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19th Annual Community Day Set for Saturday, May 11

Middletown Township is hosting its 19th Annual Community Day at Penn State Brandywine on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This fun-filled outdoor event brings together the community, local businesses and the Township government to celebrate the hometown pride of Middletown Township.

The event is organized by Middletown Township Community Day Committee. The objective of Community Day is to provide a way for the community to come together and enjoy Middletown Township and all that it has to offer. It has been a successful event over the years, thanks to the continuous support of residents of Middletown Township.

The event will begin with opening ceremonies, which will include a strut by the Mummers. The theme for this year's festival will be in celebration of Riddle Hospital's 50th Birthday. The event will have local entertainment for all ages, including games, arts and crafts and an appearance by "The Berenstain Bears," as well as a vast array of musical talents, including a teen music festival comprised of student bands and performers, which will be hosted by the Penncrest Junior Optimist Club.

Local restaurants and vendors will provide food, games, prizes and more. Cradles to Crayons, a non-profit organization that provides homeless and less fortunate children with everyday essentials, will be collecting new and gently-used toys, clothing, shoes and other basic needs for children in the five-county area.

Middletown Township is seeking volunteers to help at the event. Volunteers will be compensated with a free lunch during their shift break. Middletown Township credits its sponsors, especially the Visionary and Benefactor sponsors The Shirley Booth Team, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, Trident Mortgage, and Opdenaker Trash Removal, with making Community Day possible.

For more information, contact Middletown Township at 610-565-2700 or visit www.middletowncommunityday.com. Also, please "Like" the Facebook page by searching for "Middletown Twp. Community Day 2013."



Middletown Sewer Authority Updates

NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT AGREEMENT

The Middletown Township Sewer Authority (MTSA) and Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority (SWDCMA) and DELCORA have finalized agreements which will transfer all flows to the DELCORA "state of the art" treatment plant along the Delaware River in the City of Chester. SWDCMA's six million gallon per day sewage treatment plant in Aston Township, which has treated Middletown's wastewater since 1968, will be taken off-line and decommissioned. Sewage from Middletown, Aston and parts of Upper Chichester, Upper Providence, Brookhaven and Chester Heights will be sent to DELCORA's fifty million per day Wastewater Treatment Plant in the City of Chester for final treatment.

As part of this Agreement, MTSA will be constructing a gravity sewer interceptor along the Chester Creek from a location near Glen Riddle Road to the proposed DELCORA pump station being constructed near Chester Creek and Baldwin Run on SWDCMA property. The 24" to 30" diameter interceptor sewer will be completed in phases with Phase I estimated to be completed on or before December 31, 2014. This phase will enable MTSA to eliminate the existing Glen Riddle Pump Station on Martin's Lane. Phase II will extend from W. Knowlton Road to DELCORA's new pump station by approximately May of 2017. A third phase may someday extend from Glen Riddle Road up Chester Creek to Baltimore Pike.

MIDDLETOWN SEWER ORDINANCE & ADDITION OF INFILTRATION AND INFLOW (I & I) PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Middletown Township Council is in the process of updating and revising its Sewer Ordinance. As previously reported, the Ordinance will require a closed circuit television inspection of the sanitary sewer line on any property being sold within the Township. The inspection will be conducted by MTSA prior to settlement of the property. Any defects observed in the lateral such as broken

pipes, roots or water leaks into the sanitary sewer mains are required to be repaired by the owner (s). The cost of the closed circuit television inspection will be paid for by MTSA since it will benefit all of the users of the Middletown Sewerage Collection System by finding and eliminating extraneous rain and ground water into the sewer lines which is costly to treat.

MTSA has hired John Ibach as its Inflow and Infiltration Program Coordinator for oversight of the Sewer Ordinance and other Authority efforts to inspect and repair the public sanitary sewer system. The Coordinator is responsible for oversight of all the lateral inspections, flow metering of gravity sewers and pump stations, and working with the MTSA engineer on main line closed circuit TV projects and repairs, in addition to many other projects located within the Township. The inspections of the individual sanitary laterals will ensure that the laterals are properly maintained and are not allowing rainwater or groundwater to enter into the MTSA sanitary sewer system. Treating groundwater can be costly to all property owners in Middletown and can also limit capacity in pipes, pump stations and wastewater treatment plants.

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Middletown Sewer Authority Inflow & Infiltration Program Coordinator John Ibach.

