

# Abington Township

## Newsletter

Summer 2010 Volume 14, Issue 2

### RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

- Contracted with Associated Paving Contractors, Inc. and BCM Engineers for the 2010 Bond Issue/Phase I Storm Sewer Projects;
- Will preserve historic building at 1373/1383 Easton Road;
- Adopted ordinance to prohibit the delivery of unsolicited newspapers and established fines for the continued delivery of such materials after notice to stop;
- Public Hearing held requiring the annual registration of vacant buildings;
- Accepted grant of \$10,000 for Abington's PAL Program.

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.

View meetings on Comcast Channel 43 and Verizon Channel 24 Monday through Friday starting the Monday immediately following the meeting at 9 a.m., 3 p.m., 9 p.m. for one week.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**Labor Day** - Monday, September 6th -

No Newspaper Recycling

**Columbus Day** - Monday, October 11th -

No Newspaper Recycling

**Veterans' Day** - Thursday, November 11th

**Thanksgiving** - Thursday, November 25th

### 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

## Come to 'Pre-Night Out' Block Party

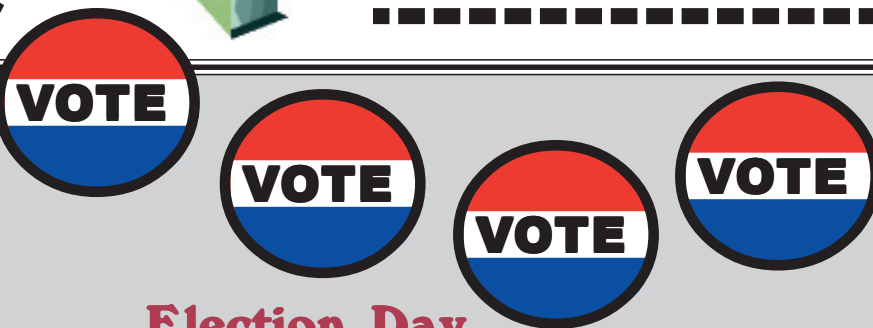
Mark your calendar to attend Abington's biggest block party ever, Pre-Night Out. This annual event takes place Monday, August 2 (rain date August 3), 6-10 p.m. in the Abington Town Center (Target) parking lot, Old York and London Roads. Mingle with friends and neighbors while enjoying food, entertainment, kids' games, and 'give-aways for all' from organizations and businesses. This is a great opportunity to give crime a boot out of Abington and to learn about the many resources and organizations serving citizens and making us a top 100 community in which to live, work, and grow.



## Do You Want to be Informed?



To receive Abington Township information i.e., community events, road closures, special bulletins, refuse collection changes, etc. by e-mail, please sign-up by going to [www.abington.org](http://www.abington.org) and clicking on 'Electronic News Distribution'.



## Election Day Tuesday, November 2nd

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

## 2010 BUDGET WORKSHOPS

All Budget Meetings and Workshops are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.

**October 15th** - Budget package forwarded to Commissioners

**October 21st** - Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - Budget Workshop.

**October 28th** - Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - Budget Workshop, as needed.

**November 4th** - Thursday, 8:00 p.m. - Preliminary Budget Meeting.

**November 18th** - Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - Budget Workshop as needed.

**December 9th** - Thursday, 8:00 p.m. - Final Budget Meeting - Public Hearing on Millage Ordinance

Please check Comcast Cable Channel 43 and Verizon Channel 24 for additional workshop dates should they be needed.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS

Officer Freed: 267-536-1078  
Officer Posey: 267-536-1076

## WEST NILE VIRUS THREAT



There are things that everyone can do around the home to help eliminate mosquito-breeding areas. Some of these tips include:

- Identify and eliminate all sources of standing water. Mosquitoes will breed in any puddle that lasts for more than four days;
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water holding containers that have collected on your property. Do not overlook containers that have become overgrown by aquatic vegetation;
- Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have collected water on your property;
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left out of doors;
- Have clogged roof gutters cleaned on an annual basis, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to block drains;
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use;
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths;
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish;
- Keep swimming pools clean and chlorinated.

