

# 2015 Spring Newsletter

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## North Middleton Township

### 2015 Curbside Brush Pick Up April 8 - May 13 - September 9

Residents are required to have their brush bound with string or twine and be in lengths of 48 inches or less. Material over 6 inches in diameter will not be accepted.

Bundled brush should be placed with butt (cut) ends towards the street. Bundles may be placed on the street where street parking is permitted and traffic flow is not obstructed. Smaller twigs and branches may be placed in metal or plastic trash cans which will be emptied and returned to the curb.

*No leaves, garden waste, root or root systems, or grass clippings will be collected.*

Bulk brush and leaves may be transported to the new compost facility off Beagle Club Road (Windy Lane). Brush and leaves do not need to be bundled, cut to length or bagged prior to transport to the compost facility.



### Electronics Recycling Day

North Middleton Township will host an electronics recycling day on Wednesday, April 22nd from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The event will be held at the municipal building. Items that can be recycled free of charge are: desktop/laptop computers; keyboards and mice; printers, fax machines, floor copiers; cables and cords; telephones and cell phones, calculators and adding machines; UPS battery backups and laptop batteries; toner and ink cartridges; audio visual equipment and plotters; filing cabinets; projectors; DVD players and VCR's; gaming systems, stereos and speakers; microwaves and small appliances; metal items; exercise equipment; car batteries (sealed lead acid) and car routers; bed frames and rain spouting; washers and dryers; ranges (stoves); dishwashers.

Items that can be recycled with a fee: televisions (tube type) \$30.00; TVs (in wooden cabinet, projection-big screen \$50.00; CRT monitors (tube type) \$10.00; LCD monitors, LCD and Plasma TV's \$50.00; air conditioners \$20.00; dehumidifiers \$20.00; refrigerators \$20.00; floor freezers \$20.00. TV's must be complete. No broken TV's accepted. Fee is payable when dropping off the item.

Destruction services for a fee: hard drive destruction (offsite), \$10.00 per drive, includes a Certificate of Destruction; document destruction (offsite), \$10.00 per standard paper size box, includes a Certificate of Destruction.

**Cash or Checks Only - Make checks payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS**

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## Compost Facility

The compost facility is located on Windy Lane (off Beagle Club Road) in Middlesex Township. Dates and hours of operation are: March 16th thru October 15, Mondays 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesdays 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; October 15th thru December 15th, Saturdays 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

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](http://www.nmiddleton.com) or on our Facebook page. The compost facility is closed on holidays and during

snowy/icy weather.

Rules for facility use: The facility is for North Middleton and Middlesex Township residents to dispose of leaf and/or brush

waste generated from township properties. Other yard waste such as grass, tree stumps, and tree waste that is larger than 20 inches in diameter is strictly prohibited. Please note: contractors (i.e. building, landscaping, etc.) are NOT permitted to use the facility as per DEP Grant restrictions.



## Summertime Adventure

Summertime Adventure is a six week program offered to children ages 5 to 12. The program offers games, crafts, exercise and fun for all. The program is held at Village Park in the large pavilion, which is accessible from Suncrest Drive. The program is offered Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm beginning on Monday, June 8th and ending on Friday, July 17th. Contact Cindy Bear at 717.243.9356 for additional information.

## 13th Annual Motor Mania

The North Middleton Township Recreation Department will be holding its 13th Annual Motor Mania on Sunday, July 26th at North Middleton Park, located off Route 74 (Waggoners Gap Road).

Car and Cycle Registration will begin at 12:30 pm at

the pavilion located in the lower parking lot. A food stand will be available beginning at 12:30 pm.

As additional information becomes available it will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

## Pavilion Rentals



Pavilion rentals for 2015 are now being accepted. Reservations can be made at the Municipal Building Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Pavilion rental prices are: full pavilion \$50.00 (16 or 14 tables that seat 10 per table); half pavilion \$30.00 (6 tables that seat 10 per table).

Electric, grills and trash containers are available at all pavilions.

## Codes Department

**Building Permits:** Residents are reminded that permits are required for certain interior and exterior work being done on your home, accessory structure or property improvements. Before starting any construction, please check with the Codes Department to make sure that a permit is or is not required. Contact Rod Borda, BCO at 717.243.5639 or email him at [rborda@nmiddleton.com](mailto:rborda@nmiddleton.com).

