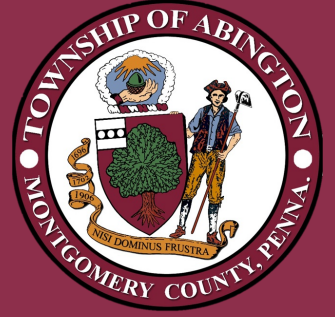


# TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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April 2022 Edition

## IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME!



Planning to clean out the garage, basement or attic? Our Public Works Department is holding two events this month to help you with your spring cleaning.

### Free Shredding Event

- Date: Saturday, April 23
- Time: 9 AM - 12 PM
- Location: 2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001
- Residents are encouraged to bring any confidential or personal documents that they would like to discard to the Public Works Yard. There is a limit of 4 boxes/bags per car and each box/bag cannot exceed 30 lbs. No businesses!
- For more information, [please click here](#).

### Trash Clean-Out Week

- Trash Clean-Out Week is April 25 through April 29, 2022. During this week, the Township will collect everything you place in your trash cans **PLUS** any additional normal trash placed in store bought refuse bags you put out with your regular trash on your **SCHEDULED** trash collection day. The bags must weigh under 30 lbs.
- **NO electronics, hazardous waste, construction material or large items will be accepted.**
- [Click here to watch an informational video on Trash Clean-Out Week.](#)
- For more information, [please click here](#).

Have larger items you need collected? Our large item collection runs year round and can be scheduled anytime by [clicking here](#) or visiting [www.abingtonpa.gov/largeitempickup](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/largeitempickup).

### APRIL MEETINGS

- 4/6 Strategic Plan Committee, 7 PM
- 4/12 Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 PM
- 4/13 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 PM
- 4/13 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 4/14 Board of Commissioners, 7 PM
- 4/14 Board of Commissioners Working Session, 7 PM
- 4/19 Comprehensive Plan Development Team, 6 PM
- 4/19 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 4/25 Library Board, 7 PM
- 4/26 Economic Development Committee, 7:30 AM
- 4/26 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM
- 4/28 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 4/28 Finance Committee, 7 PM

