

2015 Fall / Winter Newsletter

North Middleton Township

Halloween Egg Hunt



The 12th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, October, 18th at 4:00 pm at Village Park for children up to 10 years of age. The parade begins at 3:45 pm, with the egg hunt to follow. This event will be held rain or shine.

After the egg hunt, come join us to make scarecrows! The Recreation Board will supply the straw, fabric sheets, glue, markers, scissors, and string.

Participants should bring the following items: pillow case or nylons, shirt and trousers/skirt, hat, gloves, boots, accessories (if desired) such as sunglasses, scarf, etc.

For additional information please contact Judy Smith, Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm at 717.243.8550 or email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com.

Trick or Treat Night

Trick or Treat night will be held on Thursday, October 29th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Homes that are passing out treats should turn on their porch light to indicate their participation.

Tips for Trick or Treating:

Make sure that an adult is with children while trick or treating.

Children should stop only at houses that are well lit and never enter a stranger's home.

Check your child's candy before anything is eaten.

Make sure you have flashlights while trick or treating. They will help children and adults see better and be seen more clearly.

Walk on sidewalks, not in the streets. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Did you know...



North Middleton Township has a flag disposal container sponsored by the Marine Corps League. The container is located at the main entrance to the Township Building.

Please feel free to stop by anytime to drop off your worn, weathered American Flag for proper disposal by the Marine Corps League.

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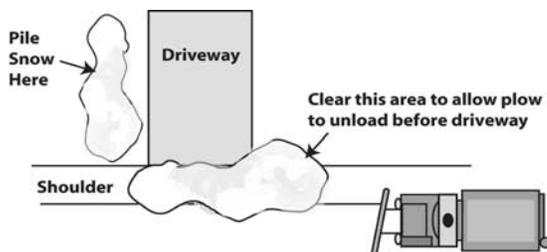
Leaf Pick Up: Leaf pick up will be held the weeks of November 9th and December 14th. Bags should be placed curbside by Monday morning at 7:00 am of the scheduled collection week. Bags should be closed as this prevents the leaves from blowing all over your neighborhood.

Christmas Tree Pick Up: Christmas Tree pick up will begin on Monday, January 11, 2016. All Christmas trees must be placed curbside by 7:00 am. Trees should be placed with cut end towards the street. Artificial trees will NOT be picked up. They should be put with your regular waste disposal.

Snow Plowing: The winter plowing season will be upon us before we know it. During a snow event, the public works department will plow curb to curb once the snow event has ended.

North Middleton Township Ordinance 196-16 prohibits parking in cul-de-sacs from November 1st to April 15th. This aids the Public Works Department during snow removal. If any vehicles are found to be parked in violation of this ordinance, owners can be cited.

Snow Shoveling: Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the intersecting highway. (see diagram below). By plowing away from the direction of oncoming snow plows, this action will prevent the bulk of the snow from being pushed back onto your driveway. Eliminate snow piles at the driveway entrance whenever possible.



Do not push snow out onto the roads at any time. This creates hazardous driving conditions for all vehicles. Homeowners can be held responsible for accidents which result after snow has been shoveled onto Township maintained roads. The Township is asking the public's cooperation by following these guidelines.

Compost Facility

The compost facility is located on Windy Lane (at the intersection of Beagle Club Road and West Middlesex Drive) in Middlesex Township.

Beginning October 15th the facility will be open on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon. The site is closed on holidays and during snowy/icy weather. Weather events may require the site to be open additional days/hours.



Should that occur information will be posted on the township's website at www.nmiddleton.com and on our Facebook page.

Acceptable Items: Christmas trees, leaves, shrubs (no roots) and shrubbery clippings, branches cut into 6 foot lengths and no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

Non-acceptable Items: Stumps, grass clippings, garbage, bulk items, dirt, stones, bricks, construction debris, concrete, hazardous materials, charcoal, fruits and/or vegetables, bags or containers.

The compost site is under surveillance 24/7. Your visit to the site will be recorded.

Social Hall Rental - Station 1

Social Hall Rental: The Fire Company social hall, which seats up to 150 people, is available for rent for birthday parties, wedding receptions, meetings, etc. Additional information is available on the Fire Company's website at www.nmfire39.com; click on Social Hall Rental on the menu on the left side of the page. You can also contact Tammy Brickner at 717.249.3529 or Mike Murray at 717.226.6200.



