



# MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP REPORT News of Your Community

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Fall 2013

## Campers Traveled "Around the World" at Middletown Township Summer Camp 2013

The Middletown Township Summer Camp program for ages 4-12 years old and held for 6 weeks each summer at Indian Lane School wrapped up another successful year. This year's camp theme "Around the World" allowed campers to use their "passports" to visit different places each week, such as South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. Every week a special visitor entertained and educated campers, including "The Animal Lady", "The Dancing DJ" and "The Parrot Show". The Middletown Fire Company also came to demonstrate the pumper truck and fire safety.

Once a week, campers had off-site adventures such as bowling, swimming, and roller skating, as well as going to the Oasis Fun center and the Granite Run Mall for AMC Movie Day.

In addition to special visitors and off-site events, campers spent time playing games outside, inside, and making arts and crafts each day.

Many thanks to the wonderful counselors, and especially to Camp Director Lindsey Moretti, for making this year's camp such a fun experience for everyone!



### Employee Profiles: Meet Dan Simcox, Public Works



Dan Simcox has been employed by Middletown Township in the Public Works Department for the past 14 years. He currently holds the position of Assistant Foreman. Dan describes the Public Works staff’s job responsibilities as performing maintenance work anywhere from below-ground to the tree tops, and everything in between. Many duties are seasonal-related work, from field and trail cutting in the summer and collecting leaf bags in the fall, to snowplowing in the winter. Other typical projects Dan routinely takes care of include stormwater inlet repair, roadway patching, road sign replacement, and operating the roadside mower.

Dan says that his favorite part of the job is snowplowing in the winter. He enjoys driving, especially when there is no traffic on the roads, and doesn’t mind spending several hours at a time by himself. He recalled the two record back-to-back snowfalls in early 2010 and said “we didn’t go home that February” because it seemed that as soon as one 20 inch snowstorm ended, another one started.

Dan was born and raised in Brookhaven and graduated from Sun Valley High School. He now spends much of his free time involved in his sons’ activities that include marching band, football and baseball. An avid Eagles fan, Dan has been a season ticket holder for the past 5 years, and his football season Sundays are devoted to the game.

### Reducing Number of Unnecessary Alarms

Many homes and businesses within the Pennsylvania State Police patrol area are equipped with audible, monitored security alarms. The State Police frequently respond to many preventable false alarms. If you have an alarm system, the following are some ways in which this number could be reduced. The alarm company monitoring your alarm should have a record of the *municipality* in which your home or business is located, i.e. Middletown Township; “Glen Mills” is a mailing address. Please check that your contact phone numbers are correct.

Even if your alarm goes off and it is deactivated, the alarm company may still call you. They will usually ask for a password. If you give the wrong one, they will notify the State Police. If you are having trouble with your system, please call and set up an appointment with a service technician from the alarm company.

Under Pennsylvania law (below) a homeowner or business may be cited once a fourth false alarm occurs within a 12 month period. The Middletown Code (2nd below) requires the filing of annual permits with the Township for alarms.

**§ 7511. Control of alarm devices and automatic dialing devices.**

c) FALSE ALARMS PROHIBITED. —  
(1) A person that owns, uses or possesses an alarm device or automatic dialing device may not, after causing or permitting three false alarms to occur in a consecutive 12-month period, cause or permit a subsequent false alarm to occur in the same consecutive 12-month period. A person that violates this paragraph commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$ 300.

**Middletown § 60-2 Device permit required.**

A. The person in possession of the premises where an automatic protection device is in use must, each year, apply for and receive a permit to operate the device.

**Pennsylvania Resources Council**

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

**When:** Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9am-1pm

**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
- Radios/Stereos
- MP3 Players
- Electronic Toys and Games
- Photo and Video Cameras
- Microwave Ovens
- Mixed Household Electronics
- **NOTE: TVs will be accepted for a fee.**

**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)

**2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events**

**All events take place from 9am to 3pm, rain or shine.**

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

**Thursday, September 12, 2013**

Rose Tree Park  
1521 N. Providence Rd, Media

**Saturday, October 19, 2013**

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](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html)

**Typical HHW Includes:**

- Oil-based paint
- Paint thinner
- Varnish
- Kerosene
- Gasoline
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Weed killers
- Fungicides/
- pesticides
- Mercury-containing items
- Propane tanks under 20 lbs.
- Ni-cad, lithium, rechargeable & lead batteries
- Cell phones

**Small Electronics/Appliances Accepted:**

- Portable tvs
- Computer systems
- Stereos
- CD & DVD systems
- Microwaves
- Toasters
- Coffeemakers
- Blenders
- Mixers
- Can openers
- Power tools
- Irons
- Hair Dryers
- Curling irons
- Vacuums
- Copiers
- Electric typewriters
- Adding machines

