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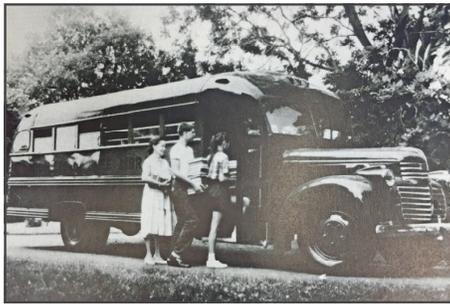
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Middletown Free Library Celebrates 60 Years of Growth & Service to Community; "Serving Residents Since 1956"

Why would a used 1950s-vintage school bus become a treasured symbol of the Middletown Library? Because it reflects the vision and energy of a group of citizen volunteers that felt that in 1956, Middletown Township needed its own library.



In 1956, Mrs. Philip Sanders, (who would become the first President and Library Director) held the first meeting of Township residents interested in creating a community library in her W. Forge Rd. home. Soon after, donated books from Township businesses and families were gathered, and a fund drive was held that raised an impressive \$1,600.

The next step was to find a home for this newly gathered book collection. The Library Board used \$400 to purchase a used Elwyn Institute school bus, then transformed it into a shiny, red "Bookmobile". On August 6, 1956, the Library-on-Wheels made its first run through the Township, carrying 1500 volumes for circulation.

Fast-forward to March 28, 2016: Middletown Township Council President, Mark Kirchgasser, presented a Proclamation to the current Library Board President, Bob Fyfe, and the Library

Director, Mary Glendening. The Proclamation recognized and congratulated the Library on its 60 years of service to Middletown and surrounding community residents. The "vision" had become a reality.



Pictured L-R: Library President Bob Fyfe, Library Director Mary Glendening, and Russ Carlson of BeneServ, who sponsored the banner, hold the 60th anniversary banner in front of the library.

What follows is a brief timeline of events that occurred between the library's inception and the celebration of Library's 60th anniversary:

1960: The Library was quickly outgrowing the bookmobile, so the Weathers family presented an historic 1810 property located at 21 N. Pennell Road as its first stationary home. Two

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Yard Waste Collection



Upcoming Collection Dates

- May 4 and 18
- June 1 and 15
- July 6 and 20
- August 3 and 17
- September 7 and 21

- 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 (4'x4") 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.

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additions followed in 1963 and 1973.

1960: Former volunteer Marjorie Spencer became the Library Director. She oversaw the Library's successful 1963 & 1973 expansions and received numerous awards for her lengthy service which concluded in 2005 after 46 years. She was succeeded by Betsy Barnes, who served for 7 years. The current Library Director, Mary Glendening, with the assistance of Adult Services Librarian, Laura Kuchmay, and Youth Services Librarian, Jason Fialkovich, has assembled a staff that has been enthusiastically received by the local community, based upon the engaging programs which they oversee. Mary has brought a new "technological dimension" to Library Services, which is necessary for current day libraries.

1977: The Friends of the Middletown Library was formed to support the needs of the Library. The initial Chairperson was Ann Brawner. Many "Friends" have volunteered for successful Book Sales, which, over the years, have earned over \$125,000 for Library enhancements. One such volunteer, Anita Coward, has worked on the Book Sales for over four decades. Recent, long term Presidents of this volunteer group have been Lorna Milano and Barbara Sunner.

Library operations and budgeting have been overseen by a Board of seven community members; 5 are Board appointees and 2 are Township Council appointees. Notable tours of duty by Library Presidents have been: Dr. Robert Engle (1960-1982), David Irving (1982-2012) and Justin Nepo (2013-2015)

2016: The Library Board has contracted with a consultant to prepare a "Strategic Plan", so that residents can offer their opinions on the future of the Library.

It all started with a "vision" and a little red Library "Bookmobile". Sixty years later, the results are summarized on the new, red banner: "Serving Residents Since 1956".

Parks & Recreation Events

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Spring/Summer 2016 Day Trips

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| May 4: Annapolis, MD Day On Own | Jun 29: Spring Lake, NJ, Doolan's July 4 Show |
| May 10: Caesar's Show "Branson by the Sea" | Jul 9: "Bridges of Madison County" Kennedy Ctr |
| May 14: Rice's Market & Peddler's Village | Jul 10: Ocean Grove Choir Festival |
| May 15: "Waist Watchers" @ Penn's Landing | Jul 12: Ellis Island, NYC |
| May 18: Washington's Obscure Monuments | Jul 14: OCNJ Flanders Hotel; "West Side Story" |
| May 21: Old New Castle, DE House Tour Day | Jul 21: "Mary Poppins" at Dutch Apple Theatre |
| Jun 1: "Man of La Mancha" Bristol Theatre | Jul 23: NYC Ground Zero Memorial/Museum |
| Jun 7: NOT an Atlantic City Casino Day | Jul 27: Chestertown, MD Brunch Cruise |
| Jun 11: Two Rivers Theatre in Red Bank, NJ | Aug 4: "Crooners" American Music Theatre, |
| Jun 17: Conestoga Gardens, Lancaster | Aug 9: Yuengling Brewery, Roadside America |
| Jun 22: Lakehurst, NJ; Hindenburg Disaster | Aug 17: "Thunder over the Boardwalk" Airshow |
| Jun 25: "On Your Feet" NYC Broadway Show | Aug 25: Cape May, NJ & Lewes, DE |

2016 Overnight Trips

Many US coach trips - **May:** Nifty Nashville & Memphis; Charleston & Savannah; **June:** WVA Trains; Niagara Falls; Best of Boston, Salem, Rockport; **August:** Nova Scotia Land & Cruise Tour; Mackinac Island & Dearborn, MI; **September:** French Canada; Erie's Tall Ships Fest; Fantastic Finger Lakes Wine & Sail; **October:** Outer Banks; Branson; Cape Cod & Newport, RI; Lovely Long Island Hamptons; **November:** Virginia Plantation Christmas; Biltmore Estate Candlelight Christmas; **PLUS...** Out West Tours; Canada Cruises, European River Cruises & much more!

OTHER EVENTS, NEWS AND NOTES . . .

Summer Camp 2016 at Indian Lane

For Children 4-12
Runs June 22-July 31 (6 weeks)

Tea Party at Sage Farmhouse

Thursday, June 23, 2016, 11:30-2:00PM
5561 Pennell Rd

Lecture Events

Thursday, June 23 at 1:30pm
"Color Me Zen" With Laura

Discount Amusement Park Tickets

Available in Late-May

Spring Trail Walk

Sat. June 18 at 10am
Millennium Trail

Book Club

2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm.

Bridge & Pinochle Card Players

Mondays at 11am; Please join us!

Middletown Adult Social Club Forming!

Outings on trips, lectures, lunches, and local events. Great way to meet new friends!
Call 610-565-2700 for details.



2016 Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

For the collection of Household Hazardous Waste **ONLY.**

TVs and Electronics NO LONGER ACCEPTED.

HHW events take place 9am to 3pm, rain or shine.

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Emergency Services Training Center
1700 Calcon Hook Rd. Sharon Hill

Saturday, July 16 2016

Marple Transfer Station
895 Sussex Blvd. Broomall

Sunday, September 18

Penn State Brandywine
25 Yearsley Mill Rd. (Rt. 352) Media

Saturday, October 22

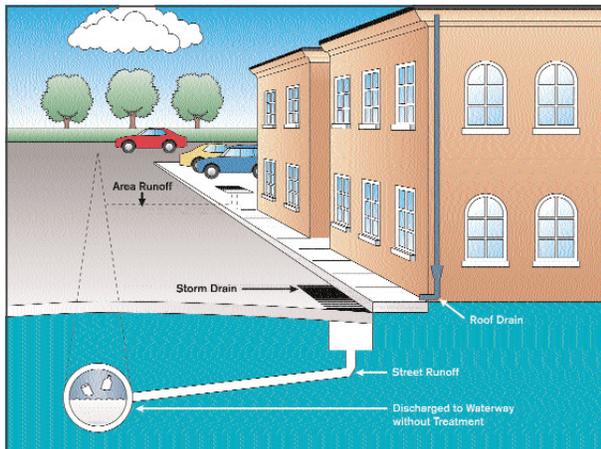
Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd. Sharon Hill

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

Please Help Keep our Creeks Clean!

Storm drains are a huge source of water pollution in the United States. Few people know that washing dirt and pollutants off driveways, over-fertilizing their lawns, and dumping debris directly into storm drains contributes to pollution of local waterways.

- NEVER dispose of **anything** down a storm drain.
- Pick up street litter when you find it.
- Clean up and discard pet waste in trash cans.



BSA Troop 404 Completes Darlington Trail Bridge Project

Boy Scout Troop 404 completed a Township trail bridge deck reconstruction project on behalf of the Township on Sunday, April 10. The new bridge is located on the Darlington Trail, just west of Darlington Road and adjacent to the Roostertail Farm property.

