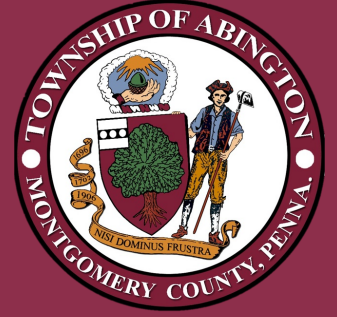


TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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June 2022 Edition

SUMMER YOUTH MEAL PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 27TH!

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
SUMMER YOUTH MEAL PROGRAM
JUNE 27 - AUGUST 12, 2022



Free nutritious lunches for all children ages 18 & under.
No enrollment or ID necessary to participate.
Free family programming and Township resources available for all.

The 2022 Abington Township Summer Youth Meal Program begins on Monday, June 27, 2022. This is a federally funded child nutrition program that provides a nutritious free lunch each weekday to any child 18 years of age or younger. This summer, we are pleased to be partnering with the Abington Township Public Library, CareerWorks of Montgomery County Pennsylvania, the Abington Police Department's Community Policing Division, and others to provide fun family activities and resources while school is on break. The program operates Monday through Friday, during the hours of 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Crestmont Park (2595 Rubicam Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090). The program runs through August 12.

For more information and to view/download a flyer, please [click here](#).

JUNE MEETINGS

- 6/1 Infrastructure Committee, 7 PM
- 6/8 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 6/8 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 PM
- 6/9 Board of Commissioners, 7 PM
- 6/9 Board of Commissioners Working Session, CANCELLED
- 6/9 Conditional Use Hearing, 7:30 PM
- 6/14 Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 PM
- 6/15 2022 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing, 10 AM
- 6/16 Finance Committee, 7 PM
- 6/21 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 6/22 Special Hearing: Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 6/23 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 6/27 Library Board, 7 PM
- 6/28 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM

NEWS & UPDATES

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING ON 6/9

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township, on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 7:30 PM at the Abington Township Building, will hold a public hearing and take action on the following matter:

Applicant: Wissahickon Trails, in partnership with Abington School District

Property: For the property located at 1750 Edge Hill Road, Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, known as Overlook Elementary School, and is identified as Montgomery County Tax Parcel No. 30-00-48440-00-4

This is an application requesting Conditional Use approval pursuant to Section 1503(B)(2)(f) of the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance to permit a naturalized stormwater management area within the Riparian Corridor Conservation District.

A copy of the application is on file with the Code Enforcement Office of the Township of Abington and may be reviewed by appointment only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please contact the Township at tcastorina@abingtonPA.gov or (267) 536-1003 to schedule an appointment.

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

CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN DRAFT

The Community Development Block Grant (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, at 10 AM.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON 6/20

Township offices will be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022 in observance of Juneteenth. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Monday, June 20, and Tuesday, June 21, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Tuesday, June 21. There will be no yard debris collection on Tuesday, June 21. Yard debris collection will resume on Wednesday, June 22.

ABINGTON BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE ON 6/20

Juneteenth



Helping save lives on and off the job.

Abington Battle of the Badges

Monday June 20th 2022

9:00am-7:00pm

Abington Public Safety Training Facility

Main Floor-Training Center

2200 Florey Lane

Abington, PA 19001

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



American Red Cross

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

DON'T FORGET TO MOW YOUR LAWN

Our Community Development Department would like to remind residents that lawns need to be maintained below 10 inches.



Abington Township Code requires grass to be maintained below 10 inches.

ADVANCING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

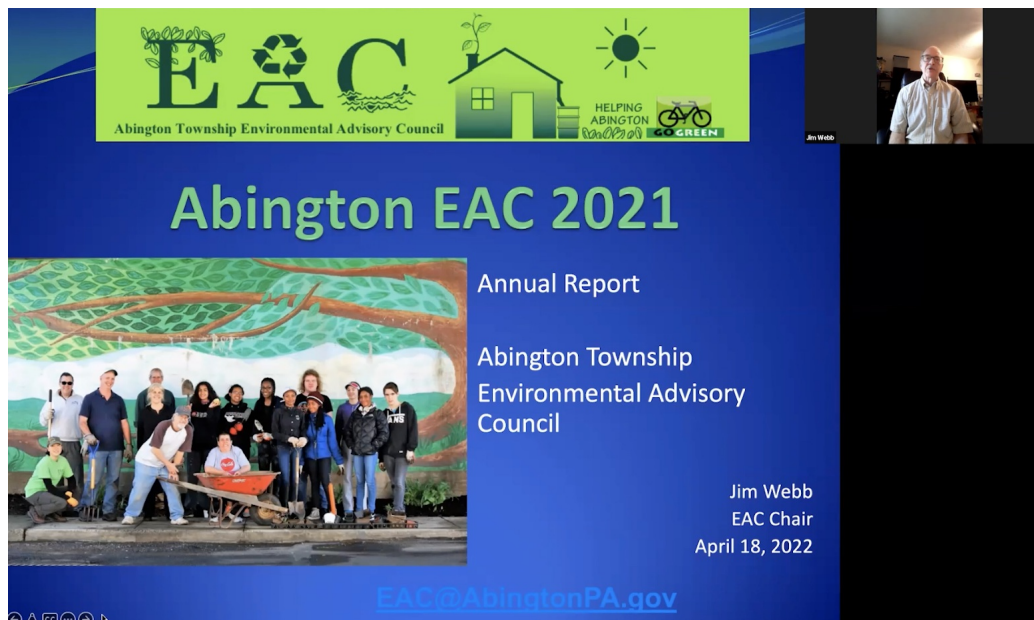
In Abington Township, we have a successful track record of addressing our flood-related stormwater issues by making investments in floodplain restoration and stormwater control projects. Options are often limited such as the purchase of dozens of homes in the floodplain by the Township, after successfully matching \$7M of Federal Emergency Management Agency funds with \$1M of Township funds. The Township converted these areas into parkland to be enjoyed by residents and has issued bonds for \$3M to \$4M every few years to protect property, infrastructure, and the environment from flood waters and threats to water quality. These projects, coupled with the day-to-day stormwater infrastructure operations and maintenance activities performed by Public Works crews, and participation in the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership, exemplify the Township's continuing commitment to water resource management.

In addition to capital projects to mitigate the impacts of floodwaters in the community, the Township is addressing another wave of stormwater challenges from the requirements of Pennsylvania water quality regulations. Abington's water quality challenges include compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit (renewed in March 2018) and the Wissahickon Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). To reduce the cost burden locally, we've been successful in obtaining grant funds important to support construction of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that target pollutant reduction in

stormwater flows. However, the water quality regulations drive an expansion of the Township's list of capital stormwater projects. Meanwhile, staff continues the day-to-day operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure to meet expectations of residents and business owners. Our strategy is to maximize funding opportunities through grants with local matching funds but the availability and competitiveness for those grants may require a change in strategy.

For those seeking additional information on Township programs to address runoff, this summer we will provide an opportunity to learn more about the ongoing initiative to address neighborhood flooding and improvements to water quality. Two public forums will be held in July to share information on current programs and future investments and receive feedback. Announcements with meeting details will be coming soon.

EAC, HRC, & STC 2021 ANNUAL REPORTS



Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) 2021 Annual Report: [Click here to view.](#)



Human Relations Commission (HRC) 2021 Annual Report: [Click here to view.](#)



Shade Tree Commission (STC) 2021 Annual Report: [Click here to view.](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

- Going on the road this summer? Stop by the Abington Free Library or Roslyn Library and pick up a hotspot or connected Chromebook and take the Internet with you. Devices are available for 3-week loan periods. For more information, visit www.abingtonfreelibrary.org.
- The Abington Township Public Library is the place where the magic happens. See our latest video on what makes the library so special at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86Kq79GVcwE>.

Program Highlights

- **Community Meeting: 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan**
 - Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 PM - 8 PM
 - The Abington Township Public Library wants to hear from you! We are looking toward the next three years and want to hear your aspirations for our community. This community meeting will directly impact the new Abington Township Public Library's strategic plan. Share what you would like to see, read, hear, and attend at the Abington Free Library and Roslyn Library. Join us on June 8 for an interactive evening and a chance to contribute to this transformative process. Participants can attend in person or via zoom. To attend remotely, please register at www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/events.
- **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party**
 - Monday, June 20, 4 PM - 6 PM
 - Celebrate the start of Summer Reading at the Abington Free Library. There will be something for everyone: kids, teens and adults. This summer's theme is Oceans of Possibilities and we'll be partying in the North Parking Lot with cool treats, book giveaways, music, face painting, ocean-themed crafts galore, and of course, signing up for Summer Reading!

