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Fall 2014

Middletown Camp Wraps Up Another Great Summer

Middletown Township's 2014 Summer Camp had a terrific six-week program that was sold out for most of those weeks! This year's group of fun-loving counselors enjoyed interacting with the campers, who ranged in age from 4 to 12 years old. Activities were planned for each age group, which included a hula dance contest, wacky water games and an awesome treasure hunt. Arts and crafts each week kept all ages busy having fun! Every week, Special guests like DJ Bruce,

Lynn the Animal Lady, John the Scientist and the Middletown Firefighters entertained the children. Off site, fun-filled events included Oasis Fun Center, picking peaches, a hay ride at Linvilla Orchards and bowling at Conchester lanes.

Planning for next summer's camp will begin in early spring 2015. Remember to register your children early next year (signups to open late April) as camp will surely sell out again! See you then!



Parks & Recreation Events

Log on to the Township website to download the 2014 Annual Trip Flyer.

www.middletowntownship.org

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

Fall/Winter 2014 Day Trips

Oct 4: Gettysburg Apple Harvest Festival
Oct 4: Philly Italian Market Day
Oct 8: Harrisburg River Cruise
Oct 11: Ocean City, NJ Fall Fest
Oct 16: Washington Crossing & Crossing Winery
Oct 18: Washington DC On Own
Oct 22: Mt. Vernon Day w/ Michael Ludwig
Oct 25: "Beautiful" on Broadway
Oct 28: Cape May WWII Tour & Vietnam Museum
Nov 1: 9/11 Museum, NYC
Nov 6: Mt. Airy Casino
Nov 13: Philadelphia Union League

Nov 15: NYC on Own
Nov 19: "It's a Wonderful Life" Dutch Apple
Nov 22: American Girl Place, NYC
Nov 23: "A Christmas Carol" Candlelight Theater
Nov 29: Baltimore Christmas Village
Dec 2: "Spirit of Christmas" Show, Caesars AC
Dec 4: Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show
Dec 5: American Music Theatre Christmas Show
Dec 6: Christmas House Tour, Odessa, DE
Dec 9: Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show
Dec 12: Baltimore "POPS" Christmas Show
Dec 13: St. Michael's Christmas Celebration
Dec 13: NYC On Own

2014 Remaining Overnight Trips - **Oct 5-9:** Niagara Falls; **Oct 8-12:** West Virginia; **Oct 12-18:** Savannah/Charleston; **Oct 14-18:** Louisville, KY; **Oct 21-24:** Vermont; **Nov 12-13:** Delaware Dover Downs; **Nov 16-21:** Smoky Mountain Christmas; **Nov 30-Dec 2:** Greenbrier Resort, West Virginia.

Some European trip dates still available from the list, as well as many cruises. Call for details on the rest of 2014 and especially early booking for Spring 2015 US cruises & European River Cruises.

14th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser to be Held Tuesday, October 7

The 14th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 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.middletowntownship.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 nearly \$200,000.

OTHER EVENTS . . .

Fall Trail Walk

Sat. Sept. 20 at 10am on Rocky Run Trail

Book Club

2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm.

Fall Lectures at Township Building

Sept 25—"Geneology" at 1:30pm
 Nov 6—Basic Computer Knowledge at 1:30pm

Bridge & Pinochle Card Players Wanted!

Players meet every Monday am. Call for details.

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

Sleighton Flea Market & Movie in the Park

Being planned by Recreation Committee for Spring 2015. Stay tuned for details!

Council Awards 3-Year Recycling Contract to A.J. Blosenski; No Changes to be Made to Collection Schedule

Bids for the next 3-year single stream and yard waste recycling contract were opened in mid-July. Township Council recently awarded the new contract to the low bidder, A.J. Blosenski, from Chester County, PA. There will be no increase in the annual fee. The new contractor will take over collection the 1st week of October from Republic Services, who had Middletown's recycling contract for the past 9 years. Other municipalities in the area holding current contracts with A.J. Blosenski have stated that the company is professional, thorough and responsive.

A.J. Blosenski will maintain the current recycling collection schedule and no changes are needed for any of the preparation or collection guidelines that residents are accustomed to. The only exception is a slight adjustment to the holiday collection schedule. Only collection days falling on the actual holiday will be affected; those dates will be collected on Saturday of the collection week.

The Recycling Schedule for the remaining months of 2014 and 2015 is available for download and printing on the Township website www.middletowntownship.org under the tab **Recycling**. If you would like to receive a hard copy of your street's collection schedule in the mail, please call the Township at 610-565-2700.

As a reminder, Area 1 (south of SEPTA tracks) and Area 2 (north of SEPTA tracks) are collected on alternating collection weeks and are divided among Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collection days.



Recycling Survey Results

In advance of the current contract expiration and re-bidding process, an online Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Survey was made available to residents earlier this Spring. The feedback received (275 responses) was used both to put together the bid specifications for the next 3-year Single Stream Recycling and Yard Waste Collection program, as well as make final decisions regarding frequency of collection for the upcoming contract while making every effort to keep the cost of the program as low as possible.

Overall, the responses gave an indication that the majority of residents are satisfied with the current every-other-week frequency of the collection, and that they would not want to have fees increased to go to a once-weekly collection. When it came to yard waste collection, again the overall consensus was to leave the program as-is. Log on to the website and click under Residential Recycling to see a complete breakdown of responses to the survey questions, as well as answers to some of the questions and comments that were posted about the recycling program in the survey.

Yard Waste Collection

Upcoming Collection Dates

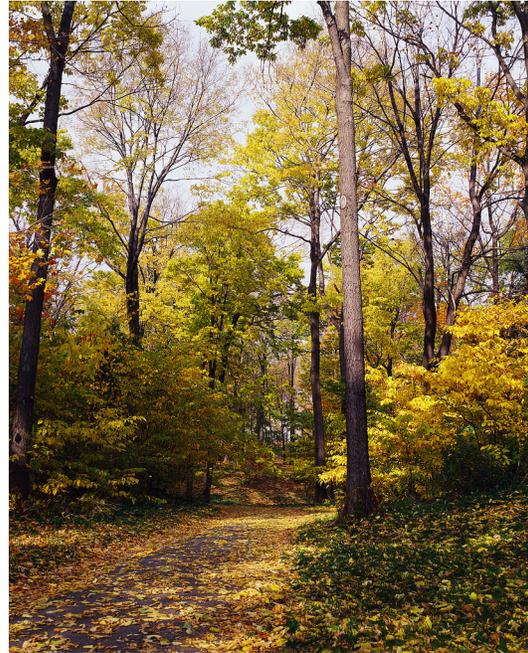
September 17

October 1 and 15

November 19

December 17

- 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.



2014 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule and Procedures

2014 Leaf Collection will begin the week of **October 20 and run through December 5, 2014**. 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.

Employee Profiles: Meet Mike DeRosa, Public Works



Mike DeRosa has been employed by Middletown Township in the Public Works Department for the past 15 years. Some typical projects Mike routinely takes care of for the Township include stormwater inlet repