

2016 Fall / Winter Newsletter

North Middleton Township

Halloween Egg Hunt & Hayride

The 13th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt, for children 0 to 10 years of age, will be held on Sunday, October 16th at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive, Carlisle.



Hayride starts at 3:00 pm (weather permitting); Costume Parade begins at 3:45 pm, prizes will be awarded; the Egg Hunt begins at 4:00 pm. The event will be held rain or shine. Children should bring their own buckets / baskets. For additional information, please contact Judy Smith, Recreation Director, Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm at 717.243.8550 or email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com.

5th Annual Halloween 5K Hustle

The 5th Annual Halloween 5K Hustle (fun run/walk) will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 10:00 am at North Middleton Park.

The event benefits the North Middleton Volunteer Fire Company No. 39.

Cost is \$20.00 per participant, if registered before September 30th; registrations received after September 30th will be \$25.00. Participants who register prior to September 30th will receive a Halloween 5K Hustle t-shirt. Registration the day of the event begins at 9:00 am.

Participants are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes and bring your pets. Prizes will be awarded for different categories.

Participants who would like to raise additional funds for the Fire Company, can pick up a pledge form. Business sponsorships are also available.

You can download a registration form, pledge form and business sponsorship forms on the township's website at www.nmiddleton.com or you can stop by the township office at 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle.



Larry Snyder Retiring



Larry Snyder of the Public Works Department will be retiring on September 30th after 40 years of service.

The Board of Supervisors and Township Staff wish Larry the best on his retirement.

Trick or Treat Night

Trick or Treat Night will be held on Monday, October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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Holidays

Veteran's Day
November 11

Thanksgiving
November 24 & 25

Christmas
December 23 Close at 12:00 pm
December 26

New Year's
January 30 Close at 12:00 pm
January 2, 2017

North Middleton Township
2051 Spring Road
Carlisle, PA 17013

Telephone

717.243.8550 - Township
717.243.5639 - Codes
717.243.7910 - Police

Email

township@nmiddleton.com

Hours

Monday - Friday
7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Compost Facility

The compost facility is located at 100 Windy Lane (intersection of Beagle Club Road and West Middlesex Drive) in Middlesex Township. Dates and hours of operation are: Now 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 15 thru December 17, 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 and our Facebook page. The compost facility is closed on holidays and during snowy and icy weather.

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.

Items not accepted: stumps, grass clippings, flowers, bulbs, garbage, bulk items, dirt, stones, bricks, construction debris, concrete, hazardous materials, charcoal, fruits and/or vegetables, bags or containers.

You may ONLY dump when your load has been inspected and received instructions from the attendant. The attendant is not permitted to load or unload material. No bags or containers are to be left at the site. You MUST be a Middlesex or North Middleton Township resident with a current form of identification.

No contractor drop off is permitted. Residents only. No dumping while the site is closed or unattended.



Grass Clippings and Leaves



Residents are reminded that you should not blow your grass clippings and leaves out onto the streets. Doing this creates a slippery roadway for vehicles when the leaves and grass clippings become wet and it clogs inlets and storm pipes creating flooding situations.

Public Works Department

Leaf Pick Up: Leaf pick up will be held the weeks of November 7th and December 12th. 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.

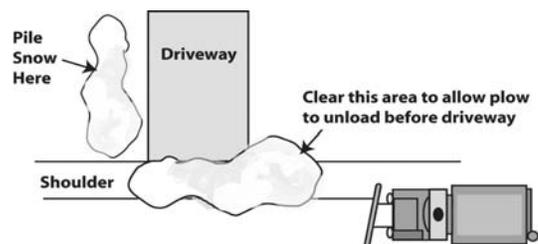
Christmas Tree Pick Up: Christmas Tree pick up will begin on Monday, January 9th, 2017. All Christmas Trees must be placed curbside by 7:00 am. Trees should be placed with cut ends towards the street. Artificial trees will NOT be picked up. They should be put out with your regular waste disposal.

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 196-19 prohibits parking in cul-de-sacs from December 1st to March 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.



Police Department

Don't Be An Easy Target: Tips for keeping your property safe from vandals and intruders:

- ◇ Keep your house and vehicle doors and windows locked at all times.
- ◇ Keep your bushes and shrubs trimmed, especially those that are close to windows and doors.
- ◇ Install motion-detector lights and dusk-to-dawn lights.
- ◇ Stop the mail and newspaper or have a neighbor get them when you're on vacation.
- ◇ Use indoor nightlights or timers on lamps, especially when you're away.
- ◇ Let a vehicle sit in the driveway or on the carport if you'll be away for an extended period of time.

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.



Reminders. . .

The **township parks** are open to the public from 8:00 am to sunset. The restrooms are closed mid-October through mid-April due to weather.

Dogs are allowed in township parks, ONLY ON LEASHES and owners must clean up after their dogs.

There should be **NO burning** in the township, with the exception of a contained man-made brick or stone fire pit being used for cooking or recreation (associated with outdoor living and patio areas) activities. The Public Works Department conducts leaf and brush pick-up, therefore there is no need for leaf burning.

Dogs and cats are not allowed to run at large (off the owner's property).

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 you the permit for any reason. School children and non-profit groups are exempt.