## Did You Know?

It's been there for years, but did you know ...



The mysterious 4-story, light grey building adjoining Burger King in Willow Grove is actually the Eastern Montgomery County Court House Annex. This singular offshoot of the Norristown Courthouse Prothonotary replicates many courthouse services. Utilizing the Annex can expedite time-sensitive records access and filing, and eliminate mail worries and driving to Norristown.

As adjunct Prothonotary, the Annex is able to access divorce records, name changes, recorded judgments, suits and liens, and produce certified copies. For new records filing, original in-hand documents are scanned and returned on-the-spot.

As a Passport Acceptance Facility, the Annex reviews and accepts applications then forwards them to Norristown (both cash and check are required to process).

Applications for birth and death certificates are available. Marriage certificates and recorded deeds require direct communication with Norristown. Bring proper ID and friendly helpful Annex staff will direct you through the process.

The Eastern Montgomery County Court House Annex is located on York Road in Willow Grove across from the train station. Hours are 9-4 for legal filing and 9-3:45 for passport applications (hours are strictly observed). District Court shares the building and uses the other entrance. On-site parking is available, but cars parked at Burger King or Weinrichs have been towed.

For additional information, please call 215-784-5438 or visit [www.montcopa.org/prothy](http://www.montcopa.org/prothy)

## Abington Earns Tree City, USA Designation

Phil McGrath, PA DEP State Urban Forester, presented Abington with its 3rd Tree City USA designation at its recent Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration at Roslyn Park. More than 50 community volunteers including cub scouts from Packs 437 and 438 came out to plant more than 200 trees along the Sandy Run. The native trees will help to restore the vegetative cover along the creek's channel by filtering out pollutants before they enter the waterway and improve the diversity of the local wildlife habitat. The project was sponsored by the Abington Township Environmental Advisory Council and funded by a Tree Vitalize Grant.

## Environmental Advisory Council

The EAC received a WREN (Water Resources Education Network) grant to conduct a series of workshops related to protecting our waterways. Below is a listing of the workshops:

### "Green Your Lawn: Organic Lawn Care"

Location: Meadowbrook Farms

Date: Sept. 2010

Free and open to public. Includes refreshments and raffle prizes.

### "Rain Barrels and You: Save Money, Protect Streams"

Location: Abington Township Building

Date: Wednesday, October 13 at 7 p.m.

Workshop is free and open to the public. \$35 rain barrel voucher from Primax, free for low income residents.

For more information on these programs, please call Michele at 215-884-4822 or [jjkaczalek@aol.com](mailto:jjkaczalek@aol.com).

## Calling All Artists

If you have brushed (or chalked) a masterpiece and would like to loan it to Abington Township for display in our 2nd Floor Boardroom, we would be honored. Our monthly meetings are held in this room and are videotaped for the public. Your work would be viewed by other Abington residents and our boardroom would be bejeweled! Please call 267-536-1004 if you are interested.



## Fire Prevention Week

Open Houses: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Abington Fire Company  
Monday, October 4, 2010

McKinley Fire Company  
Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Roslyn Fire Company  
Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Weldon Fire Company  
Thursday, October 7, 2010

Edge Hill Fire Company  
Friday, October 8, 2010

## Delivery of Unsolicited Newspapers

If you are weary of picking up newspapers at the end of your driveway that you didn't order, you may be happy to know that Abington Township just passed an ordinance restricting the delivery of unsolicited newspapers.



Ordinance #1992 will impose a fine on any publisher or distributor who delivers an unsolicited newspaper to a property more than seven days after receiving a written notice from the property owner asking that delivery be discontinued.

Along with the unsightly condition of litter and the time it takes to gather and dispose of these unsolicited newspapers, comes the risk of burglary or trespassing if your home appears to be unoccupied. Please call us if you have questions regarding this ordinance at 267-536-1004.

## Public Works Department Reminders

### ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

Please keep an eye out for your annual leaf collection letter which should be mailed to you in late September or early October.

### HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The next Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection will take place at Abington Junior High School in the rear faculty parking lot, located at 970 Highland Avenue, Abington from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 12th. Please note that this collection is taking place on a weekday.

### SWITCH YOUR TRASH CAN?

All requests for changes in trash cart sizes must take place between September 1 and September 30, 2010. If you have a 95-gallon trash cart and feel you generate significantly less trash and would like to switch your trash cart to a 66- or 35-gallon trash cart, please contact the Refuse Department at 267-536-1038 or 267-536-1037. By the same token, if you have a smaller cart and wish to switch to a larger cart, you may also do that.

### TOWNSHIP-WIDE CLEAN-UP

The Township-Wide Clean-Up will take place during the week of October 12 through October 15 depending on your trash day. During that week, on your normal trash day, we will take your typical trash that you put out in your regular trash cart plus any *typical excess trash* which (during this week only) can be placed in store purchased refuse bags. **No electronics, hazardous waste, construction material or large item pick-ups will be accepted.**

# Briar Bush Happenings Board of Commissioners

## Magic Mornings

2-3 year olds with adult

Thursday/Friday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

\$10/class; \$5 additional child

Toddlers and adults discover nature together! Snack provided.

September 2 & 3; October 7 & 8, 21 & 22; November 4 & 5, 18 & 19; December 2 & 3, 16 & 17.

## Preschool Pioneers

4-5 year olds

Tuesdays 1-2 p.m.

\$32/4 day series; \$24/3 day series

Preschoolers are invited to join us for a month-long series of 'back to nature' fun.

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16, 23

December 7, 14, 21, 28

## The Freaky Facts and Monstrous Myths about Halloween's Animals

Recommended for ages 5 and up

October 31

Spiders, owls, snakes and bats...these and other animals are very closely associated with Halloween and all things spooky. But do they really deserve such a frightful reputation? Put on your Halloween costume and come separate freaky fact from monstrous myth.

## Make Your Own Pottery

Philadelphia, PA

Wednesday, November 3 - 9:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Get inspired...get creative...get (a little) messy! Creating your own useful or decorative pottery pieces is easy and fun, especially with an expert guiding you through the process.

## Fall Family Festival

Save the date for our FREE Fall Family Festival! Sunday, October 3 from 1-4 p.m. Live animals, nature hikes, crafts, and activities for kids of all ages.

## Feather Our Nest

The 20th Annual Feather Our Nest Gala and Silent Auction will be at Cairnwood Estate in Bryn Athyn on Thursday, November 11. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and features live and silent auctions, raffle drawings, entertainment, valet parking, a complimentary bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Ticket prices are \$65, \$80, and \$100. Please contact Briar Bush Nature Center at 215-887-6603 for more information or an invitation.

**Information on Programs: 215-887-6603**

Ward 1

Ward 2

Ward 3

Ward 4

Ward 5

Ward 6

Ward 7

Ward 8

Ward 9

Ward 10

Ward 11

Ward 12

Ward 13

Ward 14

Ward 15

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## Adult Programs at Abington Free Library

### WWII Lecture Series

Every third Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Get the story from the men and women who were there.

### Daytime Book Discussion Group

Every first Thursday at 1 p.m.

Aug. 5 - Little Bee, Chris Cleave

Sept. 2 - The Faith Club: a Muslim, Christian, Jew - three women search for understanding, Ranya Idiby

Oct. 7 - You or Someone Like You, Chandler Burr

Nov. 4 - The Lacuna, Barbara Kingsolver

Dec. 2 - Mudbound, Hilary Jordan

### The Ruth Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Sept. 15 - Bright Star: a film about Keats and Fanny

Oct. 20 - Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

Nov. 17 - Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel

### Folk Guitar Workshop Series

Six lesson course starting Mondays in September at 7 p.m. for age 15 and up. Check the website or flyers for updates. Instructor will bring some guitars to lessons.

### Online Resource Class

Thursday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon

Thursday, Nov. 4 from 7-8 p.m.

Learn what your library card can do for you! One of our librarians will lead a discussion of the library's online databases/resources and searching in our online catalog

**Information: 215-885-5180, extension 15**