



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP REPORT News of Your Community

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Spring-Summer 2014

20th Anniversary Celebration of Community Day Set for Saturday, May 3, 2014

Middletown Township will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of its annual Community Day on May 3, 2014 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This will mark its fourth year at the beautiful Penn State Brandywine campus.

In past years, businesses celebrating milestones have been recognized at the event. Highlighting this year's event will be the celebration of Linvilla's 100th anniversary, near the main stage, where attendees can enjoy Linvilla's birthday cake and their famous cider donuts. The opening ceremonies will include BSA Troop 85's presentation of the colors and a bugle accompaniment by Lloyd Spangler. A representative of Media Theatre will sing the National Anthem, followed by a welcome from Township Council and Penn State Brandywine.

Other entertainment will feature Mr. Jason, who will be returning from the Middletown Library for story-time. Makin' Music is set to perform their rocking rhythms including Rockdale Music. The 6th annual wing bowl competition will be held on stage at 1:00 p.m. Pony rides, llamas, moon bounces, face painting, water ice provided by Weather Motors and flowers contributed by Wolff's Apple house will be included in the fun.

In addition, Williamson Free Trade School

and Penn State Brandywine will have volunteers present at the event this year. "On behalf of the committee, I would like to acknowledge the schools that are assisting us again, because without their help it would be difficult to make this event happen," said Debbie Timblin of Middletown Township. The Committee is comprised of township staff, residents, businesses and two interns from Neumann University and Penn State

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• All Trails Lead To Middletown •

COMMUNITY DAY  **2014**

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Enter for a chance to win a special prize!
Please fill in your name and phone number
below. Cut it out & bring it on event day to
the Info Booth
BEST OF LUCK!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____



Employee Profiles: Meet the New Employees



Jean Kenney was recently hired to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Manager. Jean comes to the

Township after having spent 13 years in various roles with the Rose Tree Media School District. Jean provides administrative support to the Manager and Township Council, as well as maintaining personnel, benefits and various other Township document files, and providing general assistance to the public. A lifelong resident of Upper Providence, Jean and her husband recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. In her free time, Jean enjoys vacationing with her family, reading, watching movies, and walking.

Jason Keeley was hired in February to fill an open Driver/Laborer position in the Public Works



Department. He was quickly “broken in” to the position and the snowplowing duties that go along with it when his start date coincided with the early-February snowstorm that pummeled the region. He can also be seen around the township patching potholes, cleaning out stormwater inlets, and maintaining

township parks and fields. A lifelong resident of Delaware County, Jason lives with his family in Middletown Township. When he’s not busy working at the Township, Jason spends time with friends and family and enjoys being involved in his childrens’ sports activities.



The newest addition to the Middletown Township Sewer Authority is Fran Niermann, who comes to the Authority with 30

years of experience in the Water and Wastewater field. Fran’s responsibilities as the Inflow and Infiltration Coordinator are detecting, eliminating and preventing stormwater from entering the sanitary sewer system. Fran grew up in Philadelphia and lived in Avalon, NJ before settling with his family in Middletown Township. Fran enjoys baseball and fishing in his free time.

Congratulations to Jean, Jason and Fran on their appointments, and best wishes for their continued success!



Township Council Would Like Your Feedback on the Recycling & Yard Waste Collection Program

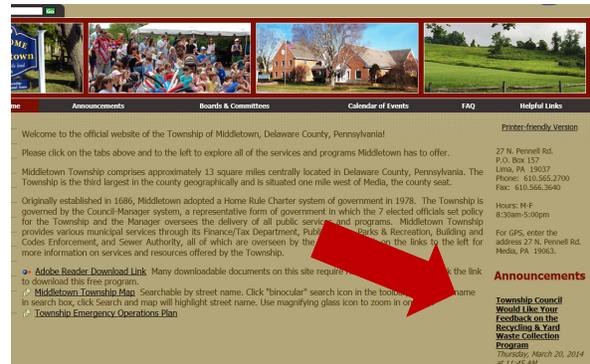
This spring, Middletown Township will re-bid the next 3-year recycling collection contract for single-family residences. The contract includes collection of curbside single-stream recycling as well as yard waste (sticks & branches).

In preparation for the re-bid process, Township Council would like to get your feedback on aspects of the current program. We welcome any ideas for improvements you may have.

Survey web link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FSW3H7S>.

An on-line survey has been posted under the Announcements section of the Township website, www.middletowntownship.org. From there, you can click on a link that will direct you to the survey. You can then complete and submit the survey electronically. The results will help Council make decisions on setting collection frequency for the next 3-year contract, as well as inform them of any general issues they should be aware of when bidding the next contract.

Paper copies of the survey will also be available at the Township Building, or can be mailed upon request.



The Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Survey is available under the Announcements section of the Township website homepage.

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Brandywine.

There are many new surprises this year, including two special raffles. For a chance to win premium Phillies' tickets, bring the Community Day postcard that has been distributed, filled out with your contact information, to the event information booth. The coupon on the front of the newsletter can also be entered into a special prize drawing.

Many sponsors have become a part of this event and Middletown is greatly appreciative of the support. The committee would like to recognize those businesses within the highest sponsorship level: Berkshire Hathaway Fox & Roach, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, BET Investments, Inc., Republic Bank, Crozer-Keystone, Opdenaker Trash Removal, Trident Mortgage and Riddle Hospital. Look for a complete list of sponsors in the upcoming program map which will be posted in the Town Talk insert on April 30th.

Neverending Tree Issues?

“My tree fell on my neighbor’s fence. Who is responsible for the damage?”

As an insurance agent, this question gets asked of me often. Putting neighborly goodwill aside and viewing this question from a legal perspective, each party would be responsible to deal with his or her own damage (including basic tree clean-up) up to the property line. If necessary, each property owner would submit a claim to their own insurance company to cover the damage on their own properties.

For instance, if the tree falls on your shed and also on your neighbor's fence, you would each have a claim on your own homeowners' policy for your respective damage. The exception to this is if the tree that fell was dying, dead or not maintained properly and you did nothing to prevent a loss, then you could be held responsible for the neighbor's damage as well.

Law in general tries to remedy most situations, but as always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Be a good neighbor and take care of the trees on your property before they become a problem for you or your neighbors.

Chris Quinn, 4th District Councilman
Email: (Chris@qiagency.com)



2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

All events take place from 9am to 3pm.

The following date is collection for **Household Hazardous Waste ONLY:**

Saturday, June 7, 2014

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.**

Saturday, May 3

Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd. Sharon Hill

Sunday, September 14*

Penn State Brandywine
25 Yearsley Mill Rd. (Rt. 352) Media
**New date and location*

Saturday, October 18

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

www.middleowntownship.org

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

Spring/Summer 2014 Day Trips

- Apr 23:** Mystery Trip
- May 1:** Cape May "Nuts and Bolts"
- May 3:** Springfest, Ocean City, MD
- May 7:** "Buddy Holly Story," Fulton Theatre, Lancaster
- May 15:** Delightful Doylestown Day
- May 20:** River Lady Cruise & Smithville Village
- May 29:** Washington DC Private Embassy Day
- May 31:** Brooklyn & Brooklyn Heights
- Jun 4:** Ocean City, MD & Assateague Island
- Jun 7:** Philadelphia Italian Market Day w/ Guide
- Jun 11:** Baltimore Day w/ Murals and Gardens
- Jun 13:** Hershey Day with a Delicious Twist

- Jun 17:** 911 Memorial & Museum & Church Tours
- Jun 19:** St. Michaels', MD Day
- Jun 21:** "Kinky Boots" on Broadway
- June 23:** Gettysburg w/ Michael Ludwig
- Jun 25:** "Moses," Millennium Theatre, Lancaster
- Jun 29:** "Camelot," Mt. Gretna Theatre
- Jul 9:** Historic Bethlehem w/ Private Guide
- Jul 13:** Ocean Grove, NJ Choir Festival
- Jul 15:** Doolan's, Spring Lake, NJ, 40's-70's Music Show
- Jul 19:** NYC Ground Zero Memorial & Museum
- Jul 24:** "Chicago," Ocean Theatre, Barnegat, NJ
- Jul 28:** Mohegan Sun Casino, Poconos
- Jul 30:** Summer Mystery Trip

2014 Travel Presentation: Wednesday, April 16 at 2pm.

Pre-registration is required by calling or emailing the above contact information. **The annual trip brochure is now available on the Township website.**

2014 Overnight Trip Highlights—May 4-9: Savannah & Charleston; **May 5-11:** Nashville & Memphis; **May 19-23:** Finger Lakes & Cooperstown, NY; **June Highlights:** Pittsburgh; Castles of NY & 1,000 Islands; Niagara falls & Niagara on the Lake; Maine Train Tour; Chicago **July Highlights:** Canada's Historic Cities; Cowboy Country; Canyon Country **August Highlights:** Mackinac Island; Pacific Northwest; Glacier National Park; Canadian Rockies **September Highlights:** America's National Parks; Pigeon Forge, TN; Trains Across the Mountains of Vermont & New Hampshire **October Highlights:** West Virginia w/ Fall Foliage; Trains & Shows; Louisville Kentucky; Charleston & Savannah **November & December Highlights:** Williamsburg; Greenbrier Resort, WV; Smoky Mountain Christmas. **PLUS** European overnight trips, and many great cruises, including European River Cruises

Parks & Recreation Committee News

The Committee meets monthly at 5pm at the Township Building, and they welcome your participation at the meetings, as well as your input regarding what you would like your Parks & Recreation Department to offer residents. Please come to the meetings to express your thoughts or email Director Pat at pmccoy@middleowntownship.org.

