

2016 Spring Newsletter

North Middleton Township

Easter Egg Hunt

The North Middleton Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 19th at 10:00 am at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive. The Egg Hunt will be held rain or shine. The Egg Hunt is for children ages 0 to 10 years old. Please bring your own baskets.



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.

2016 Curbside Brush Pickup April 13 - May 11 - September 14

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 compost facility, located 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.

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.



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 you should contact the Codes Department to see if a permit is required. This includes inflatable, above ground, in-ground pools, etc.

For questions regarding building permits, please contact Rod Borda, Building Codes Officer, Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, at 717.243.5639 or email him at rborda@nmiddleton.com.

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Monday - Friday
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Hours

Tuesday thru Thursday
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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. For questions contact Ruben Lao at 717.243.5639 or email him at rlao@nmiddleton.com.

Joint Compost Facility

The compost facility is located on Windy Lane (Off Beagle Club Road) in Middlesex Township. Dates and hours of operation are: March 2nd thru October 15th, 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 17th, Saturdays only 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The site is closed on Holidays and during snowy/icy weather events. 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 or 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.

Items Not Accepted: stumps, grass clippings, 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 you have received instructions from the site attendant. The attendant has the final say as to whether you may unload or not. 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.

The site is under surveillance 24 hours a day, and you are notified that your visit to the site will be recorded.

Recreation Department

14th Annual Motor Mania: The North Middleton Township Recreation Department will be holding its 14th Annual Motor Mania on Sunday, July 24th at North Middleton Park, located off Route 74 (Waggoners Gap Road). Car and Cycle Registration will begin at 12:30 pm and a food stand will be available. To pre-register for the car show, contact Judy Smith at 717.243.8550 Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, or email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com.



Pavilion Rentals: Reservations can be made at the Municipal building Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Pavilion rental fees 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. To reserve a pavilion, contact Judy Smith at 717.243.8550 Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, or email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com.

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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, accessible from Suncrest Drive. The program is offered Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm beginning on June 6th and ending on July 15th. Contact Cindy Bear at 717.243.9356 for additional information.

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.



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 thru December Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Tax bills are mailed to taxpayers twice a year. County and Municipal Tax bills are mailed on March 1st and they include the 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 1st and they are the school district taxes.

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

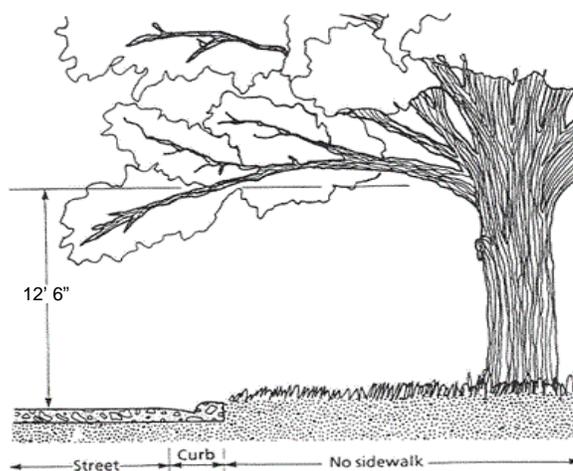
The Municipal Per Capita Tax is a personal tax on any resident 18 years or older that lives in North Middleton Township. This tax is separate from your real estate taxes. This tax is **NOT included with your mortgage escrow.

Trees and Our Roads

Residents are reminded tree limbs should be no less than 12 feet 6 inches above the paved portion of the street along their street lot lines.

Highway trucks, emergency vehicles and school buses, are designed to 12 feet 6 inch high specifications; antennas, lights, mirrors, and other equipment can be damaged by low hanging branches and shrubbery encroaching on the street. In addition, tree limbs should be no less than 8 feet above the sidewalk in front of a home.

Please help protect our school buses, emergency and maintenance vehicles from damage by keeping your trees trimmed.



North Middleton Authority

Sewer-Prohibited Wastes 164-11: 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 more than \$1,000, plus costs of prosecution and possible imprisonment.

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 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.

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 they may attack our employees. Help protect our employees. Keep your dog restrained away from the water meter readout.



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 caused by discolored water. The flushing operation removes any air and accumulated particulate matter from the distribution system to ensure quality water for everyone.

Grease and Disposable Wipes: Many sanitary sewer collection systems are having problems with Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG), which create grease build-up creating blockages with the collection system and at pumping stations. FOG also combines with disposable wipes which compound the problems. These so called disposable wipes are listed as biodegradable and they are to dissolve but in reality they are not dissolving and are combining together with grease creating problems and blockages. We are asking all property owners to not dispose of these wipes in the toilet or drainage system. We are also asking property owners to be considerate when disposing of cooking oils, fats and grease products. These products do not belong in the sanitary sewer collection system. They should be properly collected and disposed of with your trash collection service.

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 for the Cavalry Road Pump Station No. 2 was replaced and the flow was rerouted 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 past summer and construction work begin in January and will continue into May.

Other upcoming projects will include the replacement of the Marion Avenue Pump Station and upgrades to the Pheasant Run Pumping Station.

