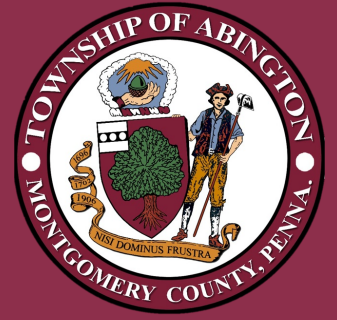
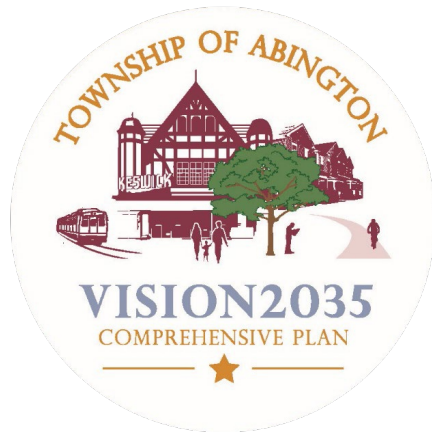


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February 2022 Edition



## VISION2035: AN UPDATE TO THE TOWNSHIP'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Explore progress on Vision2035, an update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan, at [www.abingtonpa.gov/vision2035](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/vision2035).

The comprehensive plan is a document that guides future initiatives, policies, projects and growth within the Township including land use, transportation of people and goods, housing, township facilities and utilities, and natural and historical resources and is enabled under the [Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of 1968](#). Your participation is critical in helping develop the plan and ensuring it is reflective of our community's needs and wants; not only for the Township as a whole but the individual communities that comprise it.

There are several ways to participate and stay engaged in the development of the plan:

- Attend the monthly Comprehensive Plan Development Team meeting
  - Next meeting: [February 15 at 6 PM](#)
- Submit a question or comment by [clicking here](#) or emailing [vision2035@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:vision2035@abingtonpa.gov)
- [Review and provide feedback on draft plan chapters](#)
- Participate in the future land use survey to be announced later this month

### FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- 2/2 Comprehensive Plan Consistency Committee, 7 PM
- 2/2 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 2/8 Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 PM
- 2/9 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 PM
- 2/10 Board of Commissioners, 7 PM
- 2/10 Board of Commissioners Working Session, 7:30 PM
- 2/15 Comprehensive Plan Development Team, 6 PM
- 2/15 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 2/17 Pension Plan Committee, 6 PM
- 2/17 Finance Committee, 7 PM
- 2/21 Fire Board, 7:30 PM
- 2/22 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM
- 2/24 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 2/28 Library Board, 7 PM

## NEWS & UPDATES

### LIMEKILN PIKE BRIDGE CLOSED 2/5 - 2/6

Limekiln Pike Bridge will be closed in both directions between Willow Grove Ave. and Mount Carmel Ave. beginning 3 PM Saturday, February 5, 2022, through 8 AM Sunday, February 6, 2022, for removal of the Aqua Water Bridge. For more information on the Limekiln Pike Bridge project, [please click here](#).

### SUSQUEHANNA ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Utility work is being conducted on Susquehanna Road from Fitzwatertown Road to Bradfield Road and is expected to occur through July 2022.

PECO trench restoration is expected to be complete by late January 2022 with the project being finalized by mid-

February. In March 2022, AQUA America will be replacing the water main along the same section of road. This work is expected to last four to five months. Once complete, the road will be milled and paved.

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## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO SERVE ON THE HRC**

The Township Board of Commissioners is accepting written expressions of interest and accompanying resumes to serve on the Human Relations Commission (HRC). To find out more about the HRC, please visit [www.abingtonpa.gov/HRC](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/HRC).

Please contact Ms. Terry Castorina, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager, at 267-536-1003, [tcastorina@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:tcastorina@abingtonpa.gov), with any questions about the interview and selection process or for specific details about the committee.

**Submission deadline is February 4, 2022.**

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## **EXPANDED HOURS AT ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Abington Township Public Library has expanded hours at the Abington Free Library and Roslyn Branch Library. Please see the schedule below or visit [www.abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org).