## Yard Waste Collection Upcoming Collection Dates

September 18  
October 2 and 16  
November 20  
December 18

- Collection occurs once a month on the third Wednesday from November-March, and twice a month on the first and third Wednesday from April-October.
- 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 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet in length.
- For branches that meet the size requirements but are too unwieldy to bundle together, a maximum of 10 single branches may be put out to the curb per collection.
- **In the fall months, to minimize confusion with the leaf collection occurring in biodegradable paper bags, the bundling or containing sticks and branches in open trash cans is encouraged, as the leaf collection and yard waste collection are done separately.**
- 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.

## 2013 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule and Procedures

2013 Leaf Collection will begin the week of **October 21 and run through December 6, 2013.** Leaves will only be collected in biodegradable paper bags, which can be purchased at the Township Building, Linvilla Orchards, or Wolff's Apple House at a price of \$2.50 for a bundle of 5 bags.

There is no need to call the Township for collection. Just place the bags at the curb by Tuesday of each week, and the Public Works staff will be making weekly sweeps of the Township. Please note that if a sweep of your neighborhood is done once during the week, the crew may not get back until the following week. The bags can be left out until the next collection.

Please keep the weight under 40 pounds per bag and simply fold the top of the bag down; do not tape or seal the bag shut. No sticks, stones, or grass clippings may be mixed with the bagged leaves. At its discretion, the Township may refuse to collect improperly bagged items.



## Parks & Recreation Events

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

[www.middleowntownship.org](http://www.middleowntownship.org)

Email: [parkandrec@middleowntownship.org](mailto:parkandrec@middleowntownship.org) or Call: 610-565-2700

### **Fall/Winter 2013 Day Trips**

**Sept 12:** Philadelphia Murals Tour  
**Sept 14:** Revolutionary War Festival, MD  
**Sept 19:** Lincoln Cottage; Dumbarton House, DC  
**Sept 25:** "Menopause" Lancaster Dutch Apple  
**Oct 1:** NEW! Unique New York Tour Day  
**Oct 3:** Rock Ford Plantation & Lititz Tour  
**Oct 9:** Gracie Mansion & Carnegie Hall—NYC  
**Oct 9:** Atlantic City Trump Casino Day  
**Oct 11:** Hampton House, Brookside Gardens, MD  
**Oct 12:** Ocean City, NJ Fall Fest & Block Party  
**Oct 12:** Ford Theatre & Dr. Samuel Mudd House  
**Oct 17:** "John Loves Mary" Hunterdon Hills  
**Oct 23:** NEW! New Hope

**Oct 29:** Bureau of Engraving; Postal Museum  
**Nov 7:** "Three Irish Tenors" Doolan's, Spring Lake  
**Nov 13:** Barnes & Rodin Museums in Philadelphia  
**Nov 21:** The Von Trappe Concert, Bethlehem  
**Nov 23:** American Girl Place, NYC  
**Nov 30:** Advent Organ Concert, Bethlehem  
**Dec 3:** Christmas Hugs & Kisses, Hershey, PA  
**Dec 5:** Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show  
**Dec 6:** American Music Theatre Christmas Show  
**Dec 7:** Christmas House Tour, Odessa, DE  
**Dec 8:** Fairmount Christmas House Tour  
**Dec 10:** Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show  
**Dec 12:** Christmas Show, Doolan's, Spring Lake

**2013 Remaining Overnight Trips - Sept 29-Oct 3:** NH White Mountains; **Oct 13-16:** Branson; **Oct 13-17:** Cape Cod; **Oct 14-16:** Laurel Highlands; **Oct 27:** Charleston & Savannah; **Nov 18-22:** Myrtle Beach; **Dec 6-8:** Normal Rockwell.

Some European trip dates still available from the list as well as many cruises. Call for details on the rest of 2013 and early booking for 2014 too.

### **13th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser to be Held Tuesday, October 1**

The 13th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the Penn Oaks Golf Club. A noon lunch buffet will be served before the 1pm shotgun start. Dinner will be held for golfers and guests immediately following the outing.

Log on to the Township website [www.middleowntownship.org](http://www.middleowntownship.org) for more event information and to download a registration form. This event serves as a fundraiser with proceeds to benefit the Parks & Recreation Active Recreation Fund to enrich recreational activities offered by Middletown Township. Since the Outing's debut in 2001, it has raised approximately \$164,725.

### **OTHER EVENTS . . .**

#### **Fall Trail Walk**

Sat. Oct. 5 at 10am at Millennium Trail

#### **Book Club**

2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm.

