

# 2016 Summer Newsletter

North Middleton Township

## 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, 1701 Waggoner's Gap Road, Carlisle from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Vintage Car and Cycle Registration will begin at 12:30 pm at the pavilion located in the lower parking lot. Prizes will be awarded to participants.

DJ and Radio Personality Ray Thomas and The Resistors will be playing music from 12:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

The following food vendors will be available: Creekside Bar B Qrew, Domino's Pizza and The Meadows Frozen Custard.



For additional information or to pre-register your car or cycle, contact Judy Smith at 717.243.8550 or email her at [jsmith@nmiddleton.com](mailto:jsmith@nmiddleton.com). Registration forms are also available at the Municipal Building and on the township's website at [www.nmiddleton.com](http://www.nmiddleton.com).

## Dover NASCAR Race - Sunday, October 2, 2016

Depart for Dover International Speedway in Delaware at 5:30 am from the Carlisle Point Mall, 800 E. High Street, Carlisle. There will be a fast food stop on the way to the track.

You will arrive at Dover International Speedway at approximately 10:30 am.



Your seats are in the Richard Petty Grandstands, Section 100 which is located near the start / finish line.

Once the race is over, you will depart from Dover International Speedway. A fast food stop is planned for the trip back to Carlisle. Expected arrival time at the Carlisle Point Mall is 11:30 pm.

**Cost: \$159.00 per person** (includes ticket to the race and transportation). Full payment is due at the time of book-

ing. Checks should be made payable to **Wolf Bus Lines**.

To make a reservation or for additional information, please contact Judy Smith at 717.243.8550, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

*This trip is non-refundable 60 days prior to race day. Reservations must be made 60 days prior to the race.*

*If the race is cancelled due to inclement weather, there will be NO REFUNDS issued on transportation. The ticket is yours to use on the make-up date and transportation to and from Dover International Speedway is YOUR responsibility.*

Pick up locations: Carlisle Point Mall, 800 E. High Street, Carlisle; Radisson Penn Harris, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill; Harrisburg Mall, 3501 Paxton Street, Harrisburg; and Wolf's Terminal, 200 Old US Rt. 15, York Springs.

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North Middleton Township  
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### Telephone

717.243.8550 - Township  
717.243.5639 - Codes  
717.243.7910 - Police

### Email

[township@nmiddleton.com](mailto: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](http://www.nmiddleton.com) and our Facebook page. The compost facility is closed on holidays and during snowy 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.



## Curbside Brush Pick-up - Wednesday, September 14

The final curbside brush pick-up for 2016 will begin on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 am.



Residents are required to have their brush bound with string or twine and should be cut to lengths of 48" (inches) or less. Bundles should be secured and sized so that one person can lift them chest high onto a dump truck. Material over 6" (inches) in diameter is not accepted.

Bundled brush should be placed with the butt (cut) ends

towards the street. Smaller twigs and branches may be placed in metal or plastic cans which will be emptied and returned to the curb.

No leaves, garden waste, roots, or grass clippings will be collected.

Bulk brush and leaves may be transported to the compost facility, located at 100 Windy Lane (intersection of Beagle Club Road and West Middlesex Drive) in Middlesex Township. Brush and leaves do not need to be bundled, cut to length or bagged prior to transport to the compost facility.

## From the Public Works Department

**Wagner Drive:** Weather permitting, Wagner Drive will be closed from late July through mid August for replacement of a cross pipe. Residents should plan an alternate route during this time period.

**Road Paving and Maintenance:** The following roads are scheduled for paving beginning Tuesday, July 5th: Fry Loop Avenue, Wagner Street, Vernon Drive, Charles Street, Hill Drive, Stine Avenue and Ridge Avenue. The paving schedule is tentative and is weather permitting. The first street scheduled for paving is Fry Loop Avenue.

Road maintenance and repairs will continue throughout the township all summer. Residents should be alert in work zones for our workers and equipment.

**Trees:** Residents are reminded that homeowners are responsible for maintenance of trees, shrubs and vegetation that is encroaching on the roadway, signs or anything that impairs sight distance. Please keep your trees, shrubs and vegetation trimmed along the roadway.

## Swimming Pools



PA State Act #45, Uniform Construction Code states that all pools with a water depth of 24" (inches) or more require a permit. It is recommended that prior to purchasing either a new or used pool that you contact Rod Borda, Building Codes

Officer, to see if a permit is required. This includes inflatable, above ground, in-ground pools, etc. You can reach Rod at 717.243.5639, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm or email him at [rborda@nmiddleton.com](mailto:rborda@nmiddleton.com).