Fire Prevention Week - October 4 - 10



Barbara Matter - Tax Collector - 717.254.1291

The tax office is located in the North Middleton Township Municipal Building. The Tax Collector's mailing address is 2053 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA 17013; telephone 717.254.1291; email taxcollector@nmiddleton.com.

Township staff cannot accept tax payments when the tax collector is not in her office. All tax payments **must** be handled by the tax collector. Residents can either mail their payments, bring their payments to the tax collector's office during her scheduled business hours, or drop them in the drop box located beside the front door of the Municipal Building.

The tax office hours are:

January and February - By Appointment Only

March and April - Tuesdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

May and June - Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

July and August - Tuesdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

September and October - Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

November and December - Wednesdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tax bills are mailed to taxpayers twice a year. County and Municipal Tax bills are mailed on March 1 and include: county and municipal real estate taxes, fire real estate taxes, street light taxes and the municipal per capita tax**.

School Tax bills are mailed on July 1.

If your real estate taxes are escrowed with your mortgage, please forward the tax bill to your mortgage company.

The Municipal Per Capita Tax is a personal tax on any resident 18 years or older that lives in North Middleton Township. This tax is separate from your real estate taxes. This tax is **NOT included with your mortgage escrow.

North Middleton Authority

Easy Payment Plan: The North Middleton Authority has an automatic payment plan for your water and sewer bills. Your water and sewer bill is automatically deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date. There is no check to write, no stamps to buy and no trip to make.

Water Distribution Flushing: The Authority staff will be conducting the semi-annual water distribution cleaning again this fall. This operation is completed during the early morning hours in an effort to minimize any inconvenience to the customers caused by discolored water. The flushing operation removes any air and accumulated particulate matter from the distribution system to ensure good quality water for everyone.

Adopt a fire Hydrant: Winter weather is just around the corner. Snow and snow plowing will often times cover and hide fire hydrants. If you know of a covered fire hydrant take a few minutes of time to clear the snow away. They are easy to find, we paint them yellow and they have a plastic blue marker extending several feet above them for easy detection. The time you spend clearing a fire hydrant will save precious moments in the event of an emergency.

Sewer-Prohibited Wastes 164-37: Sump Pump discharges are **illegal** if connected into the sanitary sewer collection system. In the General Code of North Middleton Township, Article II, Section 164-11 Prohibited Wastes it states: *No Person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, spring water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, building foundation drainage, cellar drainage, drainage from roof leader connections and overflow or drainage from cesspools into any sewer.* Any person who violates or permits a violation of Section 164-11 is subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each day that such violation continues, plus cost of prosecution and possible imprisonment.

Capital Improvements Projects for the Sanitary Sewer System: In 2012, the North Middleton Authority requested their engineer provide an alternative analysis for several of their older sewage pumping stations. Four of the pumping stations were evaluated ranging in age from thirty years to over forty years in service. As a result of this analysis four of the pumping stations will be replaced or upgraded to provide many additional years of service to the community.

In the fall of 2013, the force main for the Cavalry Road Pump Station No. 2 was replaced and the flow was re-routed to the Borough of Carlisle Treatment Plant using capacity that was previously purchased from the Borough of Carlisle. After the completion of the force main, our attention then turned to the replacement of this pump station with a submersible style pump station housed in a new shed style building. This project was engineered and competitively bid over this summer with construction work beginning this fall and continue into the spring of 2016.

The other pumping stations include the replacement of the Marion Avenue Pumping Station, and upgrades to the Pheasant Run Pumping Station and force mains.

Grease and Disposable Wipes: Many wastewater treatment systems are having issues with grease build up and with disposable wipes creating blockages within the collection system and at the pumping stations. These disposable wipes are listed as biodegradable and they are to dissolve, but in reality they are not dissolving and are combining together with grease and creating issues and blockages.

We are asking residents to not dispose of these wipes in the toilet or drainage system because they create problems. We are also asking residents to be considerate when disposing of cooking oils and grease. These products do not belong in the sewer collection system. They should be properly collected and disposed of with your trash collection service.

