2017 Spring Newsletter

2017 Brush Pickup March 8 - April 12 - May 10 - September 13

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.

Joint Compost Facility

The compost facility is located on Windy Lane (off Beagle Club Road) in Middle-sex Township. Dates and hours of operation are: January, Saturdays 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 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The site is closed on Holidays.

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.

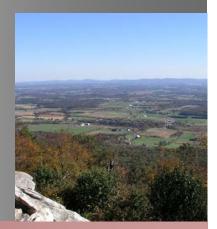
You may only dump when your load has been inspected and you have received instruction from the site attendant. The attendant is not permitted to load or unload material. *This site is for Middlesex and North Middleton Township residents only. When using the site, you will need to bring picture identification 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. No contractor drop off is permitted. Residents only. No dumping while the site is closed or unattended. If you have any questions about the Compost Facility, you can call the Middlesex Township Office at 717.249.4409.



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Tree Trimming:

Weather permitting the Public Works Department will be trimming dead and low hanging tree branches. These trees are within the Township right-of-ways along Township roads.

Be Aware: Residents are reminded that as the weather gets warmer road work will begin on State and Township roads. Residents should be aware of State and Township employees working on our roads.



Recreation Department

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am: The North Middleton Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive, Carlisle on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am. The Egg Hunt will be held rain or shine and is for children ages 0 to 10 years of age. Children should bring their own baskets.

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 (14 or 16 tables that seat 10 per table); half pavilion \$30.00 (6 tables that seat 10 per table).

North Middleton Park has 4 large pavilions, Village Park has 3 large pavilions and a small pavilion and Creekview Park has a small pavilion available for rental. Electric, grills and trash containers are available at all pavilions.

Summertime Adventure - June 5 thru July 14, 9:00 am to 12:30

pm: 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. Contact Cindy Bear at 717.243.9356 for additional information.

15th Annual Motor Mania - Sunday, July 23 at 12:30 pm: The Recreation Department will be holding its 15th Annual Motor Mania at North Middleton Park, located on Route 74 (Waggoners Gap Road). Check the Township's webpage and Facebook page for additional information as we get closer to the event date.

Bus Trips (*Checks should be payable to Wolf Bus Lines*)

Blue Angels Air Show, Annapolis, MD - Wednesday, May 24

Cost: \$124.00 per person

New York City Gourmet Food Tour - Saturday, June 3

Cost: \$90.00 per person

Cape May Day On Your Own - Saturday, July 15

Cost: \$70.00 per person

Pippin at Dutch Apple Theater - Wednesday, August 30

Cost: \$98.00 per person

Mountain Heritage Festival 2017 - Sunday, September 24

Cost: \$56.00 per person

Full payments are due when booking the trip.

For additional information on the Recreation Programs or to make a reservation for a bus trip, please contact Judy Smith Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at 717.243.8550; email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com; or stop by the Township Office at 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA 17013. More information is available on the bus trips on the township's website www.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 717.254.1291; 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.

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 and the Street Light Taxes. School Tax Bills are mailed on July 1st and they are the Carlisle Area School District Taxes. If your real estate taxes are escrowed with your mortgage, please forward your tax bill to your mortgage company.

Residents are reminded that township staff cannot accept tax payments or provide residents with tax information. *All tax payments and questions must be* handled by the tax collector.

You can either mail your payment, bring your payment 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.

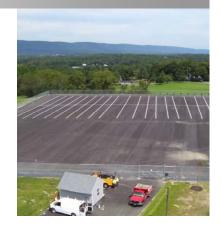
Codes & Zoning Department

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.

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 determine if a permit is or is not required. Contact Rod Borda, BCO at 717.243.5639 or email him at rborda@nmiddleton.com.

Swimming Pools: Residents who are pool owners or plan to purchase a new 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 either a new or used 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.



Trees: Windstorms and ice/snow storms are strong enough to tear limbs off trees. With high enough wind speeds, no tree species are risk free. The tremendous leverage that wind and snow exerts on tree limbs cause various types of damage which typically include broken tops and twisted limbs. This type of damage rarely heals well by itself, which makes immediate pruning essential if the tree is to be saved. Residents should be aware of their trees and any branches that are broken and at risk of falling.



