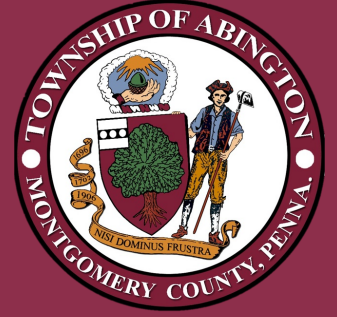


TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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July 2022 Edition

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS



Wishing everyone a happy, fun, and safe 4th of July! Below is the schedule of events planned for the day:

- **10 AM:** Children's Morning Program held at Renninger Memorial Park
- **4 PM:** The Grand, Glorious, Patriotic Parade held on a 1.5-mile stretch through Glenside ([Click here to see a map of the parade route](#))
- **After Dark:** America the Beautiful Aerial Fireworks Spectacular held at Abington Junior and Senior High Schools

Please note: The Greater Glenside Patriotic Association (GGPA) sponsors these celebration events. There is no rain date for the parade and fireworks. For more information, visit www.glensideparade.com.

SAFETY MESSAGE & TRAFFIC PLAN

Abington Township works closely with the Patriotic Association to ensure that a safe and memorable day is had by all. To ensure everyone's safety, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Parade:

- The parade begins at 4 PM and will last approximately 2 hours.
- The parade route runs east down Jenkintown Road from Edge Hill Road to Easton Road, then turns right and runs south down Easton Road from Jenkintown Road to Waverly Road.
- Jenkintown Road will be closed to all traffic between Tyson Avenue and Briarwood Road, and Easton Road will be closed to all traffic at Edge Hill Road starting at approximately 3:15 PM until the end of the parade.
- Cars parked on the parade route will be towed starting at 11:00 AM on July 4th.
- Please refrain from using any fireworks along the parade route.
- If you See Something, Say Something! If you notice anything suspicious, please notify one of the Abington Police Officers that will be staged along the parade route.

Fireworks:

- The fireworks are scheduled to begin at dusk (approximately 9:15 PM).
- Parking is available at Copper Beech Elementary School, the Abington Junior High School and the Abington Senior High School.

JULY MEETINGS

- 7/12 Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 PM
- 7/13 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 7/13 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 PM
- 7/14 Board of Commissioners, 7 PM
- 7/14 Board of Commissioners Working Session, 7:30 PM
- 7/19 Comprehensive Plan Development Team, 6 PM
- 7/19 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 7/20 Strategic Plan Committee, 7 PM
- 7/25 Library Board, 7 PM
- 7/26 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM
- 7/28 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM

- Ghost Road will be closed to all traffic starting at 7 PM.
- Arrive early. Highland Avenue will be closed to all traffic between Jenkintown Road and Susquehanna Road starting at 8:30 PM.
- Edge Hill Road will be closed between Easton Road and Susquehanna starting at 7 PM.
- Parking regulations will be strictly enforced in the area of Highland Avenue and Jericho Manor, including ticketing and/or towing.
- Parking at Mt. Vernon Garden Apartments on Easton Road is strictly for residents of Mt. Vernon. All others will be towed.
- Please do not sit in any of the posted restricted areas on the school campus, as this will delay the fireworks display from starting.
- Please do not block any of the roadways on the Copper Beech or Junior/Senior High Campus.
- Please do not bring any fireworks to the school campus.
- In the event of a thunderstorm, please take shelter in your cars.
- If you See Something, Say Something!

For more information including traffic after the fireworks, please visit www.abingtonpa.gov.

NEWS & UPDATES

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON 7/4

Township offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Trash and recyclables collections for Monday, July 4, and Tuesday, July 5, will occur on Tuesday, July 5. There will be no yard debris collection on Tuesday, July 5. Yard debris collection will resume on Wednesday, July 6.

