

North Middleton Township
2051 Spring Road
Carlisle, PA 17013

June 2017



2017 Summer Newsletter

North Middleton Township 15th Annual Motor Mania



Sunday, July 23, 2017
12:30 PM until 5:00 PM

North Middleton Park, 1701 Waggoners Gap Road
Carlisle, PA 17013

The Event is free and will be held rain or shine.
To pre-register a car or motorcycle, or for more information contact Judy Smith at 717.243.8550; email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com; or check the Township's website at www.nmiddleton.com



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Entertainment



THE RESISTORS



**Ray Thomas
D.J. & Radio
Personality**



Chicken Barbecue

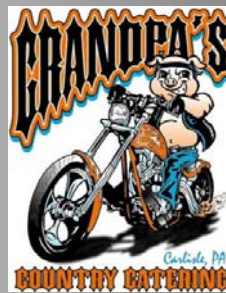
Chicken Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, applesauce and dinner roll.

Pre-orders: \$8.00

Day of Show: \$9.00

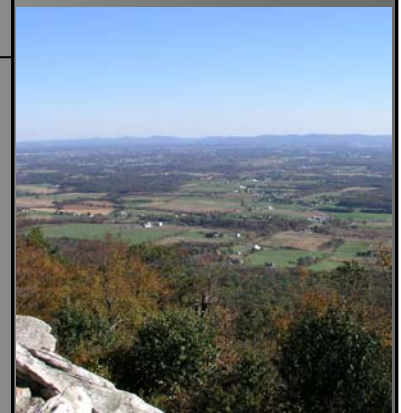
To place an order contact Judy Smith Monday thru Friday 7:30 am until 4:00 pm at 717.243.8550 or email her at jsmith@nmiddleton.com

Checks should be made payable to North Middleton Township.



Sponsors & Food Vendors

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| Karns Quality Foods | D & D Septic, Inc. | Tidy Maid Cleaning, LLC |
| Family Ford of Carlisle | Orrstown Bank | Steve's Repairs Unlimited |
| Napa Auto Parks | Fisher Auto Parts | |
| Livengood Brother Maple Products | Grandpa's Country Catering | |
| Creekside Bar-B Qrew | The Meadows Ice Cream | |





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 1 small pavilion and Creekview Park has a small pavilion available for rental. Electric, grills and trash containers are available at all pavilions.



Summertime Adventure

Summertime Adventure is a six week program offered to children ages 5 to 12. The program runs from June 5 thru July 14, Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

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. You do not need to be a resident of North Middleton Township to attend.

Contact Cindy Bear at 717.243.9356 for additional information.

Bus Trips

Saturday, July 15 - Cape May Day On Your Own, Cost \$70.00 per person

Wednesday, August 30 - Pippin at Dutch Apple Theater, Cost \$98.00 per person

Sunday, September 24 - Mountain Heritage Festival, Cost \$56.00 per person

Full payments are due when booking the trip. **Checks should be made payable to Wolf Bus Lines.**

For additional information, 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. Brochures are available on the township's website www.nmiddleton.com.

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 determine if a permit is required. This includes inflatable pools, above ground pools, in-ground pools, etc.

You can reach Rod at 717.243.5639, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am until 4:00 pm or you can email him at rborda@nmiddleton.com.

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, 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 until 4:00 pm or email him at rborda@nmiddleton.com.

2017 Brush Pick-Up - 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.

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.

A Message from Fire Chief Ben Lauer

With summer upon us, everyone is enjoying the outdoors and summer cookouts are really kicking into over drive. While we want everyone to enjoy themselves, I want to encourage everyone to make sure that you're following a few simple rules for outdoor cooking.

Ensure that your gas grill lines are properly connected, make sure your grill is clean, and be sure that you are not cooking next to your home or a structure. Below are some statistics from the National Fire Protection Agency about outdoor cooking:

- ◆ In 2009 - 2013, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an average of 8,900 home fires involving grills, hibachis, or barbecues per year. This includes structure fires and outside or unclassified fires on home properties.
- ◆ These 8,900 fires caused annual averages of 10 civilian deaths, 160 reported civilian injuries, and \$118 million in direct property damage. Almost all the losses resulted from structure fires.
- ◆ Five out of six (83%) grills involved in home fires were fueled by gas while 13% used charcoal or other solid fuel.
- ◆ The leading causes of grill fires were a failure to clean, having the grill too close to something that could catch fire and leaving the grill unattended.
- ◆ A leak or break was the leading cause for outside or unclassified grill fires. Leaks or breaks were primarily a problem with gas grills.

