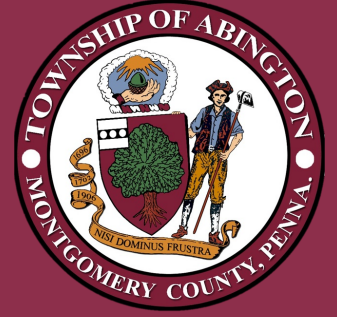


# TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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December 2021 Edition

The Board of Commissioners and Township Administration want to thank all of our employees and volunteers for their hard work and service this past year, and wish everyone a healthy, safe, and happy holiday season and New Year.



## DECEMBER MEETINGS

- 12/1 Land Use, Public Affairs, Public Safety, & Public Works Committees, CANCELLED
- 12/1 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 12/8 Environmental Advisory Council, 7:30 PM
- 12/9 Special Meeting: FY 2022 Budget, Tax Levy and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2189, 6:30 PM
- 12/9 Board of Commissioners, 6:30 PM
- 12/9 Committee of the Whole, 7 PM
- 12/14 Shade Tree Commission, 7 PM
- 12/16 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 12/20 Library Board, 7 PM
- 12/21 Economic Development Committee, CANCELLED
- 12/21 Comprehensive Plan Development Team, 6 PM
- 12/21 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 12/28 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM

## NEWS & UPDATES

### BOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED TONIGHT 12/1

**Notice:** The Township of Abington's, Board of Commissioners (BOC) Committee meetings, including the Land Use Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2021, are canceled. The PREIT map and zoning text amendment requests for the Willow Grove Mall Park site that was to be on the December 1st, Land Use Committee agenda will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on a date to be determined. In advance of the Board formally voting on the PREIT request, a Public meeting will be held to ensure the public is informed and has an additional opportunity to provide public comment prior to the Board of Commissioners voting on considering the PREIT request. More information will be posted at [www.abingtonpa.gov/landuse](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/landuse) and on the [Township's Calendar](#) as it becomes available.

### FY 2022 BUDGET AND 12/9 SPECIAL MEETING INFORMATION

Our FY 2022 Budget Book is now available to view online at [www.abingtonpa.gov/2022budget](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/2022budget).

The Abington Township Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting for the purpose of considering taking

final action on the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget and adopting the Tax Levy and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2189 on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Residents can participate in person or by webinar. [For webinar and location information, please click here.](#)

Online Budget Portal

## THIRD LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS 12/20

The yearly fall leaf collection program is running on schedule this year; however, as there is still an abundance of leaves that have not fallen yet, the Public Works Department will be making a third and final sweep of the township beginning on Monday, December 20, 2021. Please see below for the schedule. Leaves must be placed curbside by 7 AM on your scheduled collection day. Once the Public Works crews come through your neighborhood they will not return. Any leaves put to the curb after this last collection will have to be bagged in brown biodegradable bags and placed curbside for pick up on your trash day.

As a reminder, yard debris is now collected year round in brown biodegradable bags on your normal trash day.

