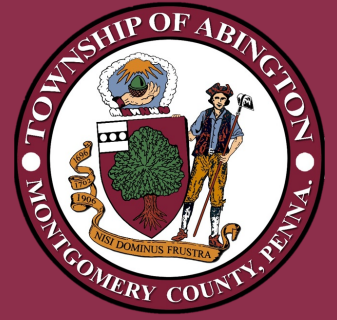


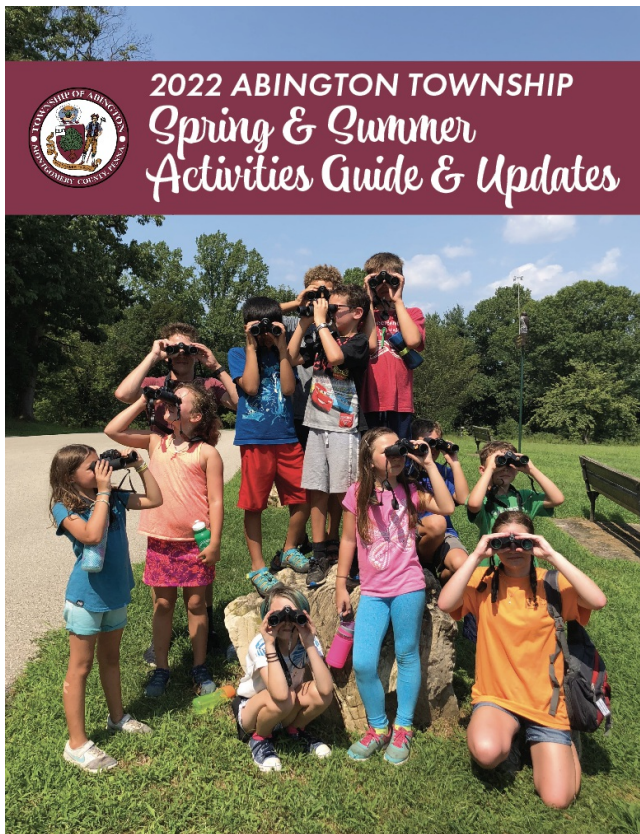
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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March 2022 Edition

PROGRAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Our 2022 Spring and Summer Activities Guide and Updates is now live on our website at www.abingtonpa.gov/2022ActivitiesGuide. The guide includes youth and adult program information for Parks and Recreation, including Briar Bush Nature Center, the Library, and Public Works, in addition to an FY 2022 budget summary, Board of Commissioners meetings, and general information.

Registration Schedule:

- Registration for all Parks and Recreation programs is now open.
 - [Click here to register.](#)
- Pool registration begins on Monday, March 7 at www.abingtonpa.gov/pools.
 - Please note, Parks and Recreation is currently evaluating non-resident membership and pool times.

The guide will be mailed to residents shortly. Additional information can be found at www.abingtonpa.gov/prguide. If you have any questions, please contact our Parks and Recreation Department at 215-576-5213 or parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov.

[Click here to view the guide!](#)

MARCH MEETINGS

- 3/2 Infrastructure Committee, 7 PM
- 3/2 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 3/8 Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 PM
- 3/9 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 PM
- 3/10 Board of Commissioners, 7 PM
- 3/10 Board of Commissioners Working Session, 7:30 PM
- 3/15 Comprehensive Plan Development Team, 6 PM
- 3/15 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 3/22 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM
- 3/24 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 3/24 Finance Committee, 7 PM
- 3/28 Library Board, 7 PM

NEWS & UPDATES

VISION2035, ABINGTON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Explore progress on Vision2035, an update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan, at 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: [March 15 at 6 PM](#)
- Submit a question or comment by [clicking here](#) or emailing vision2035@abingtonpa.gov
- [Review and provide feedback on draft plan chapters](#)
- Participate in the future land use survey to be announced later this month

WE'RE HIRING FOR SUMMER JOBS



Do you know someone looking for a fun summer job? We have part-time seasonal positions available such as summer camp director and camp counselor at www.abingtonpa.gov/jobs.

Want to work at the pools? Several positions will be posted shortly including lifeguards, front desk attendants, and more, so be sure to check back soon! Lifeguard certifications are offered in April and June. Check page 7 in the Activities Guide for more details at www.abingtonpa.gov/2022ActivitiesGuide.

Employment Opportunities

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

You have probably noticed AQUA and PECO in the roadways around the area. They are updating their utility lines to better serve our residents. This will be an ongoing process and when all work is done, the road will be repaved and then undisturbed for at least the next five years, or more. If any concerns arise, feel free to contact us at 267-536-1016 or engineering@abingtonpa.gov.