## Chapter 86-1 - Buildings, Numbering Of

Residents are reminded that Ordinance 86-1 states that all residential houses, places of business, and other such buildings being located in North Middleton Township shall be conspicuously numbered for identification purposes.

Conspicuous numbering shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, illuminated or reflective numbers placed in such a location (all being in conformity to the ordinances, rules and regulations of North Middleton Township)

as to be visible from a public roadway. Address number shall be in Arabic numerals or alphabet letters, a minimum of four inches high, with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches, and of contrasting color. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.



## Building Permits



Residents are reminded that building 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 Rod Borda, Building Codes Officer to determine if a permit is required. You can reach Rod at 717.243.5639, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm or email him at [rborda@nmiddleton.com](mailto:rborda@nmiddleton.com)

## Chapter 76 - Brush, Grass & Weeds

**76-1 Definitions:** Vegetation - includes, but is not limited to, grass, weeds, vines and similar growths, jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur and chicory. Vegetation may be considered a nuisance if it throws off any unpleasant or noxious odors, conceals any filthy deposit, produces pollen or is not planted for some useful, ornamental or agricultural purpose.

**76-2 Vegetation over eight inches high constitutes nuisance:** Vegetation growing to a height exceeding eight inches on any lot or tract of ground in the township is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

**76-3 unlawful to permit vegetation to exceed eight inches in height:** It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing or having a present interest in any real estate, residential or commercial, to permit vegetation as defined in 76-1 of this chapter to grow to a height ex-

ceeding eight inches, with the exception of real estate used for and/or actively being farmed.

**76-4 Responsibility for cutting vegetation:** all vegetation on any premises, residential or commercial, shall be cut by the owner, lessee, or person having interest in the real estate. Failure to comply herewith shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

If a violation occurs, the owner of the property will be cited. Violations should be reported to Ruben Lao Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at 717.243.5639 or email him at [rlao@nmiddleton.com](mailto:rlao@nmiddleton.com).



## Who is she? Deb Gingrich

Maybe you have seen her along a township road, a state road or maybe you have seen her white trash bags laying along the edge of road. Township resident Deb Gingrich has made it her mission to keep North Middleton Township looking good by picking up the trash along our roadways.

In her spare time, Mrs. Gingrich, armed with her nifty

grabber handle, trash bags, bug spray and safety vest; walks the sides of the roads picking up trash using her own money to purchase the supplies she needs.

If you get a chance, please thank Mrs. Gingrich for her generosity or help her keep the township clean by not throwing trash along the roads or if you see trash along your road or street pick it up.

## MS4???

We have a responsibility to keep our waters clean! MS4 or **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System** conveys storm water from your properties, buildings, and driveways, and also public buildings, businesses, parking lots, streets and FLOWS into the closest stream or creek. Anything that gets into the storm drain system will end up in your stream or creek which eventually flows into the Chesapeake Bay. As residents we can help by:

1. Don't dump anything into a storm drain, it is for storm water only.
2. Don't drain a pool or hot tub into a storm drain - this water has chemicals harmful to fish and wildlife.
3. Wash your vehicle on the grass or gravel areas to allow the water/soap to soak into the ground rather than into a storm drain.
4. Conserve water - watch how often you water your lawn and don't over use fertilize / pesticides / herbicides on your lawn.

For more helpful hints and information regarding MS4 - check out North Middleton Township's website, click on Departments, then scroll down to MS4.

## Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion rentals are currently being accepted for Creekview Park, North Middleton Park and Village park.

Pavilion rental prices are: \$50.00 for a full pavilion (seats approximately 160 people); \$30.00 for a half pavilion (seats approximately 80 people). Pavilions can be rented from April thru the middle of October (weather permitting). Park hours are 8:00 am to dusk.

As a reminder, the Township prohibits possession or use of alcoholic beverages and dogs must be kept on a

leash and cleaned up after.

Reservation fees are **non-refundable**. In the event a cancellation occurs on the reservation date, due to inclement weather, you will be permitted to reschedule another date within the same calendar year according to facility availability. Reservations are accepted at the Municipal Building Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.



