

2017 Fall / Winter Newsletter

5th Annual Halloween 5K Hustle

The 5th Annual Halloween 5K Hustle (fun run / walk) will be held on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 am at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive, Carlisle. The event will benefit the North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 39.



The cost is \$20.00 per participant, if registered before October 21st. Registration the day of the event will be \$25.00. Participants who register prior to October 6th will receive a Halloween 5K Hustle t-shirt. T-shirt pick-up and late registration will begin at 9:00 am. .

Participants are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes and to bring your pets. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Best Dressed Pooch / Owner; Best Dressed Individual / Family; Most Colorful / Original; 1st Place Finish Male / Female.

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 from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm.

14th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt & Hayride

The 14th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt, for children up to 10 years of age, will be held on Sunday, October 15th at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive, Carlisle from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

The Hayride starts at 2:00 pm (weather permitting); Costume Parade begins at 2:45 pm (prizes will be awarded); the Egg Hunt begins at 3:00 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.

Trick or Treat Night

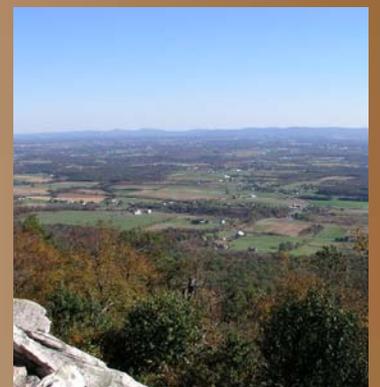


Trick or Treat Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.



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Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Santa will be arriving by Fire Truck to light the Christmas Tree. Refreshments will be served.



Recycling

The following items are recyclable and can be placed in your curbside bin and mixed together: glass food and beverage containers (lids removed); aluminum food and beverage containers; natural and pigmented plastic narrow-neck containers with symbols 1 thru 7 (milk, water, detergent, etc.); ferrous cans (iron, steel, tin); newsprint (black and white); construction, craft, print, computer and copy paper; cereal boxes; shoe boxes or similar items; junk mail; magazines; catalogs; corrugated cardboard (small enough to fit into the recycling bin and not bound); telephone books.

Common Recycling Mistakes - these items often show up in recycling bins but they cannot be recycled: plastic grocery bags; take-out containers & donut boxes (free of food waste and residue); styrofoam; paper coffee cups; shredded paper; pizza boxes (free of grease and food residue); household glass (window panes, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes); wet paper; aerosol cans; ceramics & pottery; paint, pesticides, automotive fluids, diesel fuel, gasoline, kerosene, car batteries; automotive parts (tires, engine blocks, etc) and scrap metal.

2017 Brush Pick-Up - September 13

The final brush pick-up of 2017 will be held on Wednesday, September 13th. All brush must be curbside by 7:00 am.

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.

If your brush does not meet the requirements it will not be picked up. The brush pick-up is meant for brush, not entire trees, stumps or root systems.



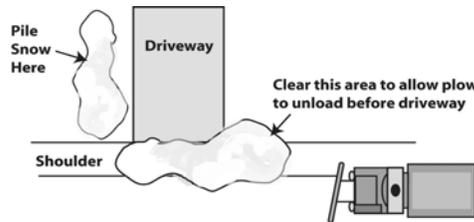
Snow Plowing

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. Residents are reminded that 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.

Tips for Shoveling Snow

Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the intersecting highway (see diagram). 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.



Joint Compost Facility

The compost facility is located on Windy Lane (off Beagle Club Road) in Middlesex Township.

Dates and hours of operation are: January, Saturdays only 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; February, Closed; March 1st thru October 15th, Mondays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Wednesdays 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; October 16th thru December 15th, Saturdays only 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The site will be closed on Holidays and during bad weather..

Acceptable Items: Christmas trees, leaves, shrubs (no roots) and shrubby 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 instruction from the site attendant. The attendant is not permitted to load or unload material. No dumping while the site is closed or unattended.