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Welcome

North Middleton Township Police Department hired three new officers.

Officer Jeffrey Kolodzi and Officer Sean Sullivan were both hired in October, 2016 as part-time officers. Office Kolodzi was promoted to full-time in November, 2016 and Office Sullivan was promoted in January, 2017.

Officer Aaron Gobrecht was hired as a part-time officer in January, 2017.

Please help us in welcoming them to the Township.



North Middleton Fire Company

2016 Year In Review: The North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company had 470 calls for service:

56 Fire Calls 126 Rescue & Medical Calls

63 Hazardous Conditions Calls 43 Service Calls

135 Good Intent Calls 42 False Alarms or False Calls

The fire company participated in 832 hours of training, 50 hours of public education; 98 hours of public service (smoke detector installation, fire drills, fire works stand-by etc.)

Ben Lauer, Fire Chief: Ben Lauer became the new Fire Chief for the North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company on January 1, 2017 replacing Shawn Brickner who served as Fire Chief for the last 12 years.

Chief Lauer began his fire fighting career in 1999 at the Cumberland Goodwill Fire and Rescue Company. In 2005 he moved to the West Shore and served Lower Allen Township at the rank of Lieutenant until 2010. Upon returning back to Carlisle with wife Erin and son Cooper, he joined the North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company serving as Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Fire Chief and now Fire Chief.

The Fire Company is planning an open house this fall for the public to come in and enjoy a day with the Fire Company personnel. They can also assist you with birthday parties, etc.

The Fire company has a smoke detector program in which they will not only supply you with new smoke detectors, but will also come to your home and ensure that they are properly installed and working correctly.

Look for the NMTVFC on social media. They have both a Facebook and Twitter accounts. Feel free to follow them and see what your volunteers are up to.

Any resident interested in the smoke detector program or if you want additional information, please contact the Fire Company at 717.243.2701 or email Chief Lauer at Chief39@nmfire39.com.

Police Department...

"Aggressive Driving" / "Click It Or Ticket" Enforcement: The Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project (PAADEEP) is a statewide initiative that utilizes crash data to identify aggressive driving locations. High visibility target enforcement, coordinated earned media, public awareness and training are conducted on roadways to reduce the number of needless aggressive driving injuries and deaths.

The first of the 2016-17 Aggressive Driving Waves was completed October 24 thru November 20, 2016. Two hundred five (205) Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies participated, in additional to PSP from 15 Troops. Municipal Agencies

"Aggressive Driving" / "Click It Or Ticket" Enforcement (cont.)

recorded 9,258 enforcement contacts and 8,635 citations / arrests during the 4 week "Wave". There were 5,576 speeding related citations written; representing 64.6% of all citations. Four (4) separate speed violations included in the speeding group are: Maximum Speed Limits, Driving Vehicle at Safe Speed, Racing on Highways and Special Speed Limitations. Obedience to Traffic Control Devices was second highest with 645 citations and then Traffic Control Signals / Signs with 495 citations. A total of 127 arrests were also made during the Wave. These arrests were a direct result of the officer's initial traffic contact. There were 5 Felony, 33 DUI (Alcohol Only), DUID 7 (Drugs Only), 5 DUI / DUID and 77 Other Arrests reported.

The second Aggressive Driving Wave is scheduled for **March 20 thru April 30**, **2017**. There are 206 municipal police agencies and the Pennsylvania State Police scheduled to participate to reduce the number of aggressive driving related crashes, injuries and deaths on Commonwealth roadways.

The focus for this 6 week enforcement Wave is speeding, work zone safety, distracted driving and keeping right-passing left. Motorists exhibiting other unsafe behaviors such as driving too fast for conditions, following too closely, or other aggressive action will also be cited. Wave 2 coincides with National Distracted Driving Month (April) and National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 3rd thru April 7th).

