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Montco, Ambler Officials Open New Downtown Parking Lot

Ambler, PA (July 27, 2015) – The Montgomery County Commissioners and Ambler Borough officials today cut a ribbon opening a new, 25-space parking lot to serve downtown Ambler. The new parking lot at the intersection of Poplar Street, and Ridge and Mattison Avenues, behind the new borough hall, was made possible by a \$200,000 revitalization grant from the county.

“Ambler has one of the fastest growing and most vibrant downtown districts in the county, and because of that, parking is at a premium,” said Josh Shapiro, chair of the Montgomery County Commissioners. “This new lot will provide a significant boost to the parking opportunities in Ambler.”

During daytime hours they will be used by an architectural firm, which is relocating to a nearby building from another part of Ambler. This firm will bring 20 new jobs to the borough. In the evenings and on weekends, the parking will be open for use by visitors to Ambler’s downtown. Part of the county grant was used to rebuild a playground that had to be torn down to make room for the parking.

Over the course of the revitalization program, the county has granted Ambler over \$2.6 million. This money has been used for a variety of projects, including streetscapes, theater improvements, parking, building façade improvements, and marketing.

“Ambler’s revitalization efforts have been very successful, bringing new restaurants, businesses, arts and culture groups, visitors, residential development, non-residential development, and energy to the borough,” said Commissioner Val Arkoosh. “It is one of Montgomery County’s gems.”

An indication of how Ambler has come to life over the past two decades is the median housing price in the borough. In 2000, the median housing value was \$116,000. In 2014, it was \$250,000, a 115% increase. The median housing price in the county increased by 70 percent during that same period.