Pennsylvania Resources Council

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Are hosting an **Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Recycling Collection Event!**

When: Saturday, April 27,
2013 from 9am-2pm

Where: Middletown
Township Building
27 N. Pennell Rd.
Lima, PA 19063

Acceptable Items:

- Computers/Laptops/Monitors
- Computer Mice/Keyboards/Peripherals
- CD Players
- VCR/DVD Players
- Cell Phones/Phones
- Small Home Office Copiers/Fax Machines
- Printers
- TVs/Radios/Stereos
- MP3 Players
- Electronic Toys and Games
- Photo and Video Cameras
- Microwave Ovens
- Mixed Household Electronics

Prohibited Items:

- Hazardous Wastes/Liquids
- Loose Batteries
- Toner Cartridges
- Fluorescent Lamps
- Common Electrical Appliances (e.g. washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, refrigerators, satellite dishes, space heaters)

Door-to-Door Solicitation Questions Answered

Middletown Township has an ordinance that permits "peddling," with certain restrictions. In recent months, some residents have had questions about the practice of peddling and the permitting process within Middletown. Door-to-door peddling is constitutionally safeguarded by the First Amendment protections of commercial speech, and thus municipal ordinances may regulate door-to-door peddling but cannot be overly restrictive or prohibit peddling outright. Those going door-to-door for charitable or philanthropic purposes are legally exempt from the requirements of the ordinance and do not need a permit to do so.

Each individual peddler must apply for a peddler's license by supplying his name, address, any prior criminal record, if applicable, the types of merchandise being peddled, and the length of time to be licensed in order to be issued a permit. Once issued, the permit must be carried on the person peddling door-to-door within the Township at all times while peddling.

To discourage the visits a resident might receive by a licensed peddler going door-to-door in Middletown, residents can place "No Peddling, Soliciting or Trespassing" signs on their individual properties. Residents can call the State Police to report and seek prosecution against someone who ignores the posted sign. The Township should be called to report someone peddling without a permit or otherwise violating one of the restrictions contained in the Middletown Township Peddling and Soliciting ordinance. However, any suspicious behavior should be reported to the State Police.

Anyone wishing to inquire what types of Peddlers Permits are active within the Township at any given time may call the Building & Codes Department at 610-565-2700. The full ordinance is available on the Township website under the Code Book tab. Scroll down to Chapter 167, Peddling and Soliciting.

Employee Profiles: Meet Michele Clancy, Building Department Assistant



Michele Clancy has been employed with Middletown Township since 2004. She worked as the Township Receptionist for the first 1 ½ years before moving to the Building & Codes Department where she works today as the Department Assistant and Permits Coordinator.

Michele is the first point of contact within the Building & Codes Department for a homeowner or contractor who wishes to apply for a permit. Her work involves a wide range of functions and a working knowledge of Township Codes as she intakes permit applications, processes them, and answers questions of contractors and homeowners about the permitting process. She also assists the Township Engineer, Building Official, and Zoning Officer, and in addition, coordinates permit work with the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Health Officer, and the Fire Marshal.

When asked what her favorite part of her job is, Michele says it's the accomplishment that she feels from helping others, whether it's answering questions or helping a contractor or homeowner file for a permit. On working at the Township with her fellow co-workers, Michele says "We try to have fun everyday no matter what we are doing. We are a great group of people and I really enjoy coming to work every day."

Before coming to work at Middletown, Michele was employed as a District Sales Manager for Avon. She grew up in Aston and graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School, then continued her education at Chubb/Keystone Business School and Delaware County Community College.

In her free time, Michele loves being outdoors, whether working in her gardens, flying kites, or hanging out with her dog and family. She enjoys other special family outings, like trying new restaurants, going to concerts or staying at home having movie night or game night. She also enjoys cooking and trying out new creative recipes.

2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

All events take place
from 9am to 3pm.

The following date is collection for
Household Hazardous Waste ONLY:

Saturday, May 4

Marple Transfer Station
Marpit Dr. & Sussex Blvd, Broomall

The following dates are collections for
Household Hazardous Waste, **AS WELL AS**
Computers, Printers, Scanners,
Fax Machines, and Portable TVs.

Thursday, September 13

Rose Tree Park
1521 N. Providence Rd, Media

Saturday, October 13

Upper Chichester Township Building
8500 Furey Road, Boothwyn

More info at DCSWA at 610-892-9627 or
www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html

Parks & Recreation Events

Log on to the Township website to download the 2013 Annual Trip Flyer.

www.middleowntownship.org

Email: parkandrec@middleowntownship.org **or Call:** 610-565-2700

Spring/Summer 2013 Day Trips

May 2: Mystery Trip
May 8: "Dream Girls" Fulton Theatre
May 15: Gracie Mansion & Carnegie Hall, NY
May 16: Harrisburg River Cruise
May 23: River Lady & Smithville Village
May 29: Ladew Gardens, MD
Jun 1: Broadway's NYC "Kinky Boots"
Jun 4: Ocean City, MD & Assateague Island
Jun 6: Neighborhoods of Unique Baltimore
Jun 10: Philly's "City of Murals" Trolley Tour
Jun 13: Rock Ford Plantation & Lititz Tour
Jun 19: "Broadway-Now & Forever" Show, Lancaster
Jun 22: Ground Zero & Liberty Harbor Tour
Jun 23: Cirque Du Soleil, Camden, NJ
June 25: Chop Tank Treasures, Easton, MD
Jun 26: "Thunder Over Boardwalk" Air Show