The goal of the "Buckle Up PA" or "Click It Or Ticket" Seat Belt Mobilization is to maximize both day and nighttime seat belt use compliance by focusing on roadways with high unbelted crashes, injuries and deaths by initiating a combination of enforcement and public awareness activities. Buckle Up PA has invited 150 law enforcement agencies to participate in this mobilization. This is scheduled for **May 15 thru June 4, 2017**.

The law enforcement agencies selected to participate in this mobilization are based on a Crash Data Selection process. The participating 150 agencies represent the jurisdiction with the greatest number of unbelted crashes and fatalities in the state. Participating law enforcement agencies will be required to schedule 50% of their enforcement details at night from 2100 hours (11:00 pm) to 0400 hours (4:00 am) for this mobilization.

The more seat belt enforcement and community awareness provides the opportunity to reduce unbuckled crashes and increases seat belt use for that segment of the driving population that does not buckle up. Even though Pennsylvania has seen a reduction in unbelted fatalities, an inordinate amount of unbuckled crashes and fatalities occur during nighttime hours. Police will schedule Enforcement Patrols and Traffic Enforcement Zones to help address this ongoing problem.

BUPA believes the only way to convince the remaining 16% of non-seat belt users to buckle up is to write the primary citation for those under the age of 18 and the second seat belt citation for those over the age of 18.



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 243.7910 or email amckillip@nmiddleton.com. This is very important so that we can better serve you!





What Items CAN NOT Be Recycled:

- Needles or Medical Waste
- ♦ Wood or Styrofoam
- Paper Coffee Cups
- Shredded Paper
- Aerosol Cans
- Containers with Flammable Residue
 (containers that formerly held oil or other flammable liquids)
- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ CD or DVD Cases
- Dirty Tissues or Paper Towels
- ♦ Tovs
- Drinking Glasses (drinking glasses contain lead)
- Plastic Bags
- Diapers
- ♦ Electronic Cords
- Full Containers
- Plastic Hangers
- ♦ Bubble Wrap
- ♦ Aluminum Foil



From the Police Department... (cont.)

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 also may offer to do work such as driveway paving, selling 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 an accomplice gains access to the home. These are all scams aimed to victimize our communities. BEWARE!

Also be aware of telephone scams. Do not give our 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 at 1.800.366.4484 at the Treasury Inspector General Tax Administration.

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!!!!!!!!! Call the Police Department at once at 243.7910.

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.

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 conducts leaf and brush pick-ups, 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).

From the Police Department... (cont.)

Reminders...

- 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 <u>any reason</u>. School children and non-profit groups are exempt.
- 7. Always have your <u>lights</u> 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 <u>TEXTING AND DRIVING</u> IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!!! This message is intended for EVERYONE who has a Pennsylvania driver's license.
- 10. Nice weather = joggers, walkers, runners, bicyclists, etc. Please **be alert** and mindful when driving. Share the road.

North Middleton Authority

Easy Payment Options for Water and Sewer Payments: 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 243.8269 or stop by our office at 240 Clearwater Drive, Carlisle located off of Pa Route 34 (Spring Road) behind the North Middleton Township Municipal Buildings. The Auto Pay ACH form is on the back side of our bill and the form is available on the Authority's website.

Website: The Authority has a website at www.northmiddletonauthority.com. The site 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 to your account. This option is free for the customer and the Authority. Another option is to pay by credit card. This option links you to a secure 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 the Authority and goes directly to the third party vendor. You can also sign up to receive your bill via email instead of the paper bills.

Water Distribution Flushing: The 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.



What Can I Recycle

- Cardboard (as long as it is not wet)
- Paper
- Food Boxes (free of food residue)
- Mail
- ♦ Beverage Cans
- ♦ Food Cans
- Glass Bottles (all colors)
- ♦ Jars
- ♦ Jugs
- Plastic Bottles & Caps (caps should be removed from bottles)
- ◆ Take-out Containers (as long as they are not Styrofoam and free of food residue, pizza boxes should have not stains on the box)

Food containers should be rinsed out, not washed. A small amount of food residue left in containers is acceptable.





