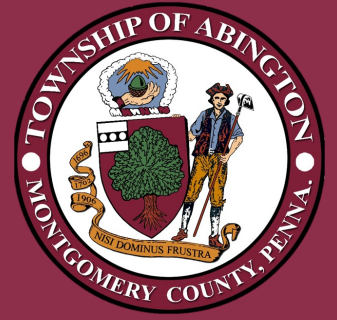


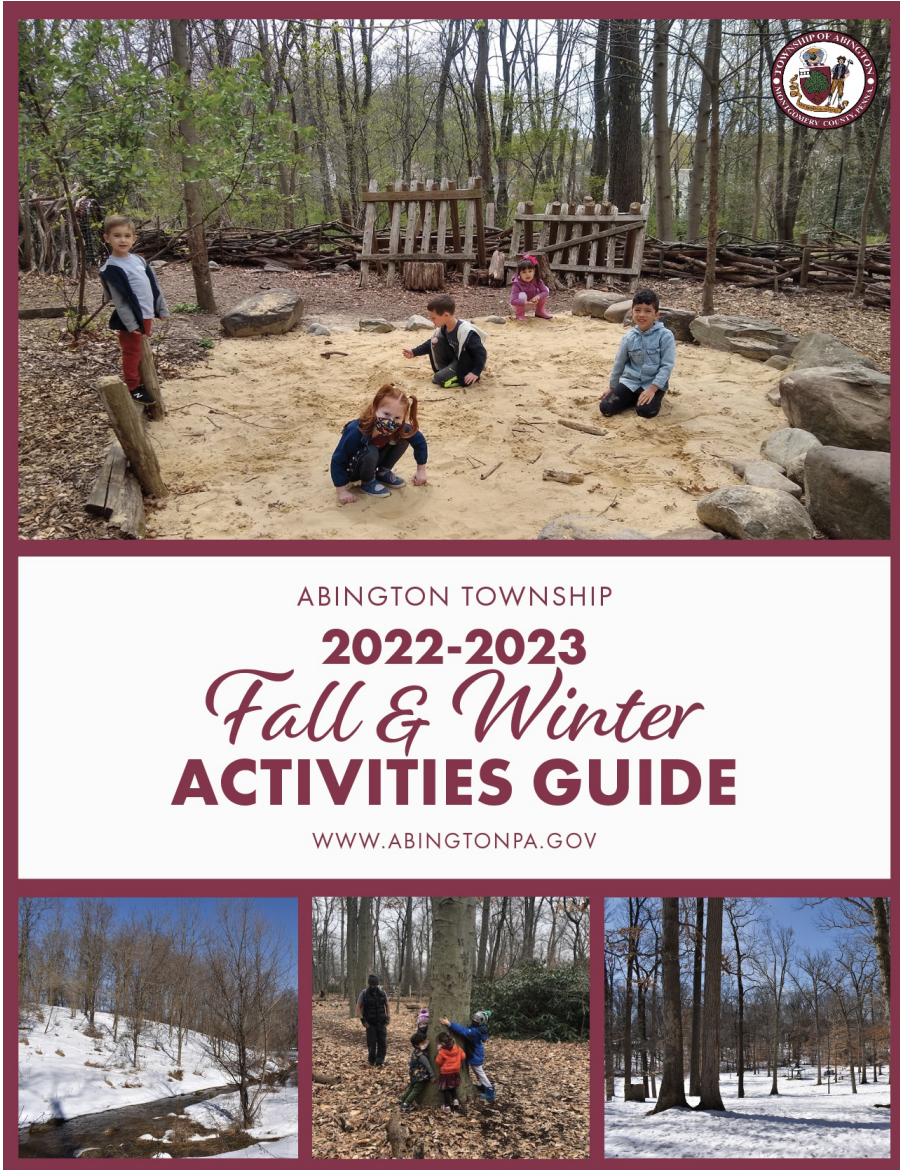
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September 2022 Edition

2022/2023 FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE!



Our 2022-2023 Fall and Winter Activities Guide is now available on the Township website at www.abingtonpa.gov/FallWinterGuide. Registration is open for all Parks and Recreation programs at www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration. This year's activities guide includes Parks and Recreation programming and special events, Library programs, Public Works events, and more! Do not wait to register, as programs fill quickly!