#### **Fall Lectures at Township Building**

Sept 11—"Mystery of Sam Riddle" at 1:30pm  
 Oct 16—Basic Computer Knowledge at 1:30pm

#### **Bridge & Pinochle Card Players Wanted!**

Call for details.

**Discount Ski Resort Tickets** will be sold beginning early December. Check website for details!

**Middletown Historical Society News and Notes**  
[www.mthselco.org](http://www.mthselco.org)

**MIDDLETOWN MONDAYS 2013**

Our lecture series focusing on the Civil War in the area resumes in September. 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.

**September 30: DELAWARE COUNTY AND THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG** by Andrew Miller, M.A., Department of History, Neumann University

**October 28: POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE: THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT GETTYSBURG** by Angie Atkinson, Park Ranger, Gettysburg National Military Park

**November 18: LINCOLN, THE UNION LEAGUE AND PHILADELPHIA** by James Mundy, Director of Library and Historical Collections, Union League of Philadelphia

**CELEBRATE THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF DELAWARE COUNTY**

County Council has identified September as History Month. The free opening Bell Ringer Event is planned for **7pm on September 4**, at the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, 800 Manchester Avenue in Media. A Celebration Day in Rose Tree Park on **September 29**, from noon to 5PM, (Rain Date, October 6) with historical societies and sites, entertainment in the Amphitheater, the final destination of DCHS's "Ride for History."

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

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. in the Middletown Township Building.

**Middletown Sewer Authority Updates**

As reported previously, the Middletown Township Sewer Authority (MTSA) and Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority (SWDCMA) have finalized an Agreement which provides for the phase out of SWDCMA's wastewater treatment plant in Aston Township.

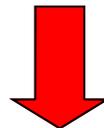
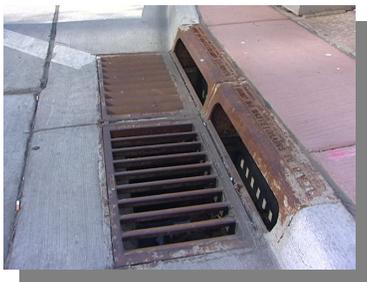
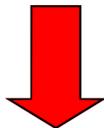
Upon decommissioning of the SWDCMA treatment plant, the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA) will provide for treatment of the sewage flows generated in Middletown Township at their plant located in Chester Township. DELCORA will provide for the collection and conveyance of the sewage from the SWDCMA to the DELCORA wastewater treatment plant via a pump station and force main that are presently under construction on the site of the SWDCMA treatment plant. The pump station and force main are scheduled for completion by December 2014.

As part of this Agreement, MTSA has proposed to construct a gravity sewer interceptor along the Chester Creek from Pennell Road at Chester Creek to the proposed DELCORA pump station referenced above. This will be completed in two phases. Phase I will run from near Glen Riddle Road to W. Knowlton Road. Engineering design is underway with anticipated completion of Phase I by December 2014.

The MTSA is in the process of obtaining financing to pay for the construction of Phase I. Phase II of the interceptor will extend from W. Knowlton Road to DELCORA's new pump station and is scheduled for completion by December 2017. A third phase of the interceptor may someday extend from Glen Riddle Road to the Baltimore Pike along Chester Creek.

## Smedley Barn Siloes Stabilized and Preserved

The two barn siloes on the Township-owned Smedley property received some attention recently. The old roofs and chutes were removed and the cracked tiles were replaced. The tops of the siloes were sealed and prepared for the installation of new roof systems sometime in the future, so that the siloes will continue as a visual reminder of the property's rich history.



## Stop That Sheen—Keep Our Rivers Clean!

**Did you know** that Americans are responsible for **180 million gallons of used motor oil escaping into our waterways each year?** Even relatively small leaks from improperly maintained vehicles are collectively polluting our creeks, drinking water, and estuaries. Oil-contaminated runoff makes its way from roads and driveways into storm drains and ultimately our streams.

Please do your part by checking your cars and equipment regularly for leaks and have them fixed promptly. If you change the oil yourself, use a drip pan, and bring the used motor oil to a used motor oil drop-off location. Clean up any oil spills you find with absorbent material, then sweep; do not hose the area.

**Remember, when your car is leaking oil on the street, it is not just leaking on the street!**

Message brought to you by Middletown Township in partnership with Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association's **Joint Municipal MS4 Stormwater program.**

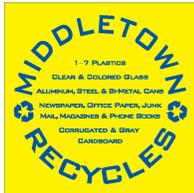
Source: EPA and Washington State Department of Ecology (2012).

### 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.**



### Council Members

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