### **Abington Free Library**

- Monday - Thursday: 9:30 AM to 9 PM
- Friday - Saturday: 9:30 AM to 5 PM
- Sunday: 1 PM - 5 PM

### **Roslyn Branch Library**

- Monday: 11 AM to 9 PM
  - Tuesday and Thursday: 11 AM to 6 PM
  - Friday: 11 AM to 5 PM
  - Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM
  - Wednesday & Sunday: Closed
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## **LEARN ABOUT SNOW EMERGENCIES**

[Click here or the image below to watch a video from Lt. Tom Scott explaining what snow emergencies are and what they mean for residents.](#)



**LIEUTENANT TOM SCOTT**  
Abington Township Police Department

### 37th ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

In case you missed the 37th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Remembrance event, the program can be viewed online at [www.abingtonpa.gov/MLK](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/MLK).



37TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE  
*honoring* **REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**"A CONVERSATION WITH  
DR. ALA STANFORD"**

January 17, 2022

### 2022 SPRING & SUMMER ACTIVITIES GUIDE

The 2022 Abington Township Spring and Summer Activities Guide is at the printer! The guide will be mailed to your homes and posted online at [www.abingtonpa.gov/prguide](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/prguide) in the coming weeks.

### 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 the application are 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 the application are available at [www.abingtonpa.gov/foodbankassistance](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/foodbankassistance).

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## **2022 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Comprehensive Plan Consistency Committee**

- The Comprehensive Plan Consistency Committee's core scope and duties is ensuring relevance and consistency as measured against the Township's mission and vision to enhance the quality of life for residents. It shall consider any amendments to the zoning or subdivision and land development ordinance and ensure the focus area relative to creating a safe, inclusive, sustainable and connective community is attained with emphasis on the Housing, Future Land Use Compatibility with Development and Plans of Surrounding Areas chapters of the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Meetings:**
  - Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7 PM

### **Finance Committee**

- The Finance Committee shall have as its core scope and duty policy matters pertaining to budget, Township revenues and expenses and audit.
- **Meetings:**
  - Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7 PM

### **Infrastructure Committee**

- The Infrastructure Committee's core scope and duties is to consider capital investment in parks, open space, trails, wastewater, pavement management, transportation, stormwater, utilities and broadband infrastructure, and consider and review the Comprehensive Plan chapters related to parks, open space, trails and transportation investment.
- **Meetings:**
  - Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7 PM

### **Pension Plan Committee**

- The Pension Plan Committee administers the Municipal Non-Uniformed Employee Pension Plan and the Employee's Pension Plan for the Township.
- **Meetings:**
  - Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6 PM
  - Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6 PM
  - Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6 PM
  - Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6 PM

### **Strategic Plan Committee**

- The Strategic Plan Committee's core scope and duties is to be responsible for recommending a strategic planning consultant to the Board of Commissioners and to ensure the vision, mission and strategic focus areas, as they relate to the implementation of the strategic plan, are meeting the goals as defined by the Board of Commissioners.
- **Meetings:**
  - Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7 PM
  - Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7 PM

Please note, Board committees may hold additional meetings as needed. Such meetings will be duly advertised.

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## **YARD DEBRIS IS NOW COLLECTED IN FEBRUARY**

Reminder that yard debris is collected all year round on your regularly scheduled trash collection day.

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## **TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, NO TRASH/YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION**

Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 for Presidents' Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Monday, February 21, and Tuesday, February 22, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Tuesday, February 22. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Wednesday, February 23.

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## **ATTENTION MOTORISTS**



## Attention Motorists!

Please be aware that there will be **NO PARKING**  
in the following areas:

- East side of Fitzwatertown Road from Anzac Avenue to Woodland Road
- East and west sides of Fitzwatertown Road from Woodland Road to Moreland Road

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REGISTER NOW FOR 2022 CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY



# Citizens Police Academy

Join us Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for eight weeks beginning March 9th and running through April 27nd.