The Committee is also thinking about organizing a fall Flea Market at Sleighton Park, and a possible Family Movie Night. Let us know your thoughts on these event possibilities! We welcome your input.

OTHER EVENTS . . .

Easter Egg Hunt at Indian Lane
Saturday, April 12 at 1pm

Summer Camp 2014 at Indian Lane
For Children 4-12, Runs June 23-Aug 21(6 weeks)

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

Spring Trail Walk
Sat. June 14 at 10am at Linvill Trail

Lecture Events at 1:30pm
May 8: Civil War Battles by Michael Ludwig
May 25: Genealogy

Book Club
2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm.
Join Bridge & Pinochle Card Players
Mondays at 11am

Middletown Township Historical Society Plans Exterior Improvements for “Oak Lawn” House

Last spring, Middletown Council gave approval to Middletown Township Historical Society’s proposed project to improve the exterior appearance of Oak Lawn, the house on the Smedley tract at the corner of Middletown and Rose Tree Roads. The first committee meeting to plan the project took place in January and included Penncrest art students and sponsor, a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and historical society members. Understanding that weather is unpredictable and is major factor in the ability to complete work, a goal was set to have visible improvements to the house by the fall of 2014. Since that time, MTHS Board Member Steve Manning has developed an action plan, and resources for labor and materials are being pursued. Penncrest High School Art Honor Society Members have completed the mock-up for the faux windows to be installed over the existing plywood. Application is being made to Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades for assistance. A Life Scout from Troop 85 has volunteered to join the planning committee, working toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A preliminary list of work to get started includes repairs and painting to windows, doors, shutters, masonry, roof rake boards, soffits, porch tin roof & woodwork, etc. If you are willing to donate time or

materials to this worthwhile project, or have any questions about how you can help, please contact MTHS at www.mthsdelco.org. Volunteers will receive recognition and a list will be posted at the site.



Polluted Stormwater Threatens Our Streams

Stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, animal waste, and other pollutants as it flows over surfaces such as driveways, roads, and lawns. Polluted stormwater runoff is the greatest threat to clean water. We all need to work together to prevent stormwater pollution. You can do your part by adopting healthy outside habits.

- Pet waste should be picked up immediately and put in the trash.
- Take your car to the car wash to keep dirty, soapy water from entering streams.
- Repair oil or engine coolant leaks promptly, wiping any spills, and dispose of used auto fluids at an authorized repair shop.
- Keep storm drains near your property clear of debris and litter.

Middletown Free Library: Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 26th @ 1PM "Witness to History – Holocaust Survivor Presentation"

Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle Lecture Series

- **Saturday, April 12th @ 1 PM** *Bayard Rustin: West Chester Quaker of Color and the "American Gandhi"* by Nancy Webster
- **Saturday, May 24th @ 1 PM** *A Local Family's Multigenerational Experience From Slavery to the Civil Rights Movement* by Dr. Samuel M. Lemon of Neumann University

Thursday, April 24th @ 6 PM

Indian Cooking Demo

"Three Operas in Three Languages" Spring Opera Series

- **Thursdays, April 3 & 10 @ 12-2 PM**
The Magic Flute by Mozart
- **Thursday, April 24 & May 1 @ 12-2 PM**
The Barber of Seville by Rossini
- **Thursday, May 15 & 22 @ 12-2 PM**
Carmen by Bizet

This program has been funded by The Friends of the MFL.

Registration is required for all programs! Call 610-566-7828 or email mireference@delcolibraries.org

Check out our website www.middletownfreelibrary.org for a complete listing of all adult and children's programs as well as services provided by the Library!

Yard Waste Collection Upcoming Collection Dates

April 2 and 16

May 7 and 21

June 4 and 18

July 2 and 16

August 6 and 20

September 3 and 17

- Collection occurs twice a month on the first and third Wednesday from April-October, and once a month on the third Wednesday from November-March.
- Yard waste refers to twigs, sticks, branches, and tree and shrubbery trimmings only. No grass, weeds or leaves will be accepted.
- Individual branches are to be no larger than 4" in diameter and no longer than 4' in length.
- To prepare for collection, all yard waste MUST be contained in one of the following ways and set out at the curb, or it will not be collected:
 - In trash cans
 - Bagged in biodegradable paper bags
 - Bundled with string.
- For branches that are too unwieldy to bundle together, a maximum of 10 loose branches may be put out to the curb per collection.
- Yard waste is to be placed at the curb the evening before collection, or no later than 6am on the day of collection. If it is not out to the curb by the time the truck arrives to collect, the truck will not be sent back to collect later. Please report yard waste placed out at the curb correctly and on time that has not been collected to the Township at 610-565-2700.

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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