Always have your **lights** turned on your vehicle when it is raining and check your windshield wipers to be sure they are in good operating condition.

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 and fill out a "House Check" Form.

Like us on **Facebook** at North Middleton Police Department.

If you have any **questions or concerns**, you may email us at police@nmiddleton.com or call us at 717.243.7910.

If you are having an **emergency**, **DIAL 911**.

NO TEXTING AND DRIVING - IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!!! This message is intended for EVERYONE who has a Pennsylvania driver's license!

Visit our new website at nmiddletonpolice.com.

If you see or hear something unusual or **out of the ordinary**, please contact us when it is happening or noticed so it may be investigated.

Please be aware of the **phone scams**. The IRS or US Treasury Department would never call you, they will send you a letter in the mail.

Barbara Matter - Tax Collector

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.

The tax office hours are: January and February by appointment only; March thru December Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Residents should be aware that 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.

North Middleton Authority

Authority Website: The North Middleton Authority now has a website available at www.northmiddletonauthority.com, which has direct access to payment options online. Options include: Automatic Clearing House (ACH), which allows you to enter your banking information online and make a payment on your account. This option is free to both you and the Authority; the other option links you to a secured third party known as eNETPAY and includes a service fee for you to use it. The service fee for using this method does not benefit North Middleton Authority and goes directly to the third party vendor. You can also sign up to receive your bill via email instead of the paper postcard.



Your Toilet is not a Trash Can: The toilet is not a trash can. You can save yourself the inconvenience of clogged pipes and expensive plumbing bills by not using your toilet as a trash can. It also saves the North Middleton Authority from increased maintenance costs and it saves the environment from sewage backups and overflows.

When you use the toilet as a trash can it can cause clogs in the sewer mains or pumps which can result in a sewer backup leading to unsafe conditions and expensive cleanups.

It is best to only flush toilet paper and human waste down the toilet. Even items that say biodegradable do not break down in time to make it through the wastewater process.

The items listed below should never be flushed down the toilet: dental floss, tampons, baby / facial / cleaning wipes, syringes, medication, candy / food wrappers, diapers, disposable toilet brushes, cotton swabs / balls, sanitary napkins, rags and towels, cigarette butts, fat / cooking oil / grease, aquarium gravel, clothing labels, paper towels, bandages, hair, latex items, kitty litter, plastic items, fruit stickers, and medical tape.

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.



Water Distribution Flushing: The North Middleton 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.

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. For more information please contact the North Middleton Authority at 717.243.8269 or stop by our offices at 240 Clearwater Drive, Carlisle located off of PA Route 34 (Spring Road) behind the North Middleton Township Municipal Buildings. The Authority office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. The form is available on the website at www.northmiddletonauthority.com.



Emergency Notification

The 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 a 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 Authority website at www.northmiddletonauthority.com and enter 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 No. _____	Cell Phone No. _____
Email Address _____	

Return to the North Middleton Authority

New York City Your Way - Saturday, November 26 & Saturday, December 17

Enjoy a day in New York City your way. You will depart for New York City from the Carlisle Point Mall, 800 E. High Street, Carlisle at 6:30 am and arrive in the city at approximately 11:30 am. There will be a fast-food stop en route to the city. Departure will be at approximately 6:30 pm, with a restroom stop on the way home. Expected arrival time back in Carlisle is 11:30 pm.

Things to do!

Bryant Park: Midtown Manhattan offers free ice skating as well as more than 120 glassed-in shops offering toys, clothing, jewelry and ornaments and wide array of food and treats.

Union Square Holiday Market: Designers, artists and chefs offer their best items for you to buy for that special someone, or to treat yourself.

Columbus Circle Holiday Market: Outdoor market with vendors selling their crafts, arts, home accessories and food items for shoppers.

Holiday Windows on 5th Avenue: See the spectacular

window displays and shop in some of the finest stores.

Empire State Building: Visit the 102 story skyscraper and capture the view of the city.

Rockefeller Center: See the big Norway Spruce Christmas Tree with a height of at least 75 feet and 45 feet in diameter; to be lit November 30th.

Tickets to Radio City Christmas Spectacular: Tickets for the November 26th show are \$95.00 per person. Tickets for the December 17th show are \$157.00 per person.

New York City Your Way Cost: \$72.00 per person. Full payment due at the time of booking. Checks should be made payable to Wolf Bus Lines.

To make a reservation or for additional information, please contact Judy Smith, Recreation Director, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at 717.243.8550 or email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com.



Upcoming Events . . .

Halloween Egg Hunt: Sunday, October 16th at Village Park. Hayride at 3:00 pm, Costume Parade at 3:45 pm and the Egg Hunt begins at 4:00 pm.

Halloween 5K Hustle: Saturday, October 22nd at 10:00 am at North Middleton Park.

Trick or Treat Night: Monday, October 31st 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 8th.

New York City Your Way: Saturday, November 26th.

Christmas Tree Lighting: Saturday, December 3rd at 5:30 pm.

New York City Your Way: Saturday, December 17th.

Meetings . . .

Board of Supervisors: Workshop meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Action meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Planning Commission: Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held on an as needed basis.

Recreation Advisory Board: Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are not held in the months of November and December.

Zoning Hearing Board: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Meetings are held on an as needed basis.