## NEWS & UPDATES

### TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 4/15

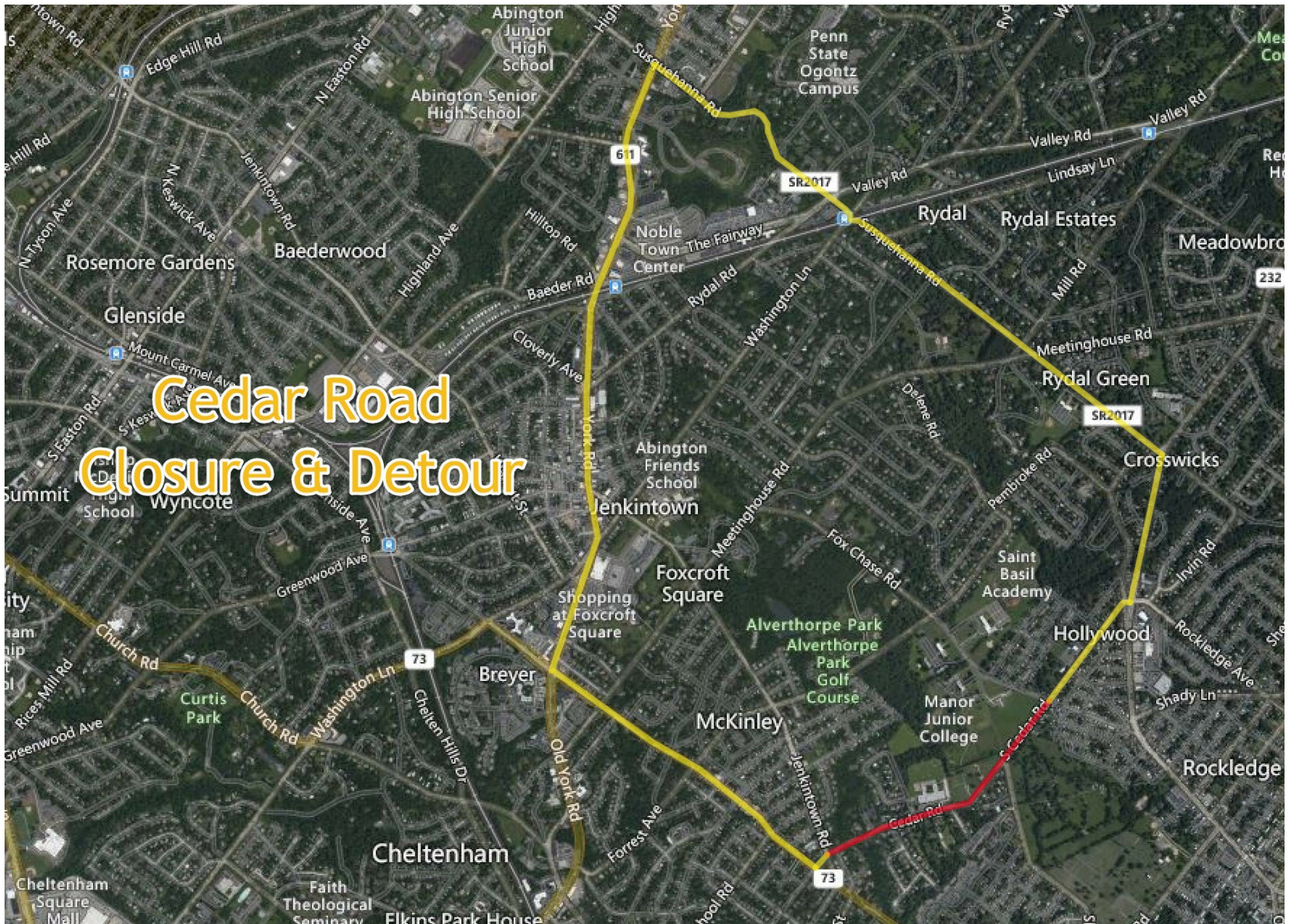
Township offices will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022 for Good Friday. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard

debris collections. Friday, April 15, and Monday, April 18, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Monday, April 18. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Tuesday, April 19.

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## **CEDAR ROAD CLOSURE BEGINS 4/11**

Beginning Monday, April 11, 2022, Cedar Road between Jenkintown Road and Fox Chase Road will be closed for gas main installation. The work is being performed by PECO. Work hours are restricted from 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday and weekends if needed. The detour is scheduled for Township Line Road, York Road, Susquehanna Road, and Huntingdon Pike. The project is expected to be completed by Friday, October 28, 2022.



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## **POOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Pool registration for the 2022 pool season is now open at [www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration). Learn about membership types, pool rules, and more at [www.abingtonpa.gov/pools](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/pools).

Reminder: The pool discount deadline is Monday, April 18.

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## **2022 SPRING & SUMMER ACTIVITIES GUIDE**

The Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for a fun filled summer! Please visit our [website](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration) or our [Activities Guide](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration) for details on the many exciting programs that are available this spring and summer. Register for programs at [www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration).

### **Program Highlights**

**Adult Introductory Tennis:** Tennis is a lifetime sport. Whether you have never played before or forgot what you once knew, this is the clinic for you.

- Session II:

- Date: Tuesdays, April 26 - May 24
- Time: 10 AM - 11:25 AM
- Location: Crestmont Park
- Ages: 18+
- Cost: \$130 per person
- Session III:
  - Date: Tuesdays, April 26 - May 24
  - Time: 6:05 PM - 7:30 PM
  - Location: Crestmont Park
  - Ages: 18+
  - Cost: \$130 per person

**Tennis for 60+:** Love the game but can't quite cover the court like before? 60+ tennis is tennis on a slightly smaller court. It is a great way to stay in the sport!