Middletown Township would like to thank Troop 404 and Troop Leader Jim Bushey for completing this community project; the Township Public Works Department for demolishing the old bridge structure and preparing the site for the new bridge, and Doug Stoneback of Miller Brothers for donating the wood poles.



Above: Old bridge before demolition; Right: pole structure of new bridge; Below: Troop 404 members standing on the completed bridge.



*Volunteers needed!!
Call 610-565-2700*

• *All Trails Lead To Middletown* •

COMMUNITY DAY  **2016**

MIDDLETOWN
EST. **TOWNSHIP** 1686

Saturday, May 14, 2016

11am to 3pm - rain or shine

Penn State Brandywine Campus

25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media, PA 19063

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to Celebrate the Vibrancy and Pride of Middletown Township"*



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Permits Required for Many Home Improvement Projects

With the approach of Spring and Summer season, many homeowners begin to turn their attention to the home improvement projects they've been planning for warmer months.

Oftentimes, residents are not certain what types of Township-issued permits are required before they can begin their home improvement projects, or even whether they need a permit at all. Please call the Township Building Department before beginning any project to apply for any needed permits and to determine if additional permits may be required.

Building permits are required for the following:

- Additions, alterations, and/or renovations to existing buildings
- Finishing basements
- Sunrooms, porches, decks, structural patios
- Garages
- Sheds larger than 240 square feet**
- In-ground and above-ground swimming pools (**including inflatable**) and hot tubs
- Roofing
- Certain types of electrical and plumbing work
- Heating and Air conditioning work
- Storm water management permits

Zoning permits are required for all the following:

- Fences
- Sheds (240 sq. ft. or less)**
- Carports
- Greenhouses

Please feel free to call the Building Department at 610-565-2700 with any questions. Our permit applications and other

forms and information can be found on our website at www.middleowntownship.org under the tab "Permits and Forms."

We look forward to helping all to a safe and happy Spring and Summer season.

Sewer Construction Work Uncovers Historic Artifacts Donated to MTHS



Construction of the proposed Middletown Township Sewer Authority's (MTSA) Chester Creek Interceptor sewer main has provided a clue to Native American presence in Middletown Township. Part of the required process during state permitting of the interceptor was to conduct some archeological testing to determine if there were any historical artifacts in the ground where construction is scheduled to take place. Some artifacts were found and after receiving approval from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), MTSA had their consultant obtain approval from PHMC to release the historical report and donate the artifacts that were discovered to Middletown Township Historical Society (MTHS). The sewer authority's efforts will ensure that MTHS will be able to preserve and display items that represent the earliest story of our township. The report, map, and artifacts have been added to the MTHS's inventory and will be on display at this year's Community Day.

News from the Middletown Township Sewer Authority

Chester Creek Interceptor Phase 1 (CCIP1) Update

Since the last newsletter, the Middletown Sewer Authority's (MTSA) contractor completed the majority of the CCIP1 construction. This phase of the interceptor consists of the construction of a sanitary sewer collection main extending from Pennell Road just south of Mount Road to Knowlton Road along the Chester Creek. Approximately 10 % of the work remains, which consists of directionally drilling through approximately 300 linear feet of rock along Pennell Road. MTSA anticipates that Phase I will be operational by the end of May.

Chester Creek Interceptor Phase 2 (CCIP2) Update

As reported in the last newsletter, the Authority is on schedule to apply for the required Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) permits for construction of CCIP2, with construction anticipated to begin in the late summer/early fall months of 2016. This phase of the interceptor consists of the construction of a sanitary sewer collection main extending from the Phase I pipe at Knowlton Road along the Chester Creek to the new Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA) pump station near Bridgewater Road. Construction of this phase of the interceptor is anticipated to take approximately 1 year to complete. Upon completion of CCIP2, Middletown's sanitary sewer flows will no longer be combined with Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority (SWDCMA) sewage flows. All waste

generated in the Township will flow to the DELCORA pump station via the new interceptor.

**“Disposable,” Not Flushable, Wipes
Please, No Wipes in the Pipes!**



Disposable wipes used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning and more are causing major problems when flushed down toilets. Because they don't break down the way toilet paper does, these wipes clog both homeowner and municipal sewer pipes, put stress on community wastewater collection and treatment equipment, and cause municipalities to spend thousands of dollars on clearing clogs and premature equipment replacement. Some municipalities are actually filing class action lawsuits against the manufacturers of "disposable wipes." The MTSA is asking for your assistance in keeping the wipes out of the sanitary sewers. **Please do not flush disposable wipes down the toilet. Dispose of them in your household trash.** Fewer wipes flushed will help reduce sanitary sewer operation and maintenance costs.

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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