### REMAINING SECOND LEAF COLLECTION AREAS:

November 29 - December 3: Areas C, D, F, J

December 6 - December 10: Areas M, N, O

December 13 - December 17: Areas K, L

### THIRD LEAF COLLECTION AREAS:

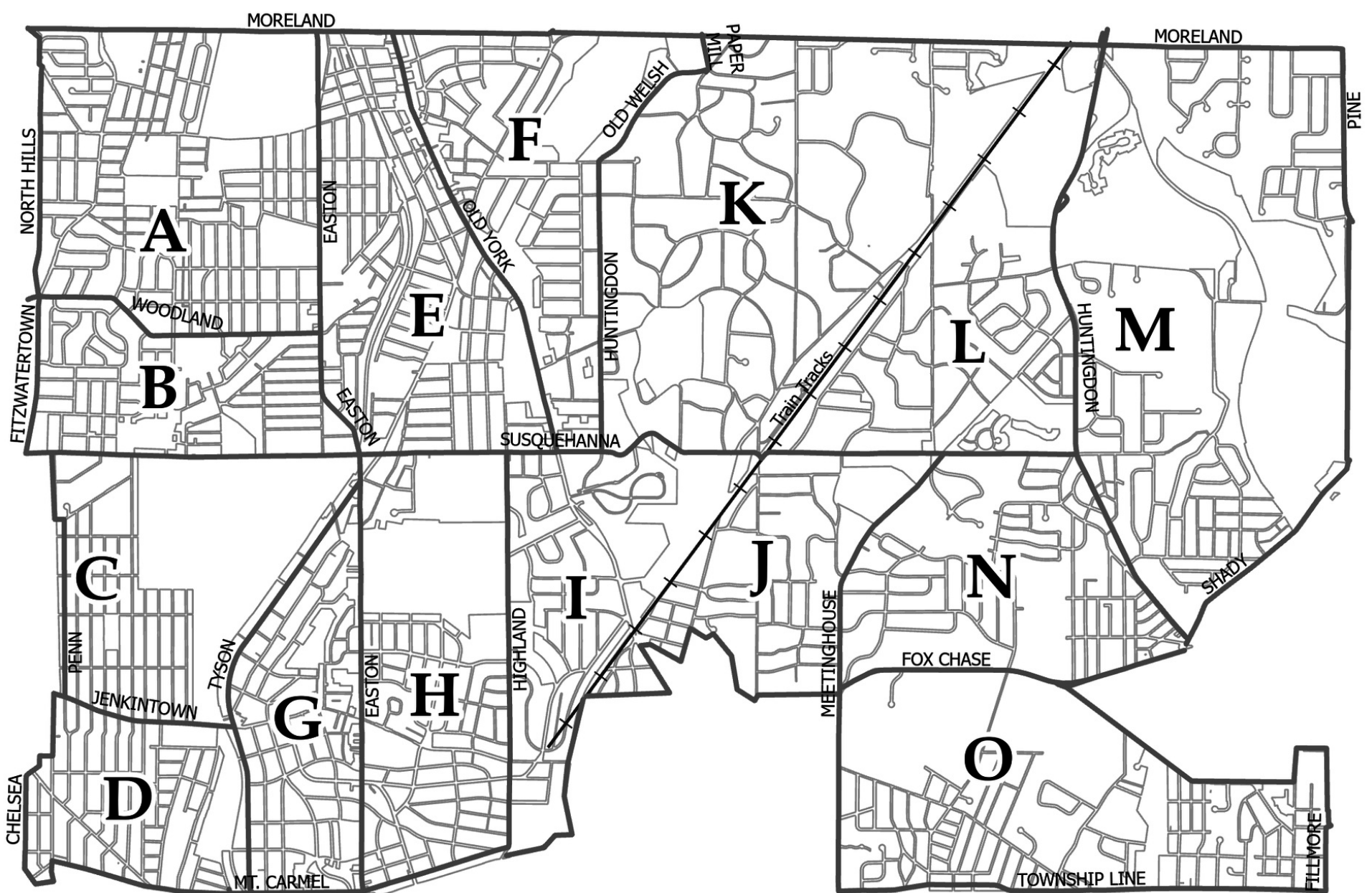
December 20: Areas G, H, I

December 21: Areas A, B, E

December 22: Areas C, D, F

December 27: Areas M, N, O

December 28: Areas J, K, L



## ALVERTHORPE BIOSWALE & RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

A stormwater project was just completed at Alverthorpe Park which included the installation of two rain gardens and a bioswale. [Click here or the image below to learn more!](#)



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### **TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 12/24, NO TRASH/YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION**

Township offices will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2021 in observance of Christmas Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Friday, December 24, and Monday, December 27, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Monday, December 27. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Tuesday, December 28.

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### **TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 12/31, NO TRASH/YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION**

Township offices will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021 in observance of New Years Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Friday, December 31, and Monday, January 3, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Monday, January 3, 2022. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Tuesday, January 4.

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### **ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY NOW OPEN ON SUNDAYS**

The Abington Free Library is now open on Sundays from 1:30 - 5:00 PM. With this addition, the Library is now open seven days a week!

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### **2022 CALENDAR**

The 2022 Township calendars will be mailed out this month! If you do not receive your calendar by the new year, please email us at [info@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:info@abingtonpa.gov) or call 267-536-1004.

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### **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS**

- As a reminder, Alverthorpe Park winter hours, 8 AM to 5 PM, are now in effect through March 6, 2022.
- Renovations to the Crestmont Park basketball court have been completed and it is now open for use.

- Free firewood is now available for resident pick-up at select locations. [Please click here for more information.](#)

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## CDC HAS AUTHORIZED COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS FOR ALL ADULTS

The CDC has authorized booster shots for all adults over the age of 18.

- [CDC webpage](#)
- [Montgomery County COVID-19 Vaccine Information Website](#)

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## ATFD FIRE COMPANIES SANTA RUNS

The five (5) ATFD Fire Companies are conducting “Santa Runs” throughout the streets of Abington this holiday season. Each fire company will be driving Santa through the neighborhoods on a fire truck to say hello to everyone. Below are the dates and times for the Santa Runs for each fire company. The route maps are still being finalized and will be posted to social media when available.