For more information about Parks and Recreation programs and policies, please visit www.abingtonpa.gov/prguide. If you have any questions, please contact our Parks and Recreation Department at 215-576-5213 or parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- 9/7 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 9/8 Board of Commissioners, 7 PM
- 9/8 Board of Commissioners Working Session, 7:30 PM
- 9/13 Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 PM
- 9/14 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 PM
- 9/15 Finance Committee, 7 PM
- 9/19 Library Board, 7 PM
- 9/20 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 9/21 CDBG Amendments Hearing, 10 AM
- 9/22 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 9/28 Comprehensive Plan Development Team, 6 PM
- 9/28 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM

NEWS & UPDATES

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON 9/5

Township offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Trash and recyclables collections for Monday, September 5, and Tuesday, September 6, will occur on Tuesday, September 6. There will be no yard debris collection on Tuesday, September 6. Yard debris collection will resume on Wednesday, September 7.

Please note, the Library will be closed Saturday, 9/3, through Monday, 9/5. Normal hours will resume Tuesday, 9/6.

TOWNSHIP POOLS CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER ON 9/5

Township pools will close for the summer on Monday, September 5, 2022. We hope everyone had a fun pool season and we will see you next year!

TRAFFIC SAFE-T PROGRAM 9/1 - 9/30



Traffic Safe-T Program

September 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 September 1st and September 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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BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVING SAFETY TIPS



Back to School Driving Safety Tips

Be on the lookout for school zone signals and
ALWAYS obey the speed limits.

- When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.

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BE PREPARED - A REMINDER FROM OUR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

As we approach the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Ida that caused devastation to our neighboring communities of Upper Dublin and Horsham, we would like to remind our residents that September and October are the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane season. While we do not live near the coast, tropical storms and hurricanes can bring high winds (and tornadoes), flooding rains and widespread power outages to our area. If you have not done so already, now is the time to review your safety plans and emergency kits to be sure that you and your family are prepared in the event of a major storm affecting Abington. A great resource for creating a plan and an emergency kit can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/low-and-no-cost>.

Before storms, be sure to charge your devices. During and after storms, make sure to avoid driving through flood water and treat all downed wires as live wires. If you experience a power outage, please notify PECO at 1-800-841-4141 or online at <https://secure.peco.com/powerOutages/accountVerification>. As always, if you experience an emergency, please dial 9-1-1 immediately and our First Responders will be dispatched to assist.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2022



National Preparedness Month 2022 #PreparedInPA

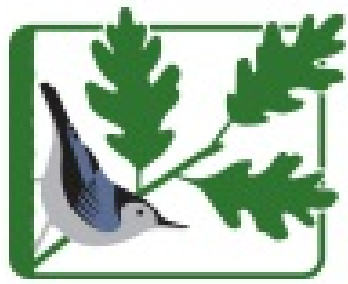
Ready, Set,  Check!
Protect Your Legacy.

 Learn more & Sign up  ready.pa.gov/NPM

September is National Preparedness Month. The theme this year is “A Lasting Legacy: The life you’ve built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a legacy for you and your family.” Sign up for the Ready, Set, Check! card and complete each step at ready.pa.gov/NPM.

BRIAR BUSH'S FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE

Check out the September-December 2022 Briar Flyer! It's filled with events and programs that are fun for all ages! [Click here or the image below to view the Briar Flyer.](#)



**Briar
Bush**
NATURE CENTER

Become a Member and Receive:

- 20% discount on programs
- FREE admission to the Nature Museum
- 10% discount in the Nature Shop
- Early registration for summer camps
- Invitations to members-only events
- Discounted/free admission to select nature centers across the nation
- And more!

Briar Flyer

Newsletter and Calendar

www.briarbush.org

215-887-6603

September - December 2022

Fall & Winter Hours

Business Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Dede Long Nature Museum:

OPEN Daily: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Admission:

- Briar Bush Members: Free
- Abington Residents: Free
- Others: Pay what you can

Griscom Bird Observatory:

OPEN Daily: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Trails:

OPEN Daily: Dawn to Dusk

Remain aware of trail closures.

Pond:

OPEN Daily: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Masks are strongly recommended.

Hours are subject to change to accommodate privately scheduled programs. Call before you visit for the most up-to-date BBNC hours.

Fall & Winter program guide starts on page 4.