See www.abingtonfreelibrary.org for more details.

TRAFFIC SAFE-T PROGRAM, 6/1 - 6/30



Traffic Safe-T Program

June 1-30, 2022

This program is a community-wide initiative involving the Township Board of Commissioners, Administration, participating citizens and neighborhood groups.

The program has two major components:

1. Driver education
2. Increased Traffic Enforcement



Residents may participate by posting lawn signs notifying motorists to slow down between June 1st and June 30th. Signs may be obtained by contacting your commissioner or the Abington Township Police Dept. Traffic Safety Unit at 267-536-1078.

SLOW DOWN!

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

OBEY OUR LAWS!

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BLOCK PARTY PERMITS

Township residents may apply for permits to hold block parties. The fee for a Block Party Permit is \$25. Permits must be submitted to the Police Department at least one week prior to the event date. For approved permits, the Township will supply barricades to shut the roadway down to motor vehicle traffic. Residents are asked to complete a Block Party Permit as soon as possible. For questions, please contact Officer Delaney at 267-536-1080 or adelaney@abingtonpa.gov.

RECRUITING EVENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS ON 6/23

Recruiting event registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/abington-township-police-department-recruiting-event-2022-tickets-338213735387?ref=estw>



Join Our Team



Recruiting Event for Police Officers

June 23, 2022

7PM-9PM

Abington Junior High School
Little Theatre
2056 Susquehanna Road
Abington, PA 19001

- Learn more about the Abington Township Police Department.
- Meet members of all ranks.
- Help us put a face to the name.
- You have questions? We have answers!

Register Today!

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PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Penbryn & Crestmont Pool memberships available at the following locations and times:

- **Alverthorpe Manor**
 - Location: [515 Meetinghouse Road, Second Floor, Jenkintown, PA 19046](#)
 - Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8 AM to 4 PM; Friday, by appointment only
 - Contact: 215-576-5213
- **Ardsley Community Center**
 - Location: [2828 Spear Avenue, Ardsley, PA 19038](#)
 - Hours:
 - Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM; Closed from 1 - 2 PM for lunch
 - Tuesday Evening Hours:

- June 7, 2022, June 14, 2022, June 28, 2022 from 12 PM - 8 PM
- Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 9 AM - 1 PM
- Contact: 215-576-1630

Program Highlights

- **Lifeguard Certification**

- Location: Penbryn Pool
- Date:
 - June 17, 4 PM - 9 PM
 - June 18, 10 AM - 6 PM
 - June 19, 10 AM - 6 PM
- Age: 15+ years old
- Cost: \$205

- **Summer Playground Program**

- Location: Some spots still available at Penbryn Park
- Date: June 20 - August 5
- Time: 9 AM - 3 PM
- Age: 6 to 12 years old
- Cost: \$710

- **I9 Basketball**

- Leagues focus on learning new skills, practicing good sportsmanship, and having fun! Children are generally grouped with other children of similar size and abilities. Please register ONLINE at www.i9sports.com.
- Location: Alverthorpe Park Basketball Courts
- Age: 5 to 10 years old
- Date: Tuesdays, July 5 - August 16
- Time: 5 PM - 9 PM
- Age: 11 to 17 years old
- Date: Thursdays, July 7 - August 18
- Time: 5 PM - 9 PM
- Cost:
 - \$165 if paid by June 15
 - \$185 if paid after June 15

- **Olympics Summer Camp**

- Location: Alverthorpe Park
- Date: July 11 - 15
- Time: 9 AM - 12 PM
- Age: 6 to 11 years old
- Cost: \$130

- **Ultimate Warrior Camp**

- Location: Alverthorpe Park
- Date: July 25 - 29
- Time: 9 AM - 12 PM
- Age: 6 to 11 years old
- Cost: \$130

To register online, visit www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration.

Briar Bush Nature Center



Nature Playdates

Join us at BBNC's Nature PlayScape for a Nature Playdate on Sunday, June 5th, and Saturday, June 18th from 10 AM - 12 PM. Nature Playdates are FREE drop-in programs that offer families an opportunity to put time aside for unstructured nature play. Special play materials will be provided by BBNC staff and volunteers during each event. Special thanks to BLBB Charitable for sponsoring Nature Playdates. View the full Nature Playdate schedule at <https://www.briarbush.org/natureplaydates>.