AQUA WORK BEGINS ON SUSQUEHANNA ROAD ON 3/1

Aqua will be replacing the water main on Susquehanna Rd. from Maple Ave. to Bradfield Rd. beginning March 1, 2022. The work will take place weekdays between 9 AM and 3 PM, however, crews may need to work an occasional Saturday. The project is expected to be completed in June.

PENNDOT TO REPAIR POTHOLES IN ABINGTON

PennDOT will be repairing potholes on more than 70 state highways this week including the following in Abington Township:

- Route 73
- Jenkintown Road/Walnut Street
- Susquehanna Road

[Click here to view the full PennDOT press release.](#)

PA PFAS UPDATES



Call 877-267-2890

to sign up for the PA PFAS Multi-site Health Study

sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

What is the purpose of the PA PFAS Multi-site Health Study?

The purpose of the PA Multi-site Health Study is to learn how PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) affects health. The study will measure blood PFAS levels in PA participants and see how their health compares to the health of other participants across the country. RTI International, the PA Department of Health, Temple University, and Brown University are partnering on this first national study to learn how drinking PFAS contaminated water may affect health.

How many people can participate in the PA PFAS Multi-site Health Study?

Overall, **1,000 adults ages 18 and older** and **300 children ages 4 to 17** (with parent or guardian permission) who have lived in one of the selected communities may be eligible.

What are PFAS?

PFAS are human-made chemicals used since the 1950s in a variety of products, including some cosmetics; water, grease, and oil-resistant products; and some firefighting foams.



Two large military bases in Bucks and Montgomery counties used PFAS-containing firefighting foams in firefighting exercises for several decades. As a result, drinking water in communities near the bases was contaminated with PFAS.

What will happen when you participate in the study?

Trained health professionals will:

- collect blood and urine levels,
- take health measurements,
- ask about your medical history, and
- assess behaviors in child participants.



Blood tests measure PFAS levels and markers for immune response, lipid metabolism, kidney function, thyroid disease, liver disease, glycemic parameters, and diabetes. Participants will receive individual test results with their PFAS levels that they can share with healthcare providers.



Call the Toll-Free Study Hotline 877-267-2890

to sign up for the PA PFAS Multi-site Health Study.

For additional information see the study website: <https://papfas.rti.org/> or email our study team at papfashealth@rti.org

Multi-Site Health Study

Recruitment has begun for the PA PFAS Multi-Site Health Study, which is sponsored by the CDC and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). The purpose of this study is to learn how PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) affects health. Residents can check their eligibility by calling 877-267-2890. For more information, please visit <https://papfas.rti.org/>.

DEP Public Comment Period

The PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is holding a public comment period through Wednesday, April 27, on a new regulation to protect people from PFAS.

Comments can be submitted to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) through [DEP's eComment system](#), or via email at RegComments@pa.gov. Each comment must include a subject heading of the proposed rulemaking and the name and address of the person submitting the comment. Written comments can be mailed to the Environmental Quality Board, P.O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477.

Learn more at www.dep.pa.gov/PFAS.

ARBOR DAY 2022 TREE GIVEAWAY FOR ABINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Abington Township Shade Tree Commission (STC) is providing FREE trees to residents of Abington Township. [For more information, click here](#) or [to register for the tree giveaway, click here](#).

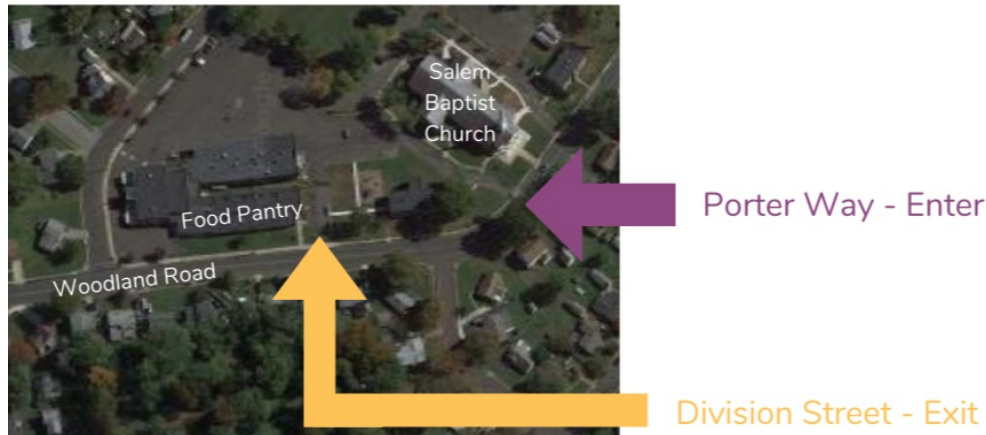
- **When:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10 AM – 12 PM

- There will be a tree planting demonstration at 10 AM.
- **Where:** Abington Free Library, 1030 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001
- **Who:** Abington Township residents only; trees must be planted in Abington Township
- **How:** 100 native trees will be given away on a first-registered, first-reserved basis.