**Swimming Pools:** Residents who are pool owners or plan to purchase a new or used pool, please be advised that under the PA State Act #45, Uniform Construction Code, all pools with a water depth of 24" (inches) or more require a permit. It is recommended that prior to purchasing a pool that you contact the Codes Department to see if a permit is required. This includes inflatable, above ground, in-ground pools, etc. Contact Rod Borda, BCO, at 717.243.5639 or email him at [rborda@nmiddleton.com](mailto:rborda@nmiddleton.com).

## Codes Department

**Brush, Grass & Weeds:** Residents are reminded that North Middleton Township has a Brush, Grass & Weed Ordinance. It states that vegetation (brush, grass, weeds, etc.) growing to a height exceeding 8" (inches) on any lot or tract of ground in the Township is considered to be a nuisance. All vegetation on any property growing to a height exceeding 8" (inches) must be cut. Failure to comply is a violation of the Ordinance. The property owner is responsible for vegetation maintenance and will be cited when a violation occurs. Contact Ruben Lao at 717.243.5639 or email him at [rlao@nmiddleton.com](mailto:rlao@nmiddleton.com).

## North Middleton Fire Company

**Bingo:** Come join us for Bingo every Tuesday evenings at Fire Company #1, 310 North Middleton Road. Doors open at 4:30 pm, the kitchen opens at 5:30 pm and Bingo starts at 7:00 pm.



**Social Hall Rental:** The fire company social hall, which seats up to 150 people, is available for rental for birthday parties, wedding receptions, meetings, etc. Additional information is available on the fire company's website at [www.nmfire39.com](http://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.

## Melanie Strickland - Tax Collector

For the convenience and safety of our residents, the tax office is located in the Municipal Building. The mailing address is 2053 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA 17013; telephone 717.254.1291; and the email address is [taxcollector@nmiddleton.com](mailto: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 business hours or you may drop them in the drop box located beside the front door of the Municipal Building.

The tax office hours are as follows: March and April, Tuesdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and 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 and Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; September and October, Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, January, February, November and December, by appointment only.

Tax bills are mailed to taxpayers twice a year. County and Municipal taxes are mailed on March 1st. School taxes are mailed on July 1st. The March tax bills include the following taxes: Municipal Per Capita, County and Municipal Real Estate Taxes, Fire Real Estate Taxes, and Street Light Taxes. The July tax bills are for the school taxes.

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

## Motorized Scooters and Motor Scooters

Motorized scooters closely resemble a skateboard with handlebars. A motor scooter resembles a small motorcycle or mini-bike and includes mini-cycles, pocket bikes and pocket rockets are not allowed to be operated on Pennsylvania's roadways or sidewalks.

The PA Vehicle Code classifies both a motor scooter and a motorized scooter as a "motor vehicle". To be driven on the highways and roads of the Common-

wealth, a motor vehicle must be registered, titled, inspected, insured and the driver of a motor vehicle must possess a valid driver's license. However, most motor scooters and motorized scooters do not have the required equipment and basic safety features to pass inspection as required for registration. Driving these scooters on the roadways, highways and sidewalks is unlawful and unsafe. They may only be driven legally on private property.

Please be aware of this if your child has a motorized scooter or a motor scooter.

## Illegal Dumping and Littering

Littering and illegal dumping are against the law. There are, however, subtle differences between the two.

Litter is primarily small items that have been scattered, including paper, food and beverage containers, convenience products, newspapers, and cardboard. Littering can be intentional or accidental. For instance, some trash found along the road - items blown from yards and vehicles or debris left over from accidents - is the result of an unintentional act.

Illegal dumping, on the other hand, is always intentional and done for many reasons: convenience, ignorance, habit, profit, or to hide other illegal activities. Illegal dumping often involves large items or large quantities of small items, such as appliances, tires, bags of household trash, furniture, and construction and demolition debris.

Despite their differences, litter and illegally dumped items are costly and time-consuming to clean up. Both also pose significant threats to the environment and to the health and safety of humans, animals, and the communities they live in.

**Pay attention to the details** - Any improper disposal of trash - littering or illegal dumping - is against the law, and violators can be prosecuted. Many residents, though, are uncertain about what to do when they observe this illegal activity.

