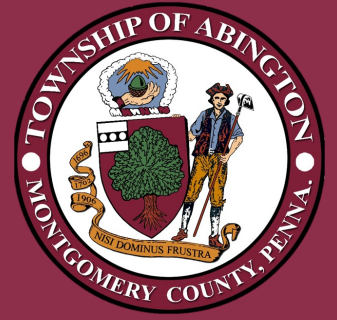


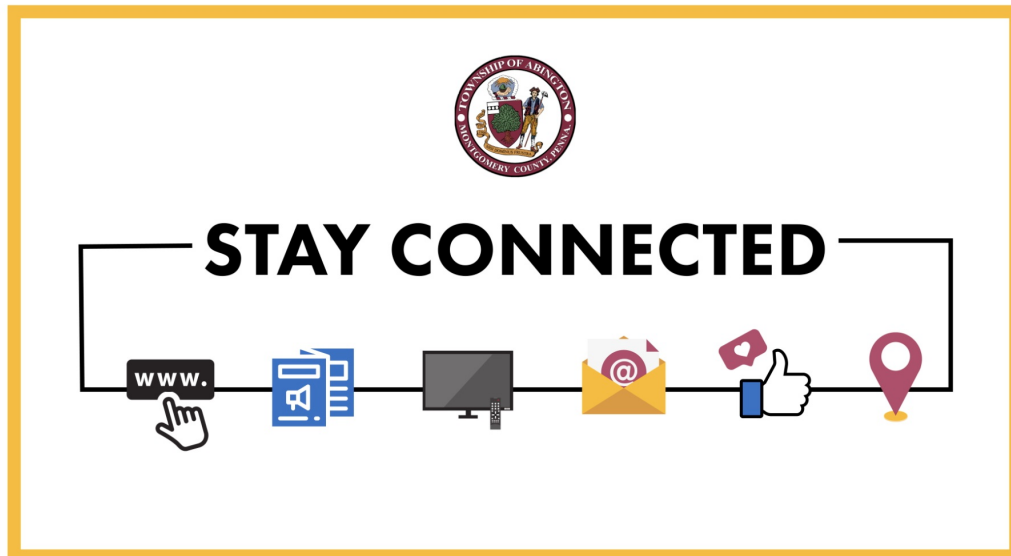
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May 2022 Edition

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[Click here to watch a video!](#)

MAY MEETINGS

- 5/4 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 5/10 Shade Tree Commission, CANCELLED
- 5/11 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 PM
- 5/12 Board of Commissioners, 7 PM
- 5/12 Board of Commissioners Working Session, 7:30 PM
- 5/16 Fire Board, 7:30 PM
- 5/17 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 5/19 Pension Plan Committee, 6 PM
- 5/19 Finance Committee, 7 PM
- 5/23 Library Board, 7 PM
- 5/24 Comprehensive Plan Consistency Committee, 7 PM
- 5/24 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM
- 5/26 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM

NEWS & UPDATES

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY COMMITTEE MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR 5/24

The Township of Abington's Comprehensive Plan Consistency Committee meeting scheduled for May 4, 2022, at 7:00 PM is being rescheduled to May 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM. This meeting is being rescheduled to provide additional time for public notice and participation by webinar.

The purpose for the special meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Consistency Committee is to receive and hear the request by Toll Mid-Atlantic, L.P. Company, Inc. i.e. Toll Brothers, as it pertains to the potential redevelopment of a property situated at 711 Fox Chase Road ("St. Basil's") and their request for a proposed zoning text and map amendment creating an age-restricted carriage home overlay district and as further outlined on the agenda, which will be available on the Township's website at <http://www.abingtonpa.gov/agendas>.

To view meeting information, [please click here](#).

ROAD PAVING SEASON HAS BEGUN

Now that the winter weather is behind us, our Public Works Department is busy working on our roadways. PLEASE SLOW DOWN when passing through any active work zones. You may also view our proposed road paving list on our website by [clicking here](#).



NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, 5/15 - 5/21

National Public Works Week runs from May 15 - 21, 2022. Please take a minute to thank your favorite Public Works employees during this week. Acknowledging our workers while performing their normal duties around town can earn children a small gift from our Department (Public Works equipment stickers and/or a child sized hard hat).

TOWNSHIP POOLS OPEN ON WEEKENDS BEGINNING 5/28



Pool facilities will open on Saturdays and Sundays beginning May 28, 2022 and for daily use beginning June 25, 2022. The daily hours of operation are 11 AM - 9 PM.

Pool registration is open at www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration. Learn about membership types, pool rules, and more at www.abingtonpa.gov/pools.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, 5/30

Township offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Monday, May 30, and Tuesday, May 31, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Tuesday, May 31. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Wednesday, June 1.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT FIRE PITS IN ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

The Burning Ordinance of Abington Township has recently been updated. The changes allow for recreational fires to be ignited and maintained in fire pits operated in accordance with the code. Please see the flyer below for fire pit regulations.



Fire Pits

WHAT IS PERMITTED

-  Clean Dry Wood
-  Yard Waste
-  Construction Material
-  Trash/Recyclables
-  Furniture

If you have a question about what you can burn, ask before you ignite.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

1176 Old York Rd
Abington, PA 19001
267-536-1057

In Abington Township

The Burning Ordinance of Abington Township has recently been updated. The changes allow for recreational fires to be ignited and maintained in fire pits operated in accordance with the code.

When operating a fire pit, ensure that you follow all regulations, including:

- Burning only approved materials
- Burning in a complaint pit/device
- Ensure proper distance from buildings, properties, and combustibles
- Always have an extinguishing method ready
- Never leave a fire unattended
- Be cognizant of the fire danger level

For further details, visit www.AbingtonPA.gov



Abington Township Fire Dept.
www.abingtonpa.gov/fireservices



Abington Township Code
www.ecode360.com/AB0569



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

- Abington Township Parks and Recreation is currently accepting applications for seasonal summer employment. Please visit our website: www.abingtonpa.gov/jobs to view employment opportunities and to complete an application.
- Alverthorpe Park Summer Hours are as follows: April 25 - September 5, 2022, 8 AM - 10 PM

Program Highlights

Tai Chi for Arthritis: Tai Chi for Arthritis improves muscular strength, flexibility, and fitness. Increased muscular strength supports and protects joints, which reduces pain. Flexibility exercises also help to reduce pain and stiffness, thus improving mobility. Tai Chi for Arthritis also helps to improve balance both mentally and physically thus significantly reducing the rate of falls among older adults. Additional benefits of the program include improved relaxation, vitality, posture, and immunity.

- Date: Every Thursday, May 5 - June 23
- Time: 2 PM
- Location: Ardsley Community Center
- Cost: Free

School's Out Programs: Looking for something for your child to do while they are off from school? Abington Parks and Recreation is offering two programs on May 17th.

- **S.T.E.M Crime Scene Investigation**
 - STEM principles relating to Forensics and Crime Scene Application are explored. Participants will learn how to process a mock crime scene, collect and classify fingerprints, cast footprints and much more. Instructors are current or former law enforcement detectives. Please pack a lunch, snack and water bottle.
 - Date: Tuesday, May 17
 - Time: 9 AM - 4 PM
 - Location: Crestmont Clubhouse
 - Age: 5th through 12th grade
 - Cost: \$100
- **Skateboarding**
 - Learn about the skateboard and how your body works with the board to stay safe and how to develop higher level tricks! We start by finding your stance to learn pushing, turning and stopping which is the essence of skateboarding! From here we will explore how the board rotates 3 ways, how using your head, shoulders, hips and legs allows you to stay in control and be more body aware to perfect your technique. Sign up today so you can be out there rolling tomorrow!
 - Date: Tuesday, May 17
 - Time:
 - Session I: 9 AM - 10:30 AM
 - Session II: 11 AM - 12:30 PM
 - Location: Patrick Kerr Skatepark (in Roslyn Park)
 - Age: 7 to 12 years
 - Cost: \$20 per session

BRIAR BUSH'S SPRING & SUMMER NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE

Read about Briar's Bush's program offerings for spring and summer in the latest edition of the Briar Flyer by [clicking here](#) or the button below.