The Nature Center will be closed on Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Trails are always open down to dusk.

www.briarbush.org

Bringing Nature Play Back at Briar Bush

Richard Louv coined the phrase "Nature Deficit Disorder" in his book, Last Child in the Woods in 2005. He used the term to describe the stark consequences found in his research including higher rates of emotional and physical illnesses that were directly related to the declining number of hours individuals spend outside in our society. However, Louv and his colleagues also proved that nature play improves a child's overall health and development through increased physical activity and duration of play, better focus, and feelings of empowerment. An added perk was the conclusion that individuals who spent more time in nature as children were more likely to become stewards of their environment as adults.



These findings resonate with the very mission of the Friends of Briar Bush. In 2010, the organization responded to the problem by designing and building the BBNC Nature Playscape with hopes of encouraging unstructured nature play within our community. This special space on the Briar Bush property where children are welcome to dig, splash, pick, build, and wreck was the first of its kind in the Abington area and quickly became a well-used community feature.

Due to its very nature and purpose and despite regular maintenance, the Nature Playscape encountered natural wear and tear over the past 12 years. The water feature was in need of continual maintenance, the natural benches used for both resting and playing were rotting, and the flora that created a living tunnel and native habitat was destroyed. The FOBB had created a play space that was well-loved and it showed. It was in desperate need of repairs. *(continued on page 2)*



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UNITY DAY ON 9/10

September 10th, 2022
COME AND CELEBRATE!

Unity Day



Unity Day

CRESTMONT PARK

**FOOD
MUSIC
GAMES
VENDORS
RESOURCES
AND MORE!**

September 10th, 2022
11am-4pm



ALL ARE WELCOME!

IN MEMORY OF ED MICCIOLO

22nd Annual

ROSLYN FALL FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

Saturday, September 17, 2022

.....
12 PM - 5 PM, Easton Road
from East Ave. to Woodland Rd.
.....

**VENDORS • CARS • ENTERTAINMENT
MUSIC • GAMES • FOOD • AND MORE!**

For car registration, contact Dominic Reale at:
BigBolder@comcast.net

Pre-Registration: \$15 by September 4th • Day of Show: \$20

WWW.ABINGTONPA.GOV/ROSLYNFALLFEST

**Event
Hosts:**



Sponsor:



OPERATION CLEAR TRACK ON 9/20



As part of Rail Safety Week (9/19-9/25), Operation Clear Track will be conducted on **Tuesday, September 20** in partnership with Law Enforcement agencies throughout the country to share the rail safety message in communities. Abington Officers will be monitoring railroad crossings throughout the Township to educate motorists and walkers about the dangers of stopping on and walking down the railroad tracks.

CDBG AMENDMENTS HEARING ON 9/21

The Township of Abington has prepared amendments to the FY 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 Annual Action Plans. In accordance with the regulations and requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), these plans will be on public display for a period of 30 days, beginning September 6, 2022 until October 6, 2022 at the following locations:

**PHYSICAL COPY: The Township of Abington
Department of Community Development
1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001**

ELECTRONIC COPY: <https://www.abingtonpa.gov/cd>

These plans are available for public inspection during normal business hours of operation. Written or oral comments will be accepted until October 6, 2022. Comments may be directed to Ms. Kimberly Hamm, Director of Community Development, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001, or emailed to khamm@Abingtonpa.gov, or phone at (267) 536-1019.

A public hearing will be held on September 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Township Building, 1176 Old York Road, First Floor Conference Room, Abington, PA 19001 and by virtual conference call. Residents can access the meeting online, by a computer, iPad, iPhone or Android at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88306082903>. Residents, who are unable to join online, can listen to the meeting by calling 1-929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID number 883-0608-2903 when prompted.

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 Comprehensive Plan Development Team meeting
 - **Next meeting: September 28, 2022 at 6 PM**
 - Submit a question or comment by clicking here or emailing vision2035@abingtonpa.gov
 - Review and provide feedback on draft plan chapters
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LIBRARY NEWS

- The Library will be closed Saturday, 9/3, through Monday, 9/5, of Labor Day Weekend.
- Full weekend hours will resume as of September 10 at the Abington Free Library:
 - Saturdays, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

- Sundays, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Sign up now by coming in to either the Abington Free Library or the Roslyn Branch Library or online at <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/faq/library-card>

Local Author Expo and Fall Book and Plant Sale on September 24 at the Abington Free Library

- **Local Author Expo, 10 AM - 2 PM:** Support local authors and learn about publishing a book from local experts. Shop for books for all ages and interests.
- **Fall Book and Plant Sale, 10 AM - 3 PM:** Join us for the Friends of the Library's Fall Book and Plant Sale! Great prices on used books, native plants, bake sale items, raffle baskets, and more.
 - Abington Bird Town and the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will be selling native plants: fall-blooming asters, butterfly milkweed, rosemallow, turtlehead, goldenrod, and more. Native plants have grown in our area for thousands of years and are naturally suited to thrive here. Adding native plants to your garden can dramatically improve your yard for people, birds, butterflies, and pollinators too. Proceeds will benefit the EAC and the Abington libraries. For more details, visit the EAC events page by [clicking here](#).
- **Rain Barrel Workshop, 12 PM:** The Abington Environmental Advisory Council will lead a workshop on rain barrels.