This site is for Middlesex and North Middleton Township residents only. Contractors are not permitted to use the site.

When using the site, you will need to bring picture identification with a current address.

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

If you have any questions about the Compost Facility, please contact the Middlesex Township Office at 717.249.4409.



Leaf Pick-Up

Leaf pick up will be held the weeks of November 13th and December 11th. 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.





Grass Clippings and Leaves

With Fall quickly approaching, 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.



Oil & Chip vs. Paving

Each year the Public Works Department paves or oil and chips township roads. Most residents prefer paving over the oil and chipping. We have compared the process and expense of oil and chipping versus paving a road, including the cost to complete the work.

The chip seal, or oil and chipping, is a process of applying a thin layer of an emulsified asphalt oil and spreading on a thin layer of 1/2 inch stone. This process is very similar to what someone would do to seal their driveway, however; instead of keeping the driveway blocked off to let the oil set, the layer of stone allows for traffic to return immediately.



Most of the time, when paving a street, you must do additional work prior to the actual paving. In most cases base repair must be completed before adding a leveling course, which will vary in thickness, and prior to laying the top coat of 1 inch of blacktop.

Using a sample project for comparison purposes, is a street that is 3,000 feet long by 24 feet wide. The minimum thickness for paving is 1 inch; the minimum thickness for oil and chipping is 1/2 an inch. The "street" is flat with no obstructions and is 8,000 square yards.

The 2017 oil and chip bid is \$0.98 per square yard. Our street is 8,000 square yards which would result in a cost of \$7,840.00 to chip seal the road.

To pave the street, the Public Works Department would rent equipment and operators, then purchase PENNDOT certified blacktop called Superpave through a state contracted price. Paving our street at a 1 inch thickness would require 450 tons of Superpave at a cost of \$56.00 per ton and it would take a full day to complete. The total cost, including the rental of equipment and the Superpave, would be \$30,700.00.

A local company was contacted for an estimate on what it would cost for them to blacktop our street as opposed to the Public Works Department doing the work. Their price to supply and install the blacktop would be \$7.00 per square yard, with a total cost of \$56,000.00.



Although paving a road should last 20 years, oil and chip sealing adds an additional 3 to 5 years of road life. This is one way the township is saving money while still safely maintaining township roads.

From the 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.

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- ◆ 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.

Reminders

1. 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.
2. **Dogs** are allowed in township parks, ONLY ON LEASHES and owners must clean up after their dogs.
3. 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 recreational (associated with outdoor living and patio areas) activities. The Public Works Department conducts a leaf and brush pick-up, therefore there is no need for burning.
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 you the permit 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. Always have your **lights** on 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 driver's license!**
10. Like us on **Facebook** at North Middleton Police Department.
11. If you have any **questions or concerns**, you may call us at 717.243.7910 or email us at police@nmiddleton.com.
12. If you are having an **emergency**, **DIAL 911**.
13. Visit our website at nmiddletonpolice.com.
14. 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.



Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Christmas Tree pick up will be gin on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. 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.



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15. Please be aware of the **phone scams**. The IRS or US Treasury Department would never call, they will send you a letter in the mail.
16. 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 of a theft, call the police to report it immediately.
17. Colder weather will be approaching us with inclement weather to follow, please think safety on the roadways as conditions can change very rapidly and allow for extra time for travel.

Aggressive Driving: The North Middleton Township Police Department received a "Certificate of Appreciation" in recognition of the valuable contributions made to the 2016 PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program.

Lost Dogs: Dogs can escape us quickly, so if you lose your canine, please notify the police department. Some people don't realize that we can be a helpful resource in the rescue of your pet, since often the officers have calls to pick up strays and take them to the station in hopes the owners call.

School Is In Session: The police department wants to remind all motorists that school buses are sharing the roads with other vehicles morning 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.

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