

2018 Spring Newsletter



Advanced Disposal - New Trash Contract

Advanced Disposal was awarded the new 5 year waste contract which begins on April 1, 2018. The cost for residents using the tag service is \$3.50 per bag with a minimum purchase of 12 tags per year. The new quarterly cost for residents using the toter service is \$39.87.

The contract includes a 66 gallon recycling toter with a lid. During the week of March 26th, residents should put out their 18 gallon recycling bins on your normal trash day. After the recycling pick up has been completed, Advanced Disposal will deliver the new 66 gallon recycling toter to your residence and remove the 18 gallon bin.

Residents are still permitted to put out one bulk item per week for pick up. Bulk items containing Freon will have to be tagged that the Freon is removed prior to pick up by Advanced Disposal.



Beginning on April 1, Advanced Disposal will be taking over the brush and leaf pick up. Residents should put their leaves in craft bags, 30 gallon natural brown paper bags, which can be purchased at either Lowe's or Home Depot. Brush should be in bundles, tied with twine, no longer than 3 feet long and no more than 25 pounds per bundle.

Brush and leaf pick up will be held the weeks of April 16th and May 14th. Brush and leaves should be placed curbside prior to 5:00 am Monday morning of the scheduled pick up week.

Brush Pick-Up - Wednesday, March 14

This is the final brush pick up for the Public Works Department. Please note future brush and leaf pickups will be completed by Advanced Disposal. Brush and leaf preparation will change. See the Advanced Disposal article for details.

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. Brush should be placed curbside by 7:00 am.



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.

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Upcoming Recreation Events . . .

Easter Egg Hunt: The North Middleton Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive, Carlisle on Saturday, March 24 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.

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.

Summertime Adventure is held at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The program runs from Monday, June 4 through Friday, July 13.

Children do not have to be a resident of North Middleton Township to attend and registration is not required.

16th Annual Motor Mania: The Recreation Advisory Board will be expanding the Motor Mania event this year to include farm tractors.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, July 22 beginning at 12:30 pm at North Middleton Park, 1701 Waggoners Gap Road, Carlisle. Registrations for entering a collectible car, motorcycle or farm tractor will begin in June. Food vendors will be on site, including the sale of Chicken BBQ Dinners.

Check the Township’s webpage and Facebook page for additional information as we get closer to the event date.

From the Recreation Advisory Board . . .

The Board would like to say “Thank You” to the people who donated cookies for the 2017 Christmas Tree Lighting and a special “Thank You” to everyone who volunteered their time to help make it an enjoyable evening.

Welcome the newest member to the Recreation Advisory Board, Robert Fehnel. Robert is new to North Middleton Township and is looking forward to working with staff and assisting with the Recreation Programs.

Park News . . .

North Middleton Park: The basketball court will have a new look this year. The half court will have a durable tile floor placed over the existing floor. Installation of the new floor will be completed in the spring.

This spring the ballfield dugouts will see some improvements. This is made possible through an Eagle Scout Project initiated by a Carlisle High School student and the Carlisle Area Little League, who will help fund the project.

Creekview Park: A new addition to Creekview Park this year will be a 9 hole Frisbee Golf Course. This is made possible from a donor who is providing the equipment needed to set up the course. We look forward to adding this popular sport to our park.



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 per pavilion, each table seats 10); half pavilion \$30.00 (6 tables per pavilion, each table seats 10)

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



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 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, February, Closed; March 3 thru October 13th, 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 20th to December 8, 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 your when your load has been inspected and you have received instructions 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. No dumping while the site is closed or unattended. If you have any questions about the Compost Facility, call the Middlesex Township Office at 717.249.4409.

Public Works Department

Road Maintenance: The Public Works Department will begin their annual road maintenance soon. The maintenance includes roadside mowing and tree trimming. Residents should be alert for township employees and equipment when passing through a work zone.

Street Sweeping: Street Sweeping will begin in mid-March. Please check our Facebook and website for updates.

From the 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 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 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!**



New Water & Sewer Bill Design

The North Middleton Authority has changed their billing format to a full-page design to replace the post card. The change was made so they could put additional information on the invoice or include an inert with general information.

We hope this new design is easier for everyone to understand.





Police Department Promotion

Officer Jeffrey S. Kolodzi was promoted to Sergeant on December 14, 2017. Sergeant Kolodzi was hired part-time in August, 2016 and became a full-time officer in November, 2016. He previously worked for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department and he is a retired officer from the Pennsylvania State Police. Help us in congratulating Sergeant Kolodzi.



From the Police Department. . .

Residents Beware of Scams! (cont.): The newest scam to hit our area is the sale of puppies on Facebook or Craigslist. Please research the breeder or ask questions before making a payment or sending money.

Also be aware of telephone scams. Do not give out personal information over the telephone. A very popular scam 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 by email https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml or telephone 1.800.366.4484. This is the Treasury Inspection 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 us at once at 717.243.7910.

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.
- ◆ Stop by the police department office to obtain a "House Check" form if going 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. . .