See www.abingtonfreelibrary.org for more details.

PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Camping Workshop: Join us at Alverthorpe Park Campground for a day (and night) of hands-on learning! Whether you're a first-time camper or just getting back into a tent, you'll enjoy this informative workshop as we dive in the basics of tent camping.

Soccer Shots: Soccer Shots is the premier intro to soccer program in the United States teaching children soccer and character development through the innovative and imaginative curriculum and games. Soccer Shots is offering several fall soccer programs to children 2-8 years old. [Please visit our website for dates and times.](#) Register ONLINE at www.soccershots.org.

Adult Watercolor: Learn fundamental watercolor techniques and discover the lively and expressive possibilities of watercolor within a friendly and supportive community.

Adult Tennis 101: Tennis is truly a lifetime sport. Whether you have never had real instruction, forgot what you once knew, or never picked up a racquet, this clinic is for you.

Pickleball 101: This sport is easily accessible and much simpler to pick up than many racquet sports. Come enjoy learning both the techniques and skills required to be successful on the court.

Archery: Looking for something fun and new to do? Come learn the sport of Archery at Alverthorpe Park.

Code Your Own Robot in Minecraft: Ninjas will use code to control a robot in Minecraft Education Edition.

Walking with Ease for Seniors: No matter if you need relief from arthritis pain or just want to be active, this six-week program can teach you how to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life.

Bingocize for Seniors: Bingocize combines a bingo-like game with exercise and health education. The program increases functional fitness, health knowledge, and social engagement.

For more information or to register online, visit www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration.

REMINDERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Please keep your grass mowed under ten inches.
- Please contact our Code Enforcement team for any information needed for preparing and/or submitting a permit application. Check out www.abingtonpa.gov/permits as we continue adding more permit applications for online processing!

LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS IN OCTOBER

Reminder that leaf collection begins in October. Until then, our Public Works Department will continue to collect your bagged leaves and yard waste on your normal trash day.

FREE TREE GIVEAWAY TO ABINGTON RESIDENTS ON 10/22

With generous support from the TC Energy Foundation, the Abington Shade Tree Commission, in partnership with the Willow Grove NAACP, has purchased 300 native trees to give away for free to Abington Township residents to help strengthen our urban canopy.

WHEN: Saturday, October 22, 2022

TIME: 9 AM - 12 PM

LOCATION: Crestmont Park, 2595 Rubicam Ave., Willow Grove, PA 19090

Tree species include Red Sunset Red Maple; Heritage River Birch; Black Tupelo; Black Cherry; White Oak; Swamp White Oak; Flowering Dogwood; American Hornbeam; Redbud; and Pagoda Dogwood. All trees will be available on a first-come first-serve basis, with no pre-registration. Each household may take up to two trees, but if you take two trees, one must be a shade tree.

More information about the event, about each species, and about why you should plant a native tree (or two!) at your home is available at www.abingtonpa.gov/treegiveaway. Questions? Contact stc@abingtonpa.gov.

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



EAC RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP (AT UNITY DAY)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
12 PM
Crestmont Park**

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will be holding an in-person rain barrel workshop on Saturday, September 10 at 12 PM at Crestmont Park. Registration is not required and participants will receive a \$10 discount off the price of each rain barrel that is purchased.