JULY 4TH ROAD CLOSURES



ROAD CLOSURES		
Street	Area	Time
Easton Road	Edgehill Road to Waverly	1 pm – 6 pm
Jenkintown Road	Tyson Avenue to Abington Avenue	1 pm – 6 pm
Edgehill Road	Easton Road to Susquehanna Road	7 pm – 12 am
Highland Avenue	Jenkintown Road to Susquehanna Road	6:45 pm – 11 pm
PARKING RESTRICTIONS		
Roslyn Avenue	Geneva to Jenkintown Road, both sides	12 pm- 12 am
Roberts Avenue	Geneva to Jenkintown Road, both sides	12 pm – 5 pm
Keswick Avenue	Geneva to Jenkintown Road, both sides	12 pm – 5 pm
Jenkintown Road	Tyson Ave to Easton Road, both sides	12 pm – 5 pm
Easton Road	Jenkintown Rd to Mt Carmel Avenue	12 pm – 5 pm
Tyson Avenue	Geneva to Jenkintown Road, east side only	12 pm – 5 pm
Charles Street	Easton Road to Abington Avenue, both sides	3 pm – 12 am
Jericho Road	Susquehanna Rd to Horace Avenue, both sides	3 pm – 12 am
Wheatsheaf Lane	Susquehanna Road to Horace Avenue, east side	3 pm – 12 am
Cumberland Road	Susquehanna Road to Horace Avenue, east side	3 pm – 12 am
Canterbury Road	Highland Avenue to Old York Road, both sides	3 pm – 12 am
Highland Avenue	North Entrance to Abington School District Admin Building	3 pm – 12 am
Susquehanna Road	Between Edgehill Rd to Highland Ave, both sides	3 pm – 12 am
Abington Avenue	Charles Street to Pleasant Avenue	3 pm – 12 am
School Administration	South Entrance to Abington School District Administration Building to Ghost Road	3 pm – 12 am

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FIREWORKS

Q: Which fireworks are Pennsylvania residents now allowed to purchase and use?

- Consumers can now purchase and use "Class C" or "consumer-grade" fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman Candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. The expansion includes those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents. "Display fireworks," which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

Q: Who can purchase fireworks?

- Anyone 18 years of age or older can purchase them.

Q: What are the restrictions on where they can be used?

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- **They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.**
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

FIREWORKS REMINDER



You know who isn't enjoying your fireworks?



**Be considerate of your Neighbors,
their small children, and their pets.**

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LIBRARY NEWS

- The Abington Township Public Library is in the process of completing a strategic plan. We want to hear your aspirations for our library and our community. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/abingtonlibrary> to complete a brief survey **by July 10** and help us build a shared vision for your libraries!
- The Abington Township Public Library is closed on Sundays now through Labor Day weekend.
- Sign up now for Summer Reading! Open to all ages. Read books, attend programs, win prizes! For details, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/summer-reading. Splash into Summer Reading!
 - [Click here to watch a video!](#)

Program Highlights

- Abington Township Public Library is pleased to announce that we are offering AARP's Digital Skills Ready@50+™ program in our community. Beginning July 2022, we'll be offering computer classes year-round.
 - Gmail Tips & Tricks on July 13 at 2 PM
 - Getting Started with Zoom on July 27 at 6 PM
 - Online Basics, July 14 - August 12, Thursdays and Fridays, 2 PM
 - For more information, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/tech-learning.

See www.abingtonfreelibrary.org for more details.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

- Alverthorpe Park wading pool, Crestmont and Penbryn pools are now open everyday through Labor Day, September 5. For membership information, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 215-576-5213.
- Penbryn and Crestmont pools will be opening late on Saturdays and closing early on Wednesdays for home swim meets on the following dates:
 - **Penbryn Pool**
 - Saturday, July 9 - Opens at 12 PM
 - Wednesday, July 13 - Closes at 5 PM
 - Saturday, July 23 - Opens at 12 PM
 - **Crestmont Pool**
 - Wednesday, July 6 - Closes at 5 PM
 - Saturday, July 16 - Opens at 12:30 PM
 - Wednesday, July 20 - Closes at 5 PM
 - Saturday, July 30 - Opens at 12:30 PM

Register today! Below are a few upcoming programs:

Cheerleading Camp

- August 1 - 5
- Ages 4 to 12
- Alverthorpe Park

Jr. Naturalist

- August 1 - 5
- Ages 6 to 12
- Alverthorpe Park

Multi Sport Camp

- August 15 - 19
- Ages 5 to 11
- Alverthorpe Park

Skateboarding Camp

- August 15 - 19
- Ages 7 to 13
- Roslyn Park - Skatepark

Engineering for Kids

- August 15 - 19
- Ages 8 to 14
- Crestmont Park Clubhouse

Pottery Design Camp

- August 22 - 26
- Ages 5 and up
- Roychester Community House

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

HOT S'MORE NIGHTS AT BRIAR BUSH

Bring your family and friends to BBNC for summer nights of nature-based fun! Join the Briar Bush educators in games, activities, live animal shows, guided hikes, and more, all relating to the theme of the night. Campfire and s'mores are weather dependent. Registration required; No walk-ins.

[Click here to register.](#)



**Briar
Bush**
NATURE CENTER

Hot S'more Nights

Join BBNC educators for summer nights of nature-based fun!

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Cost: \$8/participant
\$5/FOBB Member

Campfire and s'mores are weather dependent.