Briar Flyer

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZED AS TREE CITY USA FOR 15th YEAR AND RECEIVES

GROWTH AWARD

Abington Township has earned recognition as a 2021 Tree City USA for its 15th consecutive year and also received a Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation.

A Growth Award is bestowed to a community alongside their Tree City USA recognition for demonstrating environmental improvement and a higher level of tree care. The Growth Award recognizes major milestones and annual activities in five categories on a point based system to build sustainable community forestry programs over the long term such as: building a team, measuring trees and forests, planning the work, performing the work, and building the community framework.

More information about Tree City USA can be found by [clicking here](#).

LIBRARY NEWS

- Need a library card? If you live, work, or attend school in Abington, you can apply now online to get an Abington Township Public Library card. For more, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org and click on "Get a Card."
- Need Wi-Fi on the go? Check out a hot spot or connected chromebook at the Abington Library today and take the Internet home--or on the road with you today! Available now for a three-week loan period.

Program Highlights

- **Empowering Your Health: Free Blood Pressure Screening and Stroke Prevention Education**
 - Wednesday, May 4, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
 - Empower your health today and chat with trusted clinicians from Moss Rehab, get a free blood pressure screen, learn about "FAST" and other stroke prevention techniques, and borrow one of our new blood pressure cuffs.
- **Empowering Your Health: Blood Pressure Screening**
 - Monday, May 9, 10 AM - 12 PM
 - Meet with clinicians from Jefferson Health-Abington, learn how to use a blood pressure cuff, receive a free blood pressure screening, and learn about - and taste! - heart-healthy foods with a live cooking demo.
- **Adulting 101: Home Repair Basics and Auto Basics**
 - May 19, 21, 22, and June 1
 - Teens and young adults, join us for this series where you'll learn the basics of home repairs and car maintenance.

See www.abingtonfreelibrary.org for more details.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Progress at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is ongoing in connection with the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Building Initiative's Sustainable Wastewater of the Future (SWIFt) Initiative. On April 11, 2022 the Practical Energy Solutions team of the Energy & Sustainability Services group of Spotts, Stevens and McCoy (SSM), the U.S. Department of Energy's sub contractor, conducted a virtual meeting with treatment plant personnel to plan and schedule the on site free energy assessment visit to the treatment plant. On April 13, 2022 two electrical energy efficiency staff members of SSM and a treatment plant operations specialist conducted a four hour comprehensive observation and documentation of all power equipment utilized throughout our facility. In approximately two to three months SSM should provide a report of their evaluation and potential energy savings measures.



BICYCLE REGISTRATION



Bicycle Registration

Please complete the Bicycle Registration form in order to assist in the recovery of stolen or lost bicycles recovered by the Abington Township Police Department. The information you provide will be stored in an electronic database and compared to bicycles found within Abington Township. Please Note: This form is not for reporting a lost or stolen bicycle. To report a lost or stolen bicycle, please contact us at 267-536-1100. [Please click here to complete the form.](#)

VISION2035, ABINGTON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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. Explore the Vision2035 webpage, an update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan, at www.abingtonpa.gov/vision2035.

The Comprehensive Plan Development Team continues to work on the final chapters of the Plan including Chapter 8:

Infrastructure and Municipal Services, Chapter 13: Future Land Use, Chapter 14: Compatibility with Development and Plans of Surrounding Areas, and Chapter 15 Implementation. As this work is ready for public discussion, a meeting schedule will be posted.


CONTRACTORS WANTED FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM



WANTED GENERAL CONTRACTORS
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING
REHABILITATION PROGRAM
EARN MONEY
THROUGH GOVERNMENT-FUNDED HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- ✓ Program-guaranteed payment for compliant work
- ✓ Fully-funded projects are ready to bid
- ✓ Bids are sent directly to you at no cost
- ✓ Detailed list of work items provided to you
- ✓ Expand your client base

Many projects throughout up to 57 municipalities in Montgomery County, including Abington Township.