[More Info](#)

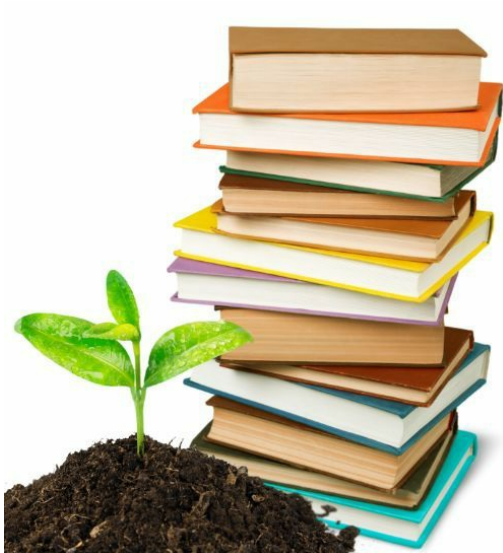


22ND ANNUAL ROSLYN FALL FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
12 PM - 5 PM**

The 22nd Annual Roslyn Fall Festival and Car Show will be on Saturday, September 17, 2022. The event will be held along Easton Road from East Avenue to Woodland Avenue from 12 to 5 PM. Thousands of attendees enjoy shopping, food, entertainment, and a large car show. The fun-filled day is family friendly and there will be multiple free activities for children of all ages.

[More Info](#)



LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO & FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PLANT AND BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Begins at 10 AM

Abington Free Library

Local Author Expo, 10 AM - 2 PM: Support local authors and learn about publishing a book from local experts. Shop for books for all ages and interests.

Plant and Book Sale, 10 AM - 3 PM: Join us for the Friends of the Library's Fall Book and Plant Sale. Great prices on used books, native plants, bake sale items, raffle baskets, and more.

Rain Barrel Workshop, 12 PM: The Abington Environmental Advisory Council will lead a workshop on rain barrels.

[More Info](#)

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

TIP OF THE MONTH



Tips for Avoiding Clogged Pipes

Sanitary sewer pipes are sized for water flow. Prevent clogs by placing any foreign object in the trash and not in the toilet or down a drain. These items easily clog the pipes and may cause a backup into your basement or first floor sinks and toilets or even your neighbors. Please respect your neighbors by not flushing these objects into the sewers to prevent blockages in the sewer mains. Most common sources of clogs include:

- Cleaning or baby wipes
 - Although the package says the wipes are flushable, they often cause blockages by clogging your home's main drain pipe which is only 3" or 4" in diameter. Please throw all wipes in the trash.
- Paper towels, rags or cloths
 - Many cloths are made to be durable and often do not breakdown easily resulting in blockages. On the contrary, toilet paper is designed to quickly break down and dissolve into very small shreds so it can easily flow through a pipe. Please throw all paper towels, rags or cloths in the trash.
- Garbage from kitchen disposal
 - Items such as coffee grounds and seeds will **not** degrade in a sewer pipe and will collect and fill the bottom of the pipe, eventually creating a blockage. Please throw away or compost food rather than putting it down the garbage disposal.
- Cooking oils and grease
 - Even though the oils may be hot and some garbage disposal instructions say to run hot water, the oils will quickly cool and form a gel in the sewer pipes. Over time the gel gets thicker and thicker and will eventually create a blockage. Please throw away cooled oils in the trash.

- Plastic items
 - Plastic should not be flushed down the drain as it creates a blockage. Please throw away all plastic.

REMEMBER: Once something is put into a drain and sewer it is very difficult and very expensive to remove it later, especially when your drains are not draining at all and you have an emergency! In an emergency, it is recommended to ask a plumber to power flush the pipes, which thoroughly cleans them, rather than just snaking or cabling the sewer.

SPOTLIGHT

Engineering Services

One of Engineering Services primary responsibilities is to construct and inspect capital improvement projects at various areas throughout the Township; and this year is no different. Our Construction Services team has constructed new storm sewers in Mill Road Circle and Huntingdon Road to reduce or eliminate street flooding. We have also upgraded and stabilized the stream banks near Central and Woodrow Avenues. Engineering Services also responded to the emergency storm sewer collapse on Pheasant Road and quickly restored the pipe and roadway. We are currently working in collaboration with the Office of the Township Manager on the long awaited intersection improvement at Susquehanna and Old York Roads. Phase 1 is expected to begin in fall 2022 and will demolish the brick buildings on the Northwest corner. Phase 2 and 3 are set to begin in the summer of 2023 and seek to establish a wider right turning lane for Old York Road and an open space area where the buildings once were.

As always, Engineering Services staff will continue to provide general engineering services to the other departments of Abington Township, state and federal projects (which includes engineering design), subdivision and land development reviews, construction bids and inspections, management of stormwater & soil erosion control and inspections, attendance at public meetings, construction supervision, and other engineering consulting services, as needed.

Visit the Engineering Services webpage by [clicking here](#).

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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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[Contact Us & Location](#)

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