Most important, if you observe someone littering or dumping, **DO NO APPROACH** the suspect. Instead, get details and descriptions of the incident and turn them over to an enforcement agency as soon as possible. Helpful information includes:

- The license plate number and descriptions of the vehicle involved (*make, model, year, and condition*).
- Number of people involved, along with descriptions.
- Date and time of incident.
- Direction of travel, if you witnessed a littering incident, and type of litter thrown from the vehicle.
- Location and directions to the site of an illegal dump and the name of the property owner, if known.
- Your name and telephone number.

If a vehicle is involved, the owner is responsible for any trash that has been dropped, thrown, or deposited regardless of who committed the offense. The vehicle license number may be all that you need to report after witnessing a littering incident.

Who to call:

- **North Middleton Township Police Department**, who have jurisdiction if the violation occurs within North Middleton Township.
- **The Pennsylvania State Police**, who have jurisdiction if the violation occurs on a state road or on public or private land that does not fall under the jurisdiction of the local police department.
- **The PA Department of Environmental Protection**, which responds to complaints of illegal dumping on public or private property. The agency does not respond to litter complaints.
- **The PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry**, which responds to complaints of littering or dumping in state forests and parks.



## 2015 Great American Cleanup

Everyone wants to live, work, and play in a clean and green community. Therefore, it's up to everyone to make it possible.

Pennsylvanians across the state will be participating in the 2015 Great American Cleanup of PA, slated for March 1 - May 31. During the event, groups will be cleaning up litter and trash along roadsides, streams, parks, forests and neighborhoods. Communities will also be holding recycling events for hard-to-dispose-of items, such as tires and appliances, creating or enhancing green areas by planting plants, bulbs, and trees, removing or painting over graffiti that devalues neighborhoods, and sponsoring other activities that

help beautify hometowns.

Registered events can get free cleanup supplies, such as bags, gloves and vests that are being donated by PennDOT and Keep America Beautiful.

Community and civic associations, schools and youth groups, families and friends, business employees, hunting and fishing clubs, conservation organizations, sports teams, and others are encouraged to participate.

For more information, visit [gacofpa.org](http://gacofpa.org) or call Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's toll free hotline at 877.772.3673, extension 113.

## Reminders. . .

1. The **township parks** are open to the public from 8:00 am to sunset.
2. **Dogs** are allowed in township parks but ONLY ON A LEASH and owners must clean up after their dogs.
3. There is **NO burning** in the township. The Public Works Department conducts leaf pick-up and brush pick-up, therefore there is no need for burning. Exceptions: campfires where food is being prepared.
4. **Curfew** for anyone in the township under the age of 18 is 11:00 pm to 5:00 am.
5. **Dogs and cats** are not allowed to run at large (off the owner's property).
6. **Door-to-door soliciting** is only allowed with a township-issued permit. Always ask to see the permit and report it immediately to the police department if the person(s) soliciting cannot show it to you for any reason.
7. Always have your **lights** turned on your vehicle when it is raining and your windshield wipers are in operation.
8. When going away on **vacation**, always let a trusted neighbor or family member know when you will be leaving and returning. In addition, you may also advise the police department of your plans to be away.
9. **NO TEXTING AND DRIVING - IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!!!** This message is intended for **EVERYONE** who has a Pennsylvania driver's license.

## Meter Readers and Dogs Don't Mix

One of the greatest threats to our meter readers is an unleashed dog. Dogs running loose don't realize that our employees are just doing their jobs. They see the meter reader as a stranger threatening their territory, and may attack our employees.

Help protect our employees by keeping your dog restrained away from the water meter readout.



## Emergency Notification

North Middleton Authority has partnered with Rapid Response System to assist the Authority staff with setting up an emergency notification system to reach the Authority’s water customers if the need should arise. This is often referred to as “Reverse 911”, whereas a message is recorded and then sent to all of the known phone numbers within the affected area. One of the major issues with this type of system is keeping the contact information current.



We are asking for all of the North Middleton Authority water customers to please register their contact information (phone numbers) with the authority staff by one of the following methods:

- Visit the North Middleton Township website at [www.nmiddleton.com](http://www.nmiddleton.com) and click on the Rapid Response System Portal Icon.
- Complete the information below and return it to the North Middleton Authority, 240 Clearwater Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.
- Call the North Middleton Authority at 717.243.8269 during regular office hours Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

**This information will only be used in an emergency situation.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to the North Middleton Authority**

## Sewer System Surveillance

The North Middleton Authority will be undertaking ongoing surveillance of the sanitary sewer collection system. Wet weather events from snowmelt and spring rains increased the ground water table causing groundwater to migrate into the sewer system.