- Date: Wednesdays, April 27 - May 25
- Time: 9:30 AM - 10:55 AM
- Location: Roychester Park
- Cost: \$130 per person

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## 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 lifeguards, camp counselors, and more at [www.abingtonpa.gov/jobs](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/jobs).

Employment Opportunities

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## PENN STATE ABINGTON SCHOLARSHIP NOW OPEN

Abington Township and Penn State Abington have partnered to offer scholarships for eligible township residents. The scholarship amount is \$5,000. The application deadline is May 1, 2022.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Resident of Abington Township for a minimum of one year prior to application.
- Enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at least half-time (6 credits per semester)
- 2.5 minimum high school GPA for incoming students or 2.5 minimum college GPA for transfer or current students
- Preference will be given to students with demonstrated financial need as indicated on the FAFSA

[Information and the application can be found here.](#)

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## APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH



# Pennsylvania 811

Pennsylvania 811 encourages everyone to call at least three business days before digging. [Click here for more information.](#)

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## RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTER & STORAGE UNIT PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Residential dumpster and storage unit permits are now available online! These fee-free permits are needed for any temporary storage unit (i.e. POD) or dumpster being placed on a residential property. You can access the permit online by [clicking here](#). Paper copies will still be available for residents at the Township Building Code Window.

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## OWNER OCCUPIED HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Township's Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program is active and accepting residents to join the waiting list. More details are available at [www.abingtonpa.gov/cd](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/cd) or by calling Community Development Director, Kimberly Hamm at (267) 536-1019.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

- Borrow a HotSpot or Connected Chromebook and take the Internet home with you today! Pick up your device at the Circulation Desk. Hotspots and Chromebooks are available for a 3-week loan period.
- You can now register for a library card online, with full borrowing privileges to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Abington Township. Apply now at [www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/faq/library-card](http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/faq/library-card).
- Get to know our digital media. Read an eBook or graphic novel, listen to an audiobook, take a class, learn a new language, stream a movie or TV show, listen to music...all for free with your Abington Township Public Library card. [Click here](#) or the image below to learn more!

### Program Highlights

#### A Conversation with Rep. Madeleine Dean and Harry Cunnane

- Date: Wednesday, April 13
- Time: 7 PM - 8 PM
- Pennsylvania's Representative Madeleine Dean and her son, Harry Cunnane, have written a deeply personal and revealing book, *Under Our Roof*. In their book, they share their family's long struggle with addiction. Join us for a book talk and discussion with Rep. Madeleine Dean and Cunnane, including a Q&A. Participants can attend virtually or in-person. During the registration process, indicate in-person or virtual attendance. Register at the Information Desk, by phone 215-885-5180, ext. 113, email [abingtonlibrary@mclinc.org](mailto:abingtonlibrary@mclinc.org), or online at [www.abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org).

#### My Cap Is the Only Roof Over My Head

- Date: Wednesday, April 27
- Time: 7 PM - 8:15 PM
- Abington Library celebrates National Poetry Month with poet, Dr. Michelle Reale reading from her most recent book, *Confini: Poems of Refugees in Sicily*. Register at [www.abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org).

#### Celebrate National Library Week

- Date: April 4 - 9
- Location: Roslyn Library

- Ages: 3 - 12
- Create magical designs with digital crafting tools at the Roslyn Library. Learn more at [www.abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org).



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## **VISION2035, ABINGTON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

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: [April 19 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 expected to be announced later this month

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## **RECRUITING NEW POLICE OFFICERS**

Abington Police Department is recruiting new police officers. Applications open April 18, 2022.