So with all of this being said, enjoy your summer and be safe! A reminder that if your home is in need of new smoke detectors or if you or a loved one need assistance with installation, please do not hesitate to call the North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company at 717.243.2701.



Reminder

Residents are reminded to place trash in tied bags prior to putting the your trash in your dumpster. This prevents loose trash from flying around onto the road and into yards.





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 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.

The site is for RESIDENTS ONLY. Contractors are not permitted to use the site.

No dumping while the site is closed or unattended.

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

Safety Tips to Keep Out 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.

Brush, Grass & Weeds

Residents are reminded that North Middleton Township has a Brush, Grass & Weed Ordinance.

The Ordinance states vegetation (brush, grass, weeds, etc.) exceeding 8" 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" 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.



Residents Beware of Scams!

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, 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 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 out personal information over the telephone. A very popular scam 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 Treasury Inspector General Tax Administration at 800.366.484.

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 us at once at 717.243.7910.

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 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. 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!



North Middleton Township Police Department

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Telephone

717.243.7910

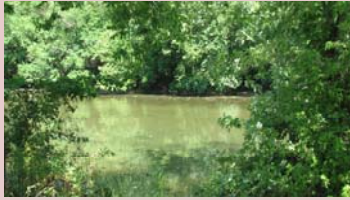
General Email

police@nmiddleton.com

Website

nmiddletonpolice.com





Message Board

The Parks Department recently installed a message board (see photo below) at North Middleton Park and Village Park. The message board will provide information on park regulations and announcements for Township events. A big "Thank You" to Floyd Horn, Parks employee, for his craftsmanship in constructing the message boards.



Reminders... (cont.)

10. Nice weather = joggers, walkers, runners, bicyclists, etc. Please **be alert** and mindful when driving.
11. 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.
12. **Parking opposing traffic** (on the wrong side of the street) 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 Postal Service.

Humane Society

If a resident needs to take a stray dog or cat to the facility at 7790 Graystone Road, Harrisburg, they must first stop by 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the police department at 717.243.7910 or email them at police@nmiddleton.com.

2017 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

The Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event will be held on Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Cumberland County Service Center, 310 Allen Road, Carlisle.

Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicles. <https://www.ccpa.net/DocumentCenter/View/18659> click on the link to view the traffic flow pattern map (pdf format) for the event.

What Can I Bring: pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, oil-based paints, stains, varnishes, sealers, oil-based paint cleaners, thinners, removers, adhesives, glues, epoxies, caulking, sealants, gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, anti-freeze, car care products, lubricating sprays, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, degreasers, oven cleaners, fire extinguishers, propane cylinders (up to 20 pounds), hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid and other acids,, mercury, mercury containing devices, fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, automotive batteries

What Can't I Bring: motor oil, latex (water-based) paint and paint-related products, smoke detectors, household alkaline batteries, chemically treated lumber, biological waste, construction and demolition debris, bags of cement / mortar, medications, ammunition, explosives, electronics, asbestos, tires, used absorbent material (i.e. oil-dri), cold patch, household trash.

North Middleton Authority

Website: The North Middleton Authority now has a website available at www.northmiddletonauthority.com. The website offers options for payment of water and sewer bills by ACH (automatic cleaning house) which allows you to enter your banking information online and make a payment on your account. 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.

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

Hydrant Flushing & Distribution System Chlorine Residuals: During the warmer summer months, especially July and August, you may see the staff from the Authority flushing the water distribution system at the fire hydrants. You may wonder why they are wasting this water. During the 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. 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 it doesn't mean there is a problem, we are just being proactive to make sure an issue 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.



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



Upcoming Events. . .

15th Annual Motor Mania: Sunday, July 23rd at North Middleton Park from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Brush Pick-Up: Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 am

Halloween Egg Hunt: Sunday, October 15th, Hayride at 3:00 pm, Egg Hunt starts at 4:00 pm

Election Day: Tuesday, November 7th

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. Budget meetings are held in the month of October.

Planning Commission: Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm 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 Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm on an as needed basis..

Township Holidays. . .

The office will be closed on the following days: Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day; Monday, September 4 for Labor Day; Friday, November 10 for Veteran's Day; Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday; Friday, December 22 closing at 12:00 pm for Christmas Eve; Monday, December 25 for Christmas Day; Friday, December 29 for New Year's Eve; Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year's Day

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