Hot S'more Nights Schedule

- ❖ **Pond-a-palooza!** - Wednesday, July 13, 2022
- ❖ **Micro Hike** - Wednesday, July 20, 2022
- ❖ **Summer Night BioBlitz** - Wednesday, July 27, 2022
- ❖ **Edible and Medicinal Plant Stories** - Wednesday, August 3, 2022
- ❖ **Go Batty!** - Wednesday, August 10, 2022
- ❖ **Skits and Songs** - Wednesday, August 17, 2022
- ❖ **Amazing Adaptations** - Wednesday, August 24, 2022

REMINDER FROM OUR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



With summer upon us, we all desire green, healthy lawns. We also need to remember that the fertilizers and pesticides we use can run-off into the streams of our community. These chemicals can be harmful to the environment by stimulating excessive algae growth, which limits the oxygen from the water necessary for the fish and plant life. In addition, our local waterways lead to rivers, which are the source of drinking water supply; when rivers are not healthy, public health risks increase. Remember, the street gutter and storm inlets lead directly (or indirectly) to an open stream. For more information about Stormwater Safety, please check out the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/pages/be-stormwater-smart-.aspx>

Photo credit: Washington State Water Quality Consortium

VOLUNTEER WITH THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ready to save lives in your community? Consider joining Weldon Fire Company, Edge Hill Fire Company, Abington Fire Company, Roslyn Fire Company, or McKinley Fire Company. Check out our training facility right in Abington Township! Learn more at <https://www.abingtonfd.org/volunteer/>. [Click here or the image below to watch a video about volunteering with the ATFD.](#)

Abington Township Fire Department

**Gear Up.
Get in the Action.
VOLUNTEER.**
www.abingtonfd.org

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.

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: [July 19 at 6 PM](#)
- Submit a question or comment by clicking here or emailing vision2035@abingtonpa.gov
- Review and provide feedback on draft plan chapters

REMINDERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Please keep your grass mowed under ten inches.
- Remember that pools under 12 inches should be emptied each day.
 - [Click here to learn more about residential pool requirements.](#)
- Pools or ponds deeper than 12 inches require permits.
- Please contact our Code Enforcement team for more information and to submit your permit application. Check out www.abingtonpa.gov/permits as we continue adding more permit applications for online processing!

SUMMER YOUTH MEAL PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

Children ages 18 and younger can join us for a free sit down lunch and programming from the Abington Libraries at Crestmont Park Clubhouse (2595 Rubicam Avenue). No registration or ID is needed to participate. For more information, visit www.abingtonpa.gov/summermealprogram.

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.

GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR PECO NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Small businesses affected by the pandemic can now apply to receive a one-time grant of \$500 towards their existing PECO natural gas account. The grant will be applied directly to your bill and will lower current outstanding balances or provide a credit for future charges.

To be eligible, applicants must have an active PECO gas account on or before March 31, 2020, take service under Rate GC (gas commercial service), have fewer than 25 employees, and have experienced financial hardship resulting from the pandemic.

Applications will be considered in the order they are received, while funding lasts. [Click here to apply.](#)

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED - TEMPLE UNIVERSITY WELL WATER STUDY


Researchers at Temple University are looking for families who drink water from a private well for a paid study. They are interested in keeping children safe from illnesses that can be spread by drinking water from private wells. Families will receive a free whole-home UV water treatment system (value of device + installation = \$1,000). Families can participate from home. To be part of this NIH-funded study, families must have a child three years old or

younger and live in select Pennsylvania counties.

For more information, visit their website at www.wettrial.org, call them at (215) 204-5124, or email them at wettrial@temple.edu.

Well Water & Children's Health Study



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 Temple
University
College of Public Health

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:

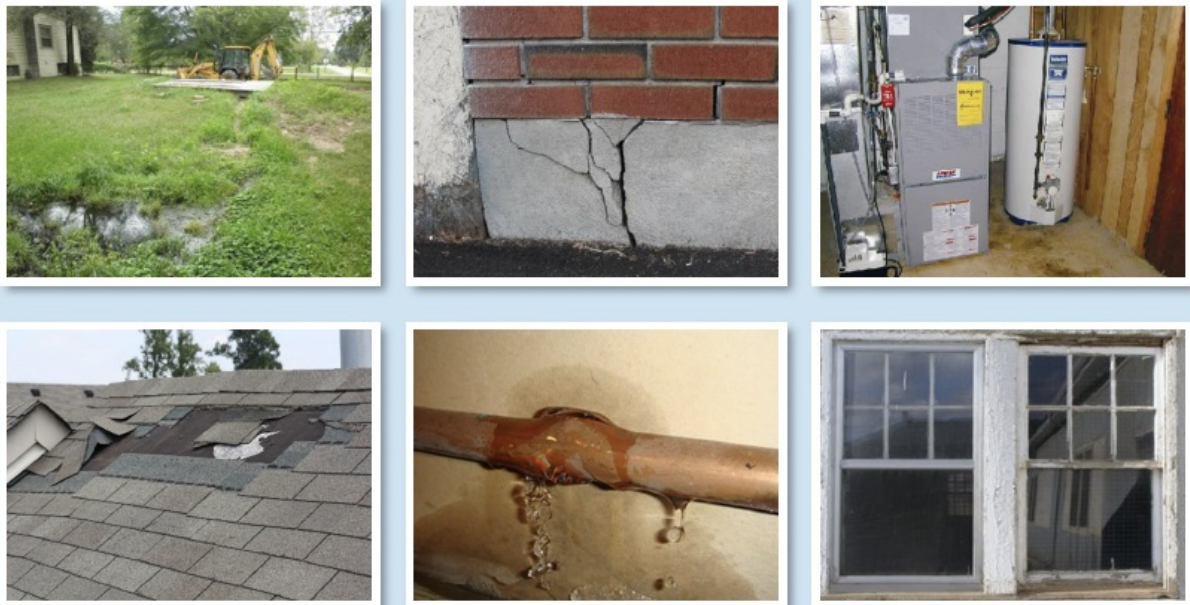
e-mail contractorswanted@cgph.net or call 609.580.0285 or 609.664-2783

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!*

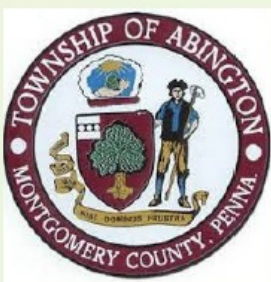
If you live in the Township of Abington, own and occupy your single family home, and your total gross annual household income falls below the income limit for your household size, you may qualify to participate in the program.

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**.



This program is sponsored by the Township of Abington

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

VISIT
www.hip.cgph.net

OR
SCAN THE QR CODE:



Program Contact: Brittany Sanchez of CGP&H
Email: bsanchez@cgph.net
Call: 609.642.4992

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

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



GLENSIDE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

**MONDAY, JULY 4
4 PM**

The Greater Glenside Patriotic Association (GGPA) sponsors the annual July 4th celebration events in Glenside. The parade begins at 4 PM. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at dusk (approximately 9:15 PM) at Abington Junior and Senior High Schools. Free admission.

[More Info](#)



FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY WITH SILLY JOE SINGS

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
6:30 PM - 7:15 PM
Abington Free Library**

Everyone loves Silly Joe Sings! Bring the family for an evening of musical fun presented by singer/guitarist Joe Consiglio. Joe will celebrate this summer's "Oceans of Possibilities" theme with lots of fish/shark songs, including "Walk the Plank," "Swimming with Sharks," and a rock 'n roll version of "Baby Shark." Bring your own chairs or a blanket for your family to sit on.

No registration required.

In the event of inclement weather, this event will be rescheduled for Wednesday, August 3, at 6:30 PM.

[More Info](#)



PARENT-CHILD MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 16
7 PM
Alverthorpe Park
\$15 per team

Join us for a Par-Tee! Each child that registers will be paired with one parent/guardian and each age group will have a maximum of 18 teams. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place for each age group. Please register by Thursday, July 7 at 4 PM.

[More Info](#)

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

TIP OF THE MONTH



SUMMER CAMP TIPS FROM OUR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- Have your child wear comfortable clothing.
- If camp is outdoors, apply sunscreen before camp and have your child bring extra to reapply during camp.
- To help your child stay hydrated, pack them an insulated water bottle and remind them to drink water often.

SPOTLIGHT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The mission of Emergency Management is to develop and maintain comprehensive plans to prepare for, respond to and recover from major emergency incidents that might occur in the township. We accomplish this by working with our partners in the Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, Public Works and Township Administration, as well as external partners such as hospitals and schools to ensure that everyone is working in a coordinated effort during major incidents. This involves large event planning, such as the annual July 4th Parade and Fireworks Celebration, as well as coordinating with all response agencies during unplanned incidents such as large storms that create damage across the township. During large incidents, we either work from the Emergency Operations Center or from the Mobile Command Unit to assist the Incident Commander with coordinating communications, logistics and collecting and analyzing data from all responding agencies to ensure that we can resolve the incident as efficiently as possible. In addition to the above, we also coordinate training for internal and external stakeholders in critical incident responses such as response to Active Shooter incidents.

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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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