# RECRUITING

## New Police Officers



### A Career that Gives You a lot of Pride & Benefits

A written examination will be held on July 15th and July 16th

Location:  
Abington Junior  
High School

Applications open  
April 18th



*Online Application:*  
**WWW.ABINGTONPD.ORG**

*The starting salary for Police Officers for 2022 is **\$85,000+**. Benefits are likely to include:*

- A comprehensive health and dental plan*
- Life Insurance, Pension Plan*
- Prescription Plan and Vision Care*
- Tax-deferred retirement savings plan*
- Longevity and college incentives*
- Paid Vacation, holiday, sick-leave*

## UPCOMING CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN DRAFT

CDBG 2022 Annual Action Plan Draft will be available for public comment in May. Once available, the draft plan will be posted at [www.abingtonpa.gov/cd](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/cd) and available at the Township Building for review.

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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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## 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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## 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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## HELP GUIDE MONTCO'S PANDEMIC RECOVERY

The [Montgomery County Recovery Office](#) is seeking applications for projects and ideas to be submitted for pandemic recovery funds through April 30, 2022. [Submit your project or idea by clicking here.](#)

The County is using its \$161 million dollars in Pandemic Recovery Funds to ensure an equitable recovery, given the disproportionate impact of the pandemic and economic crisis on certain demographic groups, neighborhoods, and industries over the last two years.

Need help applying? Call 610-750-8200 or email [montcota@pahealthaccess.org](mailto:montcota@pahealthaccess.org).

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY JOB FAIR, 4/6

Montgomery County is holding a career fair on Wednesday, April 6 at Montgomery County Community College.

Attend to learn more about the benefits of working for Pennsylvania's third largest county! Hiring managers from multiple departments will be onsite to speak with you and answer your questions. Part time, full time, and internship opportunities are available. To see a full list of open positions, [click here](#).

- **Date:** Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- **Time:** 2 - 7 PM
- **Location:** Montgomery County Community College Health Sciences Center Main Gymnasium, 340 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

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

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**  
***PA DEP's Pennsylvania Partnership for Energy Efficiency at  
Abington's Wastewater Treatment Plant***

The Wastewater Department is participating in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Pennsylvania Partnership for Energy Efficiency at Wastewater Treatment Plants. The program seeks to build off the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Building Initiative's Sustainable Wastewater of the Future (SWIFt) Initiative and engage wastewater treatment plants throughout the Commonwealth by evaluating and providing support to increase energy efficiency. The program provides free access to technical assistance and training on energy and data management, performs a data analysis on past and current energy use, and provides a free energy assessment that includes recommendations on how to make our facility more energy efficient. This information will be used to develop an energy management plan for our wastewater facility that will help inform future capital investments.

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS



### EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 2  
10 AM  
ALVERTHORPE PARK  
PRESCHOOL - 4TH GRADE

Bring your basket and hunt for filled eggs! Get your picture taken with the Bunny! Hunt starts at 10 AM sharp.

[More Info](#)



### VIRTUAL RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP, EAC

THURSDAY, APRIL 7  
7 PM  
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Join the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) as they teach you about the benefits of rain barrels and how to install them on your property. Registration is required. [Please click here to register.](#)

[More Info](#)





## GGPA KEEP THE PARADE RUNNING 5K/1 MILE WALK

SATURDAY, APRIL 9  
8 AM  
2519 JENKINTOWN ROAD

The annual 5k run/1 mile fun walk is held each April, and is the GGPA's largest single fundraiser to support the July 4th events. All proceeds from your participation in "Keep the Parade Running" will ensure the continuation of the time honored Glenside 4th of July events (parade, fireworks, kids program). [Click here to register.](#)

[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

### TRAVEL REMINDER - PLAN AHEAD FOR TRIPS!

Now that the weather is getting warmer, construction crews will be working to improve the Township's infrastructure and roadways. When traveling, allow for extra time through construction zones. We appreciate your patience and as always, if any concerns arise, feel free to contact the Engineering Department at 267-536-1043.

As the Township receives construction notices, we post them to our Improvement Projects webpage at <https://www.abingtonpa.gov/government/office-of-the-township-manager/projects>. Please note, this is not an all inclusive list.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Abington Police	<a href="mailto:AbingtonPolice@abingtonpa.gov">AbingtonPolice@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1100
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](#)

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