Participants will learn about SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics), accident investigation, police K-9, use of force, CSI processing, and many other interesting police functions. All classes are taught by Abington officers and members of other agencies. There is no homework, and it's FREE!



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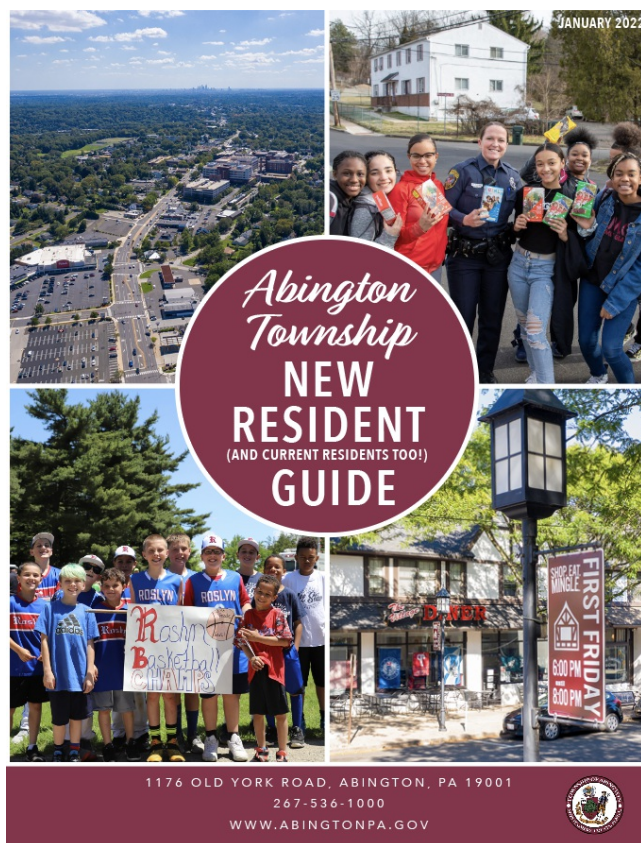


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[Click here to register!](#)

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

**SPOTLIGHT**



## NEW RESIDENT (and current residents too!) GUIDE

We are thrilled to announce our updated New Resident Guide is live on our website at [www.abingtonpa.gov/NewResidentGuide](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/NewResidentGuide). This guide provides both new and current residents useful information about Abington, our services, meetings, departments, and frequently asked questions.

Click here to view the guide!

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS



### WINTERFEST AT BRIAR BUSH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
1 PM - 4 PM

On Super Bowl Sunday, don't lay around bored with anticipation. Come celebrate the winter season before the big game! The whole family is welcome to participate in winter-themed games, activities, crafts, & more! Registration is not required.

More Info





## A TASTE OF AFRICAN HERITAGE: COOKING CLASS SERIES

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 23  
6 PM

A Taste of African Heritage celebrates the healthy food traditions of the African diaspora. Explore the rich cultural history of African heritage foods and this traditional way of eating for better health.

This six-week virtual cooking class will take place on Wednesdays, from February 16 to March 23 and will begin at 6:00 PM. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all six sessions. Registration is required. [Click here to register.](#)

[More Info](#)



## "ANYTHING WITH A PLUG" ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
9 AM - 12 PM  
2201 FLOREY LANE

Residents can drop off unwanted electronics to be recycled at the Public Works Yard located at 2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001. Pre-registration is recommended at <https://bit.ly/3lym5PX>. Please note: There is a cost for TV's and monitors.

[More Info](#)

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

**TIP OF THE MONTH**



# Winter Driving Safety Tips

- Remove snow and ice from vehicles before driving
- Make sure wiper blades are in working order
- Ensure windows are defrosted
- **TRAVEL AT A SAFE SPEED:**
  - the posted speed limit **ISN'T** necessarily the appropriate speed limit during snow and ice conditions
- Watch for black ice
- Leave a safe distance between you and the car in front of you... **DON'T TAILGATE!**
- **LEAVE SPACE** for snowplows and snow
- **WATCH** for pedestrians in the roadway

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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
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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](#)

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