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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 increase the ground water table causing groundwater to migrate into the sewer system. Groundwater enters into the sewer mains and house lateral through cracks and defective joints. Authority staff and contractors normally complete 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.***

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 a system is keeping the contact information current.

All North Middleton Authority water customers should register their contact information (phone numbers) with the Authority staff by one of the following methods: complete the information below and return it to the North Middleton Authority, 240 Clearwater Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013; or call the North Middleton Authority at 717.243.8269 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

Police Department

Residents Beware of Scams!: When the weather turns nice, we often have thoughts of spending time outside in the yard or garden. 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 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 often found that the work is incomplete or of inferior quality. Sometimes they will pose as working for fencing companies, utility companies, tree-trimming companies, etc. to distract the homeowner while and accomplice gains access to the home. These are all scams aimed to victimize our communities. **BEWARE!!!!**

**SCAMS
TARGET YOU**

PROTECT YOURSELF Also, be aware of telephone scams. Do not give out personal information over the telephone. A very popular scam for this time of year during tax season is illegitimate calls from the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS does not make calls such as this. If you are a victim of a scam IRS phone caller, report this to the IRS Treasury Inspector General Tax Administration at 800.366.4484.

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!!!!!!** Contact the Police Department at 717.243.7910.

Police Department

Township Businesses, Take Note! If you own or operate a business in the Township, please do not forget to notify the Police Department of emergency contact names and telephone numbers that can be called in the event of an emergency at your place of business during the overnight hours. Also, if we have your information but it has not been updated recently, please give us a call at 717.243.7910 or email amckillip@nmiddleton.com. This is very important so that we can better serve you!

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

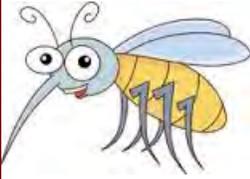
1. Keep your house and vehicle doors and windows locked at all times.
2. **Keep** your bushes and shrubs trimmed, especially those that are close to windows and doors.
3. Install motion-detector lights and dusk-to-dawn lights.
4. Stop the mail and newspaper or have a neighbor get them when you're on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

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 LEASHES** and owners must clean up after their dogs.
3. There should be **NO burning** in the township. The Public Works Department does leaf pick-up and brush pick-up, therefore there is no need for burning. Exception: 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. School children and non-profit groups are exempt.
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 and fill out a "House Check" Form.
9. **NO TEXTING AND DRIVING—IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!!!** This message is intended for **EVERYONE** who has a Pennsylvania driver's license!



A Note from the Cumberland County Vector Control Office



The West Nile Virus Program aims to protect citizens from mosquito-borne disease, monitoring over 150 sites throughout the county. When an adult control spray is necessary, information is posted on the County's website 48 hours prior to treatment. You can sign up for "**Notify Me**" emails to stay informed on these events.

Residents should also be on the lookout for breeding habitats on their property such as clogged gutters, birdbaths, flower pots, and tire ruts, which can produce hundreds of mosquitoes in a short time. When possible, **remove** the water source or **apply a control product** to keep your whole neighborhood healthy. Visit their website at www.ccpa.net/westnile. 717.240.7808.

Free Community CPR Event

Cumberland Goodwill Training and Education Center will be offering free community CPR classes. All events are held at 102 W. Ridge Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. You can register online at www.cumberlandgoodwill.org. Click on *Sign Up For A Class*, select *Classroom Programs*, then pick *Community CPR* and enroll. Dates for the classes are: May 21 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; June 29 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm; September 17 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; and November 9 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. For any questions, please call 717.249.0012 or email info@cgfrem.org.

Christmas Tree Needed

The North Middleton Township Recreation Department is in need of a Christmas Tree for the 2016 Christmas Tree Lighting. The tree must be at least 8 feet tall. If anyone has a tree they would like to donate, please contact Judy Smith, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at 717.243.8550 or email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com.

Advanced Disposal - 1.800.338.8971

Advanced Disposal is currently the trash hauler for North Middleton Township. The quarterly cost for the toter service is \$41.97. The cost for tag service is \$3.06 per tag.

Advanced Disposal does not pickup on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Routes will be pushed back by one day following a holiday.

Residents are permitted to put out one bulk item per week for pickup. **Acceptable bulk items are:** furniture (such as sofas, chairs, tables, etc.), mattresses, box springs, doors, window frames, wood (please make sure all loose wood is bundled), white goods/appliances (doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers), washers, dryers, stoves, automotive tires (rims must be removed from tires and will be taken separately by metal truck), metal items such as lawn mowers (free of gas), bicycles. *Only items that can be safely lifted by two men will be taken.* **Unacceptable bulk items are:** no tree trunks or stumps, no hazardous materials such as pesticides or chemicals, no construction materials such as concrete or drywall, no automobile parts.

The township's recycling ordinance applies to both residential and commercial properties. **Acceptable recyclable items:** glass and aluminum food and beverage containers (lids removed); natural and pigmented plastic narrow-neck containers with symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (milk, water, detergent, shampoo and bleach bottles); iron, steel and tin cans; newsprint; construction and craft paper; cereal and shoe boxes or similar items; print, computer, copy paper; junk mail; magazines and catalogs; cardboard (small enough to fit into the recycling bin and not bound), telephone books.