New Water and Sewer Bill Design

The Authority has changed their billing format to a full-page design to replace the postcard. The change was made so additional information can be added to the invoice. We hope this new design is easier for everyone to understand.

Questions should be directed to the North Middleton Authority at 243.8269.

North Middleton Authority (cont.)

Grease & Disposable Wipes: Many sanitary sewer collection systems are having problem with Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG), which creates grease build-up leading to 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 property collected and disposed of with your trash collection service.

Emergency Notification: The 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 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 243.8269 during regular office hours Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

This information will only be used in an emergency situation

Name	Account No
Address	
Home Phone No	Cell Phone No
Email Address	



Stormwater Friendly Yards

A stormwater friendly lawn is one that can absorb rainwater and does not harm local streams due to the over-application of chemicals. A stormwater friendly garden is one that uses organic compost as fertilizer to amend soil and minimize or eliminate the use of chemicals.

Reducing chemical applications and encouraging infiltration will help stabilize local water flows and also maintain natural nutrient levels in streams. Stormwater friendly lawns and gardens will help you save money on fertilizers and time on upkeep once they become established.

The following lawn and garden tips will help property owners partner with their community to manage stormwater and battle pollution:

- Set mower height to 3 inches or higher.
- Retain grass clippings and chopped leaves onsite.
- Keep clippings and chopped leaves out of streams, off the street, and out of storm drains.
- Fertilizers for your lawn...do you need them? If so, what, where, when, and how much?
 - 1. Test your soil or consult a local professional or certified applicator.
 - 2. Maximize the slow-release nitrogen in your fertilizer.
 - 3. Start with low amounts or fewer applications.
 - 4. Apply only during the growing season and check the weather.
 - 5. Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feel of a stream and use riparian-specific herbicides, if necessary.
 - 6. Sweep any granulated chemicals off hard surfaces and back onto your lawn immediately.

Home gardens can contribute a considerable amount of nutrients and other pollution to streams and other water bodies if not cared for in a responsible way. This mainly applies to fertilizers and pesticides so here are some options.

Garden fertilizers: Organic alternatives to chemicals include compost or manure. Compost can be created in your own back yard, is free, and contains the many nutrients needed for your vegetables. Also, be sure to apply organic fertilizers before planting to prevent runoff.

Pesticides: When it comes to pesticides, identify the pest and research your options. Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem.

If there is a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have. Consult an expert because there are many nonchemical alternatives to controlling pests.

Pesticides can infiltrate the ground water, contaminate drinking supplies, and severely harm downstream ecosystems if applied incorrectly or unnecessarily.

In the long run, little actions, such as taking a stormwater friendly approach to your garden and lawn, will have a big impact as all of us work together to protect our water's quality.



Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 am.

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour!



Middlesex Township Senior Citizens

The Middlesex Township Senior Citizens Group would like to invite North Middleton Township Seniors to join their group. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month beginning March 20th at 6:00 pm at the Middlesex Township Municipal Building located at 350 North Middlesex Road, Carlisle.

Interested seniors can contact Wes Fetrow at 717.776-7042 or 717.856-2205, or you can email him at <u>irenescakes@comcast.net</u>.

A Note from the Cumberland County Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program

Zika is here to stay in the Americas, but it has not yet taken hold in Pennsylvania. Almost 100 Zika imported travel cases were identified in PA last year. After returning home from vacation in Zika infested areas, help prevent introduction of the virus into local mosquitoes by wearing bug spray and avoiding bites. Working together to keep mosquito populations low will be essential in our efforts to thwart this disease. The Asian Tiger Mosquito likes to lay eggs in old tires, tarps, or even a bottle cap full of water. If you can't dump standing water, treat it with a *BTI* bacteria based product, such as Mosquito Dunks, found at local hardware stores. Please visit our website to learn more about mosquitoes, our program, and how to sign up for "Notify Me" emails.

Feel free to contact Cumberland County Vector Control with any questions or concerns at 717.240.7808 or visit their website at www.ccpa.net/zika.

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