Get Involved at Briar Bush!

Briar Bush could not accomplish its goals without the help of our dedicated volunteers. Whether you have a lot of time or very little, we would love to find a way for you to make your mark at BBNC. We have opportunities for all ages! Possible volunteer roles include hike guides, animal care, nature restoration, facilities maintenance, and community outreach. Interested in helping us grow? Email volunteer@briarbush.org.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE



On April 18, 2022 Professor Gangadhar Andaluri's Environmental Engineering students from Temple University - Main Campus in Philadelphia came to tour our treatment plant. The students not only observed the operation of the various tanks, but also had a close up look at much of the equipment that keeps the various processes throughout the plant working smoothly. The students needed to take notes since Professor Andaluri incorporated the tour into the students final lesson and exam.

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

 Apply Online hip.cgph.net



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+.

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

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



For additional information:







e-mail contractorswanted@cgph.net or call 609.580.0285 or 609.664-2783

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.

DOES YOUR HOME NEED REPAIRS?

THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS INCLUDE



*Roofs & Electrical
Heating & Plumbing
Weatherization,
Lead Hazard
Reduction & more!*

If you live in the Township of Abington, own and occupy your single family home, and your total gross annual household income falls below the income limit for your household size, you may qualify to participate in the program.

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	\$59,050	\$67,450	\$75,900	\$84,300	\$91,050	\$97,800	\$104,550	\$111,300

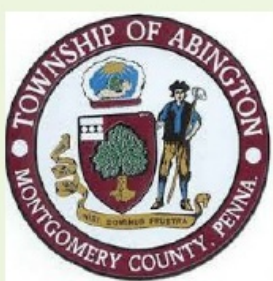
(income limits updated annually)



- There is **no cost to apply** and it does not affect your credit score.
- Funds are provided as a **\$25,000 grant, with a no interest (0%) forgivable loan** for the remaining balance of funds needed for repairs.
- A **professional inspector** oversees the process.
- There is **no monthly payment**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION/ TO PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE WAITING LIST

**Contact Brittany Sanchez
Of CGP&H
Call: 609.642.4992
Email: bsanchez@cgph.net**



This program is
sponsored by the
Township
of Abington

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 mortgage and rent. 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.

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

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



COMMUNITY MEETING: 2023 - 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
6:30 PM - 8 PM
Abington Free Library

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[More Info](#)



HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Abington Jr. High School

Dispose of household hazardous waste at Abington Junior High School, located at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington, PA 19001. This event is by appointment only. Registration is required. Please click the button below for more information or to register.

[More Info](#)



TOWNSHIP POOLS OPEN DAILY

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Crestmont Pool
Penbryn Pool
Alverthorpe Wading Pool

All Township pool facilities open daily beginning Saturday, June 25. The daily hours of operation are 11 AM - 9 PM.

[More Info](#)

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

TIP OF THE MONTH



OUTDOOR GRILLING SAFETY TIPS FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. However, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. According to the NFPA, an average of 10,600 house fires per year are caused by BBQ grills; and 19,700 people per year go to the ER due to injuries are caused by BBQ grills. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- If using a charcoal grill and you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never use gasoline and never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

SPOTLIGHT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Department of Community Development oversees all code enforcement, zoning, permitting, and HUD grant assistance programs. Our department processes more than 400 applications for various building and assistance activities each month, providing a pathway for safe, sanitary housing and business activities in Abington Township. A full list of permits, zoning requirements, and more are available at abingtonpa.gov/cd.

Additionally, this Department coordinates the Summer Youth Meal Program, a partnership with the PA Department of Education and the US Department of Agriculture to provide free meals to children under the age of 18 during the summer at Crestmont Park. This summer, we are pleased to be partnering with the Abington Township Public Library, CareerWorks of Montgomery County Pennsylvania, the Abington Police Department's Community Policing Division, and others to provide fun family activities and resources while school is on break. This year, the program runs Monday through Friday from June 27 - August 12, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Crestmont Park. More details can be found by [clicking here](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION

CATEGORY	EMAIL	PHONE NO.
General Info	publicinfo@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1000
Abington Police	AbingtonPolice@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1100
Refuse Division	publicworks@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1034
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

For questions or comments, please contact publicinfo@abingtonpa.gov
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