For additional information, please contact the North Middleton Authority at 717.243.8269. The Authority office

Recreation Advisory Board Vacancy

The Recreation Advisory Board currently has a vacancy. Members of the Board are appointed to a five-year term. The vacant term will run through 2018.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Meetings are not held in the months of November and December.

You must be a resident of North Middleton Township in order to serve on the Recreation Board. Any resident who is interested in volunteering should send a letter of interest to Judy Smith, Recreation Director, 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA 17013 or email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com.

Police Department

Parking Violations: Police have recently seen a notable increase of owners of vehicles that are parking along the streets, opposed to traffic. These vehicles are in direct violation of PA VC 75 §3354 Additional Parking Regulations and are being cited.

Please Note: It is illegal to park on the wrong side of the street against traffic, and you will be cited!!!!



School Is In Session: The Police Department wants to remind all motorists that school buses are sharing the roads with other vehicles morning, midday, and afternoon while transporting students to and from school. Be alert and aware of the possibility of stopped traffic at bus stops everywhere, but especially in rural areas where there is limited visibility i.e., hills, hollows, and bends in the road. Slow down and help our students get to and from school safely.

Residents - Beware of Scams!!!: When fall arrives and the weather is cooler, we often have thoughts of spending time outside preparing the yard or garden for winter. Beware of individuals traveling in groups of two or more that may be targeting homeowners to gain access to their homes for the purpose of stealing from them. These actors also may offer to do work such as driveway paving, sealing or roofing jobs but require payment up front. Once they have left the premises, it is found that the work is incomplete or of inferior quality. Sometimes they will pose as working for fencing companies, the electric company, tree-trimming companies, etc. to distract the homeowner while an accomplice gains access to the home. These are all scams aimed to victimize our communities and residents. BEWARE!

If they are legitimate, they will have a solicitor's permit from the Police Department.

We are especially reminding our elderly residents to be on guard and not to be too trusting. If anything seems suspicious or you feel uncomfortable about a person or situation, DO NOT LET THEM INTO YOUR HOME UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!!!! Call us at once at 717.243.7910.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CALL IMMEDIATELY AND NOT AFTER THE FACT!

New Employee - Employee Moves to Police Department

Judy Smith was recently hired to fill Annette McKillip's position at the Township. Annette took over the position of Police Department Secretary which was vacated by Debbie Stought, who retired the end of July.

Judy will provide Administrative support to the Township as well as being the Recreation Director. Stop by and welcome Judy to the Township.

Deborah Stought Retires

Deborah K. Stought, Police Department Secretary, retired on July 31, 2015 with twenty years of service. Deborah began her career at the Township on April 25, 1995 as secretary to both the Township and the Police Department. In 1998, when the municipal building moved from North Middleton Road to its current location, she became the full time secretary for the Police Department. Deborah was the notary for the Police Department and Township and she served as recording secretary for the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation Board.



The Board of Supervisors, Police Department and Township Staff would like to wish Deborah a Happy Retirement.

DEP Reminds Homeowners to Maintain Septic Systems

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recommends property owners take the following precautions to maintain their septic system in working order.

Inspect and Pump Frequently: North Middleton Township's Ordinance states that septic systems should be pumped and inspected every four years. A permit should be secured at the Township Building prior to pumping.

Conserve Water: All of the water a household sends down its pipes ends up in its septic system. The more water a household conserves, the less water enters the septic system. Consider installing low-flow plumbing fixtures, faucet aerators, and high-efficiency toilets, washing machines, and dishwashers to save on water use.

Property Waste Disposal: Do not flush anything that isn't human waste or toilet paper.

Maintain the Drainfield: Never park on the drainfield. Do not plant anything on or near the drainfield to prevent root infiltration.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

Make yourself visible: Wear bright / light colored clothing and reflective materials. Carry a flashlight when walking at night. Cross the street in a well-lit area at night. Stand clear of bushes, hedges, parked cars, or other obstacles before crossing so drivers can see you.



Avoid dangerous behaviors: Always walk on the sidewalk, if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic. Stay sober, walking while impaired increases your chance of being struck. Don't assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers, don't just look at the vehicle. Don't rely solely on pedestrian signals, look before you cross the road. Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots or near on-street parking spaces.