 **Apply Online** [**hip.cgph.net**](http://hip.cgph.net)

Minority, women-owned, and HUD Section 3 businesses strongly encouraged to participate.



CGP&H, LLC manages home improvement programs throughout Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Our company awards over two-million dollars in home improvement projects each year. Each construction project generally ranges in value between \$10,000 and \$60,000+.

For additional information:
e-mail [**contractorswanted@cgph.net**](mailto:contractorswanted@cgph.net) or call **609.580.0285** or **609.664-2783**

The Montgomery County Planning Commission is developing a final report detailing the vision plan for improving six county-owned corridors. The Montco Pikes study will be used to plan safety and operational improvements for people who drive, bicycle, walk or use transit along **Easton Road**, Butler Pike, Germantown Pike, Geryville Pike, Sumneytown Pike, and Swamp Pike.

Visit <https://montcopikes.mindmixer.com/> before May 13 to review the elements of the draft study report that were developed for the six Montco Pikes corridors and provide feedback on the final draft. Your input will be used to help refine the final report.

UPCOMING CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN DRAFT

CDBG 2022 Annual Action Plan Draft will be on display at the Township building from June 1 - July 1, 2022 with copies also available online at www.abingtonpa.gov/cd. The public hearing for the 2022 Annual Action Plan will be on Wednesday, June 15.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARTNERS FOR HOME OWNERSHIP HOSTING FREE WEBINARS

Montgomery County Partners for Home Ownership is hosting FREE webinars!

- Tuesday, May 10, 6 PM – 7 PM: “Fair Housing Rights” with Rayonne Grizzle from the Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern PA
- Tuesday, June 7, 6 PM – 7 PM: “Insurance – You bought it, now protect it!” with John Keane from Farmers Insurance

More information can be found at: https://www.mcpho.org/?page_id=67

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 or by calling Community Development Director, Kimberly Hamm at (267) 536-1019.

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.

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.

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.

CITIZENS AND POLICE TOGETHER (C.A.P.T.) 5K

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY POLICING

C.A.P.T.
Citizens and Police Together

"24 Hour Relay" themed 5k
Individual registrations
OR
Teams of 10

5K

Saturday May 21, 2022
Abington Senior High School
Cross Country Course
9 AM

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Abington/AbingtonHigh24HourRelay5kWarmup>

The 5K will serve as a fundraiser for C.A.P.T. — Citizens and Police Together — an Abington-based nonprofit that brings together citizen volunteers and police to support community projects within the township, focusing in large part of programs that benefit local youths. In order to continue funding for our programs for the next year, we decided to do a warm up for the 24 Hour Relay with this 5K. The money that's raised at this event goes right back into the community.

- Date: Saturday, May 21, 2022
- Place: Abington High School at 9 AM; walk at 9:15 AM
- Registration: \$25 per participant
- All ages
- Parents are encouraged
- Special guests and prizes
- Link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Abington/AbingtonHigh24HourRelay5kWarmup>

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

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



EMPOWERING YOUR HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY

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[More Info](#)



PROPOSED CDBG AMENDMENTS HEARING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
10 AM
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

A hearing to obtain community feedback on proposed substantial amendments to projects in the CDBG program will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 10 AM via Zoom. Details can be found on the Township's website and a physical copy will be available for review at the Township Building starting May 2.

[More Info](#)



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SATURDAY, MAY 28

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

TIP OF THE MONTH



YARD DEBRIS REMINDERS FROM OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

With spring in full bloom and yard cleanups beginning, we ask for the following:

1. Only place organic material such as leaves, grass clippings, and shrub trimmings in the brown bio-degradable bags.
2. Tree limbs not greater than 3" in diameter can be cut, bundled and tied at a maximum length of 3 ft. and placed at the curb for pick up.
3. NO TRASH or PAPER, these items are considered contaminants and degrade the end product.
4. NO ROCKS or DIRT, these items will damage our processing equipment.

SPOTLIGHT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Township of Abington by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended on December 31, 2020. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the Report. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 15,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C. [Please click here to view the news release for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2020.](#)

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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

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