Jun 28: DC Capitol Tour & Capitol Steps Show
Jul 10: Doolan's Red Hat Doo Wop Day
Jul 11: Intrepid & Circle Line Cruise, NYC
Jul 17: Princeton & Drumthwacket
Jul 20: Phillies vs. Mets at Citi Field
Jul 23: Delaware River Cruise & Lunch
Jul 26: "Let's Host a Murder" Bistro Romano, Phila.
Jul 29: Mohegan Sun Casino Pocono Downs
Aug 2: Musikfest in Bethlehem
Aug 6: Washington DC Private Embassy Day Tour
Aug 8: NYC "Highline" & Governors Island
Aug 11: "Sheer Madness" Show; Kennedy Center Tour
Aug 14: Ellis Island NYC
Aug 17: "Newsies" NYC Broadway Show
Aug 20: Doolan's Spring Lake, NJ "Nashville"
Aug 28: "Buddy Holly Story" Ocean First Theatre, NJ
Aug 30: US Tennis Open, Flushing Meadows

2013 Overnight Trip Highlights - **May 20-24:** Asheville, NC; **May 25-Jun 2:** Canada/New England Cruise; **May 27-30:** Cape Cod; **Jun 13-23:** Alaska & Denali; **Jun 15-20:** Rail & Sail New England; **Jul 22-25:** Vermont; **July 28-Aug 6:** Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island; **Aug 27-Sep 7:** Alaska & Denali; **Aug 31-Sep 8:** Canada/New England; **Sep 5-15:** Canada/New England. **USA Trips:** **Aug 16-24** Northern California; **Aug 15-24** USA National Parks; **Aug 3-10:** Canadian Rockies; **Aug 23-30:** US Canyons; **Oct 7-12:** Kentucky; **Oct 5-10:** Albuquerque Balloon Festival; **Nov 18-22:** Myrtle Beach Holiday Trip; **Dec 1-3:** Greenbrier Resort, WV! Please review full 2013 Flyer for many other destinations and various cruise departures plus European Holiday trips too.

16th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup Saturday, May 4, 2013 9-11:30am

This year's local cleanup will be held on the Darlington Trail beginning at the trailhead parking lot at the Chester Creek bridge.

To volunteer, contact Cheryl and Bill Pfeiffer at 610-999-1820 or cherbill2@verizon.net. For questions, contact crc@nni.com or 610-359-1440.

Free picnic for volunteers at Pavilion 8, Ridley Creek State Park, after the cleanup at 11:45am.

OTHER EVENTS . . .

Summer Camp 2013 at Indian Lane
 Runs June 24-Aug 2 (6 weeks)

Lovely Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show
 Tuesday, May 21 at 11am at the Towne House

Spring Trail Walk
 Sat. June 1 at 10am at Darlington Trail

Lecture Event—Wed. June 12 at 1:30pm
 DNA—Lincoln's Pillowcase by Dr. Gary Grove.

Annual Red Cross Blood Drive
 Tues. July 16, 2013

Book Club
 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm.

Bridge & Pinochle Card Players Wanted! Call!

Fall Flea Market at Sleighton Park. In the works.

Middletown Historical Society News and Notes

www.mthsdelco.org

MIDDLETOWN MONDAYS 2013

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council has funded a third series of talks beginning in March 2013 to focus on the Civil War in the area. Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. at Lima Estates, 411 North Middletown Road, Media, PA. Free and open to the public, no registration required.

March 25: THE CIVIL WAR ON THE HOME FRONT by Nancy Webster, Independent Scholar

Delaware County contributed heavily to the Union war effort, even though it was not a battleground. The role of the mill workers, many of them women, and of other sections of the local population were key to the eventual success of the Northern forces. And the war forever changed the face of the region as a result.

April 29: THE GRAND DESIGN: UNION AND CONFEDERATE GENERAL HOSPITALS

by Lesley M. Wood, Living Historian

The outbreak of the American Civil War in 1861 heralded an urgent need for bigger and better hospitals to accommodate the ever-growing population of wounded soldiers. By 1862 the U.S. Medical Department expanded and wartime America saw the construction of many new "hub" hospitals located usually in large cities such as Baltimore, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Richmond and Atlanta, just to name a few. General Hospitals also had to be accessible to resources such as water, supply warehouses, railroad depots, shipping yards, and telegraph stations.