Look before you step: Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible. Obey traffic signals such as WALK/DON'T WALK signs; look left, right and left again before crossing a street; watch for turning vehicles, make sure the driver sees you and will stop for you; look across ALL lanes you must cross and visually clear each lane before proceeding; don't wear headphones, talk or text on a cell phone while crossing.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 am. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Bicycle Safety Tips

Always ride with Traffic and Follow the Rules of the Road: You are required by law to ride with the flow of traffic, not against it. Getting hit from behind is extremely unlikely. You are more predictable and visible to motorists, especially at intersections and driveways. Always ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars, and use hand signals when turning and stopping. Obey traffic signs, signals, and lane markings and yield to traffic when appropriate, including pedestrians.



Don't Ride on the Sidewalk: Although you might think it's a safer option, motorists are simply not looking for bicyclists on the sidewalk, especially those riding against the direction of traffic. At every driveway and intersection, you are at greater risk of being hit by a motorists than if you were riding on the road with traffic. Ride on the trail, paved shoulder, bike lane, or bike route. You still need to follow the rules of the road and watch out for your fellow travelers. Ride to the right, signal your turns, obey traffic signs and signals.

Be Predictable and Visible: Try not to be hesitant or do things that motorists and other travelers may not be expecting. Make sure everyone can see you and knows where you are and where you are going. If riding in the dark, use headlights, taillights, and reflectors and wear reflective materials and brightly colored clothing. Do not wear headphones or talk on a cell phone while bicycling.

Watch for Stuff on the Road or Trail that Might Make You Fall or Swerve: Rocks, trash, storm grates, wet leaves, potholes, gravel, railroad tracks, and even wet pavement markings can all send you flying. Also, watch for parked cars, doors opening, and cars pulling in and out of driveways.

Watch for Turning Traffic: Most car / bike collisions happen at intersections and driveways when motorists or bicyclists are turning. At every intersection and driveway, keep a careful eye out for motorists turning right in front of you, you may be going faster than they think. Also, look for motorists turning left across your path. Drivers are looking for gaps in traffic and may not be paying attention to anything other than other motor vehicles.

HALLOWEEN 5K HUSTLE

The 3rd Annual Halloween 5K Hustle will be held on Saturday, October 24th at 10:00 am at North Middleton Park located off Waggoners Gap Road (Route 74), Carlisle. T-shirt pick up and late registration begins at 9:00 am. Registration cost is \$20.00 per person (t-shirt included) if registered by September 30th, \$25.00 after September 30th. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building or on the Township's website at www.nmiddleton.com. Pledge forms are also available. Help raise additional funds by asking family / friends to sponsor you by pledging a flat rate or a rate per kilometer. All pledges are due race day.

Participants are encouraged to come dressed in Halloween costumes. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Best Dressed Pooch, Best Eco-Friendly Costume, Best Pair, Craziest Hair, Cutest, Funniest, Highest Pledge, Most Colorful, Most Creative, Most Original, People / Pooch Look Alike / Best Matched and Scariest.

The North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company (39) is comprised of men and women that strive to provide the best in emergency services to the businesses, residents and visitors of the Township. Emergencies happen anytime of the day or night, and these dedicated volunteers are always ready and prepared to respond. Fire Company Volunteers fundraise on their own time so please show your support to these fire fighters.

For questions or additional information contact Judy Smith by email at jsmith@nmiddleton.com or by telephone at 717.243.8550, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NORTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Board of Supervisors: Workshop meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Action Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Municipal Building.

Planning Commission: Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held on an as needed basis. Meetings are held at the Municipal Building.

Recreation Advisory Board: Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. No meetings are held in the months of November and December. Meetings are held at the Municipal Building.

Zoning Hearing Board: Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held on an as needed basis. Meetings are held at the Municipal Building.

Halloween Egg Hunt: The Halloween Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, October 18th at Village Park. Parade begins at 3:45 pm, Egg Hunt begins at 4:00 pm.

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Christmas Tree Lighting: Saturday, December 5th at 5:30 pm.

Christmas Tree Pick Up: Christmas Tree pick up begins Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 am.