## Humane Society

If a resident needs to take a stray dog or cat to the SPCA at 7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg, they must first come to the police department and get a "Humane Society Drop-off Authorization". Before this form is issued the resident must show proof of residency in the form of a driver's license. This form must accompany the animal being dropped off at the facility. If a resident arrives at

the facility without an authorization form, the resident will personally be responsible for the drop-off fee. This procedure has become necessary for the township to properly track the number of stray dogs and cats being dropped off.

## 4th Annual Halloween 5K Hustle

North Middleton Township's 4th 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 use the pledge forms that are available. 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](http://www.nmiddleton.com) or you can stop by the township office at 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle.

For questions or additional information, please contact Judy Smith, Recreation Director, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at 717.243.8550 or you can email her at [jsmith@nmiddleton.com](mailto:jsmith@nmiddleton.com).



## 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 717.245.1291; email [taxcollector@nmiddleton.com](mailto:taxcollector@nmiddleton.com).

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.** 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 to 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.

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 \$10.00 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.

## Curfew



With nice weather returning and the daylight hours getting longer, the Police Department would like to remind parents of the Curfew Ordinance.

The Ordinance states that it is unlawful for any minor (person under the age of 18) to remain in or upon a public place or any establishment between the hours of 11:00 pm and 5:00 am of the following day. This does not apply when the minor is accompanied by a parent.

## Police Department Website

The new website is under construction and will be up and running shortly.



## Parking Opposing Traffic

Parking on the wrong side of the street (opposing traffic) is illegal because it is in violation of PA Vehicle Code §3354 (a). If you are found to be parked illegally, you may find a traffic citation on your windshield or it could be mailed to you via the United States Post Office.

## Police Department Reminders . . .

The **Township Parks** are open to the public from 8:00 am to sunset.

**Dogs** are allowed in township parks but **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 to burn brush and leaves.

**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.

## Vehicle Break-Ins

Vehicle break-ins have been on the rise lately. Please remember to lock your vehicle and don't let any valuables, money, credit cards or anything of importance in it. If you suspect you have been a victim, call the police immediately to report it.



## North Middleton Authority News

The North Middleton Authority now has a website available at [www.northmiddletonauthority.com](http://www.northmiddletonauthority.com), which has direct access to payment options online.

Options include Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payments which allows you to enter your banking information on-line and make a payment on your account. This option is free to both you and the Authority. The second option is to pay using a credit card. This 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



Always have your **headlights** turned on your vehicle when it is raining and your windshield wipers are in operation.

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](mailto:police@nmiddleton.com) or call us at 717.243.7910.

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

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

method does not benefit the 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.

You can also set up ACH payments by contacting the North Middleton Authority offices at 717.243.8269 or stop by their offices at 240 Clearwater Drive, Carlisle located off PA Route 34 / Spring Road behind the North Middleton Township Municipal Buildings. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

## 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 by keeping your dog restrained and away from the water meter readout.



## 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 North Middleton Authority water customers to please register their contact information (telephone numbers) with the Authority staff by one of the following methods: Visit the North Middleton Authority Website at [www.northmiddletonauthority.com](http://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; or 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**

## Water Hydrant Flushing & Distribution System Chlorine Residuals

During the warmer summer months, especially in July and August, you may see the staff from the North Middleton Authority flushing the water distribution system at the fire hydrants. You may wonder why are they wasting this water. During the warmer summer months in low water use areas, such as new developments, the chlorine residuals in the main lines will drop off. This can be

a potentially dangerous situation in which without an effective chlorine residual bacteria can regrow. So in order to keep the water fresh we frequently test the water for chlorine residuals and flush the system as needed. If we are flushing in your area this doesn't mean there is a problem. We just want to be proactive to make sure an issue or a problem doesn't occur.

## Sewer Cleaning

Every year the North Middleton Authority cleans the main lines of the sewer collection system. This is accomplished by entering into the main sewer line through a manhole with a 1 1/4" high-pressure water hose. This operation is necessary to clean any accumulated grease or debris to prevent backups and to ensure free flowing sewers.

During this operation a rumbling noise can be heard in some houses and occasionally bubbling of water in toilets or sink traps may occur. This is caused by air-flow trying to escape the pipeline by traveling up the laterals. If households have properly designed and installed vents within their plumbing systems this should not cause any problems. The Authority staff does place roadway signs in the areas that flushing operations will take place.

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## Upcoming Events . . .

**4th Annual Motor Mania:** Sunday, July 24th at North Middleton Park 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

**Brush Pick Up:** Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 am.

**Dover NASCAR Race:** Sunday, October 2nd.

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

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

**Election Day:** Tuesday, November 8th

## 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.

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