- ◆ The **township parks** are open to the public from 8:00 am to sunset.
- ◆ **Dogs** are allowed in all township parks, but **ONLY ON LEASHES** and **owners must clean up after their dogs**.
- ◆ There should be **NO burning** in the township. Exception: campfires where food is being prepared.
- ◆ **Curfew** for anyone in the township under the age of 18 is 11:00 pm to 5:00 am.
- ◆ **Dogs and cats** are not allowed to run at large (off the owner's property).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ Always have your **headlights** turned on your vehicle when it is raining and your windshield wipers are in operation.
- ◆ **NO TEXTING AND DRIVING - IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!!! This message is intended for every driver.**

Reminders... (cont)

- ◆ Nice weather = joggers, walkers, runners, bicyclists, etc. Please **be alert** and mindful when driving.

“Aggressive Drive” / “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 these roadways to reduce the number of needless aggressive driving injuries and deaths.

The second Aggressive Drive Wave is scheduled for **March 19 to April 29, 2018**. There are 238 municipal police agencies and the Pennsylvania State Police scheduled to participate. 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 actions will also be cited. Wave 2 coincides with National Distracted Driving Month (April) and National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 9 - 13).

From the Codes & Zoning 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 determine if a permit is or is not required. Email Rod Borda, Building Codes Officer at rborda@nmiddleton.com or by telephone at 717.243.5639.



Brush, Grass & Weeds: 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 and it

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 you can email him at rlao@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 you should contact the Codes Department to see if a permit is required. This includes inflatable pools, above ground pools, in-ground pools, etc. Contact Rod Borda, BCO at 717.243.5639 or you can email him at rborda@nmiddleton.com.



Police Department Comings & Goings

On January 25, 2018 the department hired a new part-time employee Officer Joseph P. Murphy. Officer Murphy is also currently a part-time officer for the Hummelstown Police Department.

Officer Patrick W. Bowers will be departing from the police department on March 2, 2018 to pursue another career. Officer Bowers has been with the department since July, 2014.

We are very pleased to have these fine officers serving North Middleton Township. Help us in congratulating and welcoming them to the Township.





Water Distribution Flushing

The North Middleton Authority staff will be conducting the semi-annual water distribution cleaning again this Spring. These operations are 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.



From the North Middleton Authority

Easy Payment Options for Water & Sewer Payments: Residents can visit the North Middleton Authority's website at www.northmiddletonauthority.com to view payment options for your water and sewer payments. You can also sign up to receive your bill via email instead of the paper bill.

Options include Automatic Clearing House (ACH), which allows you to enter your banking information online and make a payment on your account. This option is free to both you and the Authority.

Another option is to pay by using a credit card. This option links you to a secured third party know as eNETPAY and includes a service fee for you to use it. The service fee for using this method does not benefit the North Middleton Authority and goes directly to the third party vendor.

The final options is the 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 not trip to make. The Auto Pay ACH Form is on the back of your bill and there is a form available on the Authority's website.

For more information, please contact the North Middleton Authority 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).

Grease & 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 compounds 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.

Please do not dispose of these wipes in the toilet or drainage system and 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.

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 laterals 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 that any groundwater that discharges into the sewer system, including sump pumps and downspouts, is strictly prohibited and can result in penalties and fines.

From the North Middleton Authority (cont.)

North Middleton Authority Construction Projects: During the Spring of 2012 the North Middleton Authority requested CET-GHD, Authority Engineers, to provide an alternative analysis for the capital improvements plan. This report evaluates the feasibility and cost for the upgrade and/or replacement of several aging sewage pumping stations located within the collection system. The report focused on the upgrade or replacement of three sewage pump stations and the elimination of one station. The report was finalized in June of 2012.

The three pumping stations that are to be upgraded and/or replace include the Marion Avenue Pump Station, originally constructed in 1967-68; the Pheasant Run Pump Station, originally constructed in 1974-75; and two stations located in the Cavalry Road area, originally constructed in 1980-81. In 2014, one pumping station in the Cavalry Road area was replaced and another station was eliminated.

The replacement of the pumping station located along Marion Avenue is slated to begin early this Spring and will take approximately 270 days to complete. The Authority looks forward to having this pumping station rebuilt and it should provide reliable service for the next forty years or longer.

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 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 (telephone number) with the Authority staff by one of the following methods:

- ◆ Visit the Authority’s 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 1717.243.8269 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 _____

Address _____

Account No. _____

Home Phone No. _____ Cell Phone No. _____

Email Address _____



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 am.

Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.



North Middleton Fire Company - 2017 Year In Review

2017 Year in Review: The North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company responded to 455 calls for service: 45 fire calls; 125 rescue and medical calls; 62 hazardous conditions calls; 62 service calls; 117 good intent calls; and 44 false alarms.

Fire company members logged 3,579 hours answering calls for service; participated in 677 hours of training; 175 hours installing smoke detectors; attending fire drills and standing by during the fireworks, etc.

Fire Company Volunteers: Volunteer fire companies are fighting a shortage crisis. Picture calling 911 and no one showing up. The volunteer fire service is threatened by an inadequate number of volunteers. Pennsylvania had about 300,000 volunteer firefighters in the mid-1970's. Today, there are about 2,000 volunteers according to state officials. The North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company is in need of volunteers. Visit their website or stop by the fire station at 2061 Spring Road (next to the Township Building) for additional information.

Smoke Detectors: The fire company depends on local businesses to donate smoke detectors. These smoke detectors, when available, are given out to those in need and installed by the fire company to insure property installation and working order.

Facebook & Website: Visit the fire company website at www.nmfire39.com or following them on Facebook.



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