Ground water enters into the sewer mains and house laterals through cracks and defective joints. Authority

staff and contractors normally conduct their surveillance work in the early morning hours when high ground water conditions permit.

**Please remember any groundwater discharges into the sewer system including sump pumps and downspouts are strictly prohibited and can result in penalties and fines.**

## Water Distribution Flushing

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

## Easy Payment Plan

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.

For more information, please contact the North Middleton Authority at 717.243.8269 or stop by our offices at

240 Clearwater Drive, Carlisle. We are located off PA Route 34 (Spring Road) behind the North Middleton Municipal Buildings. The Authority office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.



## North Middleton Authority Construction Projects

During the spring of 2012 North Middleton Authority requested CET-GHD, Authority Engineers; provide an alternative analysis for the capital improvements plan. This report evaluates the feasibility and cost for the upgrade and/or replacement of several aging sewage pumping stations located within the collection system. The report focused on the upgrade or replacement of three sewage pump stations and the elimination of one station. The report was finalized in June of 2012. The three pumping stations that are to be upgraded and/or replaced include the Marion Avenue pump station originally construction in 1967-68; the Pheasant Run Pump

Station originally constructed in 1974-75 and two stations located in the Cavalry Road area originally constructed in 1980-81.

For the moment we will focus on the Cavalry Road Area pumping stations. It is proposed that work will begin this year to replace the remaining pump station located along Cavalry Road. This station will be replaced with one new submersible wet well type pumping station to be located within the same area; it will also be equipped with an emergency backup generator to provide power in the event of an electrical disruption.

## Recycle Right



What can I recycle in my cart or bin? While recycling is the first step in the process, it's important to put materials in the cart or bin that actually belong there. Know before you throw! The National Waste & Recycling Association,

working with Keep American Beautiful, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Solid Waste Association of North American, have come up with a list of acceptable recycling items so people will know what can and cannot be accepted.

Recyclable items: cardboard, paper, food boxes, mail, beverage cans, food cans, glass bottles, jars (glass and plastic), jugs, plastic bottles and caps (numbers 1 thru 7).

Common recycling mistakes:

- Plastic grocery bags - these are the most common item in the bin or cart that shouldn't be there, and they can be the most detrimental. Consider recy-

cling them by taking them back to the grocery, pharmacy, or big-box stores where there are specially designated bins for recycling plastic bags.

- Take-out containers and donut boxes - food residue can contaminate the boxes or other recyclable material. They can only be recycled if free of food waste and residue from food.
- Styrofoam - although Styrofoam is recyclable, it requires highly specialized equipment that single stream recycling facilities are not equipped with.
- Paper coffee cups - although often thought of as a better alternative to Styrofoam, paper cups pose issues to recycling as well due to the plastic coating applied to prevent leaking.
- Shredded paper - shredding paper reduces its size so dramatically that it ends up mixed with the residue or glass at recycling facilities. Because the machines sort broken glass and other debris by

## Recycle Right (cont.)

size, the shredded paper often gets destroyed or disposed of because it ends up in the wrong place. Once it is mixed with glass or residue, it cannot be recovered for recycling.

- Pizza boxes - although they are made of cardboard, the grease from the pizza contaminates the raw material. You can tear off the untarnished part of the box and recycle that.
- Household glass - items like window panes, mirrors, light bulbs and dishes are dangerous and should be left out of your recycling. Light bulbs can be recycled at many hardware and home improvement stores.
- Wet paper - should be discarded with the trash.
- Milk and juice cartons - these are often coated with a thick layer of wax but can still be recycled.
- Aerosol cans - while these are made of metal, because of the chemicals used to pressurize the

cans, they are classified as a household hazardous waste and should be discarded properly.

- Ceramics and pottery - this includes things like coffee mugs and old flower pots.
- Paints, pesticides, automotive fluids, diesel fuel, gasoline, kerosene and car batteries - should be disposed of at a hazardous waste facility.

### More helpful tips:

- Place all recyclables loose in the recycling bin or cart
- Rinse plastic and metal containers to remove all remaining residue.
- Do not place yard waste in your recycling bin.
- Bottle caps can remain on the item that is being recycled.

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