[Click here for information about each tree.](#)

[Click here for a flyer with details on the event.](#)

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY HAS MOVED



A local food pantry, Family Promise Montco PA (formerly Inter-Faith Housing Alliance), has moved their location to the main campus of Salem Baptist Church, 2801 Woodland Road, Roslyn, PA 19001.

Food distribution hours:

Monday, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 AM - 1 PM

Donation hours:

Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 AM - 1 PM

9 PM CHECKLIST FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Be Safe and Sound! Follow us on Social Media for your 9 PM routine reminder!

Facebook: [@AbingtonTownshipPD](#)

Twitter: [@abingtonpolice](#)

Instagram: [@abingtonpolice](#)

The 9 PM Routine is a public safety social media campaign that was created to help remind citizens to remember to lock up their vehicles and homes every evening. This is a great tool aimed to help prevent crimes of opportunity. Each evening, we will post a 9 PM Routine reminder as a way to remind our residents to:

- Remove valuables from their vehicle.
- Ensure that vehicle doors are locked.
- Check that doors to your home are also locked.
- Turn on exterior lights.
- Report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.



9PM CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Remove valuables from your vehicle, lock doors
- ✓ Close your garage
- ✓ Lock your inner garage door
- ✓ Close & lock exterior doors and windows
- ✓ Set your home and car alarms

#9PMRoutine

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SUBMIT A PROJECT OR IDEA ON HOW TO USE RECOVERY FUNDS TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S RECOVERY OFFICE

Montgomery County is seeking your input on how pandemic recovery funds (ARPA) should be utilized. Submit your projects and ideas on how these funds can be best used in your community.

[Click here to visit Montgomery County's Recovery Office webpage.](#)

[Click here to submit projects and ideas.](#)

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.

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.

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.

For more news, please visit our website at www.abingtonpa.gov.

SPOTLIGHT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Virtual Community Listening Events

As the Township prepares to put together its Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), residents and nonprofit organizations are invited to share their ideas for projects and programs at our virtual community listening events on Tuesday, March 22, at 10 AM and 7 PM. The CDBG Program support community development activities that build stronger and more resilient communities. Activities may address needs such as infrastructure, economic development projects, public facilities installation, community centers, housing rehabilitation, public services, and more, with an eye for serving the residents and neighborhoods with the most need.

- **Meeting and webinar information:**
 - Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022
 - Times:
 - 10 AM: [Please click here for webinar information.](#)
 - 7 PM: [Please click here for webinar information.](#)

Public Hearing on Draft Plan

Following the Township's CDBG listening event, a draft Annual Action Plan (AAP) will be compiled and put on public display (exact dates pending in May 2022). During this period, residents are invited to share their thoughts on the draft AAP in writing by USPS or email and by phone. Residents can also share their thoughts in-person or by Zoom at the public hearing on May 17th at 7 PM.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



POOL REGISTRATION

BEGINS MARCH 7

Pool registration begins Monday, March 7. For more information, visit www.abingtonpa.gov/pools. Please note, the pool membership discount deadline is April 18.

[More Info](#)



LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
1 PM - 4 PM
NORTH PENN VFW POST 676

Meet and greet representatives from Behavioral Health Facilities Practitioners, and Non-Profit Mental Health Organizations Panel discussion related to mental health and suicide.

Presented by Abbey's Bakery and the Abington Police Department.



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[More Info](#)

For a full list of programs and events, please visit our calendar at www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Sign up for Meeting Agendas

Residents can receive meeting agendas by visiting our agendas page and signing up with your email. [To sign up, please click here.](#)

Agenda Notification Sign Up Instructions

1. Go to www.abingtonpa.gov/agendas.
2. Scroll to "Email Updates" box, which is located above "Upcoming Events"
3. Type your email into the box
4. Confirm email address and create login, if desired

5. Creating a login will allow you to change your subscription preferences in the future
6. Select agendas you wish to receive
7. Click submit at the bottom of the page
8. Complete personalization questions, if desired (not required)

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Wastewater	AbingtonWWUD@abingtonpa.gov	215.886.0934
Code Enforcement	codeenforcement@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1000 ext. 4
Tax Office	jblumenthal@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1024
Traffic Safety	trafficsafety@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1100
Pot Holes	potholes@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1034
Fire Services	firemarshal@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1055
Parks & Recreation	parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov	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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