May 20: BRUTUS DE VILLEROI & THE USS ALLIGATOR by Dan Cashin, Living Historian

The U.S.S. Alligator was the first submarine

purchased by the US Government. Although the sub was launched from a Philadelphia shipyard in 1862, it played an important role in the history of Marcus Hook. The story also includes the ironclad U.S.S. Monitor and a Confederate submarine, the C.S.S. Hunley.

June 10: **LOCAL MEDICINE DURING THE CIVIL WAR** by Nancy Webster, Independent Scholar

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the professional soldiers, the volunteers and the civilians at home were woefully unprepared for the care of sick and wounded. Learn about the types of wounds, the illnesses and the epidemics; how and why they occurred, how they were treated, and how the long recovery rates demanded a variety of solutions. Delaware County, being on the Mason-Dixon Line, having a strong medical tradition and trained healers, and its proximity to water for the easier transport of casualties put our local people right at the center of this crisis.

PLEASE BECOME A MEMBER TO HELP US PRESERVE MIDDLETOWN'S HISTORY

We invite all township residents, former residents and lovers of local history to join and support our activities. Please click on the MEMBERSHIP link on the side bar of our website, to download an application.

Membership levels are:

\$15 Individual; \$25 Family; \$50 Benefactor; \$100 and up Supporter

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (except for July and August) in the Middletown Township Building and we invite your participation at our meetings.

Middletown Sewer Authority Updates (continued from page 2)

As part of the I & I elimination program, residents in various neighborhoods will be notified to verify the condition of their existing sewer cleanouts/vents and inspection ports to ensure they are in compliance with all Township Plumbing Code requirements. Keeping groundwater from entering into the sanitary sewers from broken or uncapped sewer pipes in lawns and driveways is a necessary responsibility of all residential and business property owners. We appreciate every ones effort and understanding to help us keep sewer rates as low as possible.

MEADOWHURST AND MEADOWBROOK PUMP STATION UPGRADES

MTSA is in the process of replacing two aging pump stations located in the Highmeadow Community. The first pump station is located on Meadowhurst Lane and is rated for 125 gallons per minute (gpm) flow and the second station is located on Meadowbrook Lane and is rated for 175 gpm flow. The installation of the new pump stations will provide for continued long term conveyance of the sanitary sewage to the wastewater treatment plant. Emergency bypass pump valves are also being installed for the quick connection of a portable pump should the main station fail or become accidentally damaged. The cost to upgrade these stations under the Authority's Capital Improvement Budget is \$200,0000.

Middletown Council and the members of MTSA thank each and every one of our sewer customers for understanding that the projects and responsibilities mentioned above are costly but necessary to protect our environment and property values in the Township.

P&R Committee Seeks Volunteer Assistance with Sleighton Duplex Rehabilitation

The Parks & Recreation Committee is gearing up to coordinate the rehabilitation of the vacant duplex house located on the Township-owned Sleighton Park property. One side of the house could potentially be leased to a park caretaker. The Middletown Township Historical Society has interest in utilizing the other half of the duplex to house historic artifacts and to use as meeting space for the Society's monthly meetings.

The Parks & Recreation Committee is seeking the volunteer efforts of local contractors who could work to clean out, re-paint, repair, and generally update both sides of the duplex so that the house can be re-opened and re-used to the benefit of various Township purposes and organizations. Any interested contractors may call Pat McCoy at the Township at 610-565-2700.

TOM Group Update (Trails of Middletown)

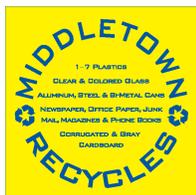
On behalf of the Township Parks and Recreation Committee, the Trails of Middletown (TOM) group formed last year to help monitor the Township park & trail network for any maintenance or safety issues that may arise. The TOM group has been conducting monthly trail walks to assess the condition of Township trails and trailheads. The purpose is to identify needs and improvements to recommend to Township Council, with the ultimate goal being enhancement of the trail user experience. In February, the group walked the Indian Orchard Trails. In March, the group walked the half of the Linvill Trail closest to the farm store and evaluated potential connection options to the planned Chester Creek Trail. The next walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 at Millennium Trail from 1-3pm. Any interested residents are welcome to join the walk.

Recycling Quick Tips

Co-mingle plastics **1-7**, glass, steel, bi-metal, and aluminum cans. Newsprint, phone books, junk mail, and office paper may also be placed in the same container with the other co-mingled materials, provided that the paper is prevented from blowing away by the use of a lidded container.

If using a lidless container, paper should be bundled in paper bags or tied and placed in or near the container(s). Corrugated cardboard and gray cardboard (pizza and cereal boxes) are to be bundled or stacked in bags and placed in or near the recycling bin.

Non-Township issued containers must have Yellow Recycling stickers affixed, available free at the Township, Wolff's, and Linvilla.



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