records Division at 267-536-1047. Solicitors who enter onto premises listed on this registry will be subject to penalties, including a minimum \$100 fine. To ensure compliance, residents who do not want solicitors of any kind at their home may place a legible sign stating "No Solicitors" or "No Solicitations."

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### **Traffic Safety Questions**

Officer Freed: 267-536-1078

Officer Posey: 267-536-1076

## ABINGTON: NO PLACE FOR HATE

A major part of getting along with another person is being a good listener.

A good listener...

1. Makes eye contact with the speaker.
2. Faces the speaker.
3. Does not interrupt the speaker.
4. Paraphrases the main ideas the speaker said.
5. Reflects the feelings behind the words of the speaker.

Contact Joanne Weaver-Stroh, Chairperson at 267-536-1074 with questions or concerns.



## 2010 Road Overlay Program

**Arnold Avenue** - Pershing Avenue to Patane Avenue;

**High Avenue** - Pershing Avenue to Patane Avenue;

**St. Charles Place** - Woodland Road to Patane Avenue;

**St. James Place** - Patane Avenue to Miriam Avenue;

**Lindbergh Avenue** - Miriam Avenue to Woodland Avenue;

**Crestview Avenue** - Kaness Road to Old Welsh Road;

**Elliott Avenue** - Crestview Avenue to North Hills Avenue;

**Elliott Avenue** - Crestview Avenue to Fitzwatertown Road;

**Lamott Avenue** - Coolidge Avenue to Reservoir Avenue;

**Phipps Avenue** - Coolidge Avenue to Redwood Avenue;

**Redwood Avenue** - Lamott Avenue to Pierce Avenue;

**Elm Avenue** - Hawthorne Avenue to Limekiln Pike;

**Hamel Avenue** - Limekiln Pike to Spruce Avenue;

**Ivy Lane** - Elm Avenue to Hamel Avenue;

**Heather Lane** - Elm Avenue to Hamel Avenue

**Laurel Lane** - Elm Avenue to Hamel Avenue;

**Susan Drive** - Township Line Road to cul-de-sac;

**Susan Drive** - cul-de-sac;

**Mayfield Avenue** - Susan Drive to Perry Street

**Perry Street** - Township Line Road to Oswald Street;

**Barry Street** - Perry Street to cul-de-sac;

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**Sunset Avenue** - Meetinghouse Road to Evergreen Road;

**Washington Lane** - Susquehanna Road to Greenwood Avenue;

**Winter Road** - Fairy Hill Road to Pepper Road;

**Worrell Road** - Fairy Hill Road to Pepper Road;

**Gregory Road** - Fairy Hill Road to Pepper Road;

**Sylvania Avenue** - Rosemore Avenue to Fairhill Avenue;

**Sylvania Avenue** - Rosemore Avenue to Oakdale Avenue;

**Sylvania Avenue** - Keswick Avenue to Geneva Avenue;

**Anna Road** - Sherman Avenue to Sherman Avenue;

**Sherman Avenue** - Old Ford Road to Leona Avenue;

**Sherman Avenue** - Leona Avenue to Rockledge Avenue;

**Robbins Avenue;**

**Margaretta Avenue** - Brown Avenue to Robbins Avenue;

**Mankin Avenue** - Brown Avenue to Robbins Avenue;

**Brown Avenue** - Rockledge Avenue to Leona Avenue

**Leona Avenue** - Clair Avenue to Robbins Avenue

## Clean and Green

Help make Earth Day everyday with some of the following alternative cleaning products!

### Air Fresheners:

- Place baking soda in an open container of your choice. Good for closets, refrigerators and other small enclosed spaces;
- 2-3 slices of white bread absorb refrigerator odors;
- Place lemon slices in an open bowl in the kitchen;
- place unscented kitty litter in bowls to absorb room odors;
- Vinegar in a cup or bowl rids rooms of odors;
- Charcoal placed in a bowl rids rooms of odors;
- Pour vanilla extract into a shallow dish and set in an out-of-the-way place;
- Add a couple of drops of your favorite essential oil to the inside of the cardboard toilet tissue roll. With each turn, fragrance is released in the room.

### All Purpose Cleaners:

- Vinegar and salt. Mix together for a good surface cleaner.
- Baking soda. Dissolve 4 tablespoons baking soda in 1 quart warm water for a general cleaner.
- Baking soda on a damp sponge. Baking soda cleans and deodorizes all kitchen and bathroom surfaces.
- Use liquid castile soap and baking soda or Borax in different ratios. Use a little soap and soda/borax with lots of water on floors, walls and counters.
- For a general, all-purpose cleaner, try a paste made from baking soda and water or mix salt and water with a little vinegar. Add 3 tbsp. vinegar, 1/2 tsp. washing soda, 1/2 tsp. vegetable oil based liquid soap, 2 cups hot water. Mix ingredients in spray bottle or bucket. Apply and wipe clean.

### Drain Cleaner:

- For slow drains, use this drain cleaner once-a-week to keep drains fresh and clog-free. Use 1/2 cup baking soda, 1 cup white vinegar, and 1 gallon boiling water. Pour baking soda down drain/disposal, followed by vinegar. Allow the mixture to foam for several minutes before flushing the drain with boiling water.

### Porcelain Cleaner:

- Cream of Tartar. To clean porcelain surfaces, rub with cream of tartar sprinkled on a damp cloth.

## Board of Commissioners

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## 2010 Summer Reading Club

### “Make a Splash - Read”

Registration for this year's Summer Reading Club begins on Friday, June 18. Abington Township children of all ages (including preschoolers) are encouraged to read 20 minutes per day and record their progress in a log.

Children may read independently or be read to by others. Those who also keep a time log will be eligible to receive prizes upon completion of 5, 10, and 15 hours of reading (while supplies last). Children may turn in their reading logs to Abington Free Library or Roslyn Branch Library any time between August 9 and September 9 to receive a free book.

Check the library website, [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org) for more Summer Reading Club programs!

## Township Blood Drive

**June 17th - 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Abington Township Building  
1176 Old York Road, Abington  
Information/Sign Up: 267-536-1003