- **Abington Fire Company:** Saturday, December 11, 2021, starting at 1 PM
- **Roslyn Fire Company:** Saturday, December 11, 2021, starting at 1 PM
- **Edge Hill Fire Company:** Saturday, December 18, 2021, starting at 1 PM
- **McKinley Fire Company:** Saturday, December 18, 2021, starting at 2 PM
- **Weldon Fire Company:** Friday, December 24, 2021, starting at 1 PM

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## HOLIDAY TREE PICK UP BEGINS ON JANUARY 4

Christmas tree pick up begins on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Place your trees curbside on your normal trash day throughout the month of January. Please do not put trees in plastic bags and be sure to remove all lights and ornaments as the trees will be ground up and composted.

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## MORTGAGE & RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Abington Township, through HUD’s Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Relief Funds, will provide grants to households to make payments for rent and mortgage. Program information and application available at [www.abingtonpa.gov/housingassistance](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/housingassistance).

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## ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Abington Township, through HUD’s Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Relief Funds, will provide grants to eligible Township businesses that are in serious jeopardy of closing due solely to the recent COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic impacts. Grant amounts will vary according to need and availability. Applications are available at [www.abingtonpa.gov/smallbizassistance](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/smallbizassistance).

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## GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

This grant program assists organizations that have experienced an increase in requests by Abington Township residents as a result of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic impacts. Program information and application available at [www.abingtonpa.gov/foodbankassistance](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/foodbankassistance).

For more news, please visit our website at [www.abingtonpa.gov](http://www.abingtonpa.gov).

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# PROGRAMS & EVENTS



## **RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7  
7 AM - 6:30 PM

On Tuesday, December 7, the Parks and Recreation Department will travel by motor coach to New York City to attend the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes. The bus will depart Alverthorpe Park at 7 AM and return at 6:30 PM. Tickets are still available.

[More Info](#)



## **SPECIAL MEETING: FY 2022 BUDGET, TAX LEVY & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2189**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9  
6:30 PM

The ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will hold a special meeting for the purpose of considering and taking final action on the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget and adopting the Tax Levy and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2189. The special meeting will be held on December 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in-person and by webinar.

[More Info](#)



## WINTERFEST AT ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12  
2 - 3:30 PM

- Winter concert performed by the Abington Senior High School Choir
- Friends of the Abington Library Book Sale
- Hot cocoa and baked goods for sale
- Take & make crafts for children of all ages

[More Info](#)

For a full list of programs and events, please visit our calendar at [www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar).

## SPOTLIGHT

### HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

The holiday season often brings additional recycling opportunities. Mark Maxwell, Superintendent of Refuse and Recycling, will share what is and is not recyclable during this holiday season including cardboard boxes, wrapping paper, and common food items. [Click here or the image below to learn more!](#)



## TIP OF THE MONTH



### APD Holiday Safety and Crime Prevention Tips

- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Be sure to mail cards, checks or gift certificates from the Post Office.
- Lock your vehicle and don't leave gifts/packages in view when shopping.

#### Leaving for the Holidays

- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to watch your home. You can also register your home as an away home with Abington PD by using this link: <https://www.abingtonpd.org/contact-us/away-notification/>
- Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.
- Remember to arrange a hold or pick up of mail and newspapers.

#### After the Holidays

- Don't advertise expensive toys, electronics, or other gifts received by the boxes left outside, break them down and dispose of them in recycling.
- Add new items to your home inventory. Take photos or video of all items of value in your home and list each item's make, model, serial number and other information.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!!

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Refuse Division	<a href="mailto:publicworks@abingtonpa.gov">publicworks@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1034
Wastewater	<a href="mailto:AbingtonWWUD@abingtonpa.gov">AbingtonWWUD@abingtonpa.gov</a>	215.886.0934
Code Enforcement	<a href="mailto:codeenforcement@abingtonpa.gov">codeenforcement@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1000 ext. 4
Tax Office	<a href="mailto:jblumenthal@abingtonpa.gov">jblumenthal@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1024
Traffic Safety	<a href="mailto:trafficsafety@abingtonpa.gov">trafficsafety@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1100
Pot Holes	<a href="mailto:potholes@abingtonpa.gov">potholes@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1034
Fire Services	<a href="mailto:firemarshal@abingtonpa.gov">firemarshal@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1055
Parks & Recreation	<a href="mailto:parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov">parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov</a>	215.576.5213

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[Township Website](#)

[Applications & Forms](#)

[Police Department](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Trash Collection & Recycling](#)

[Fire Department](#)

[Parks & Recreation](#)

[Large Item Pick Up](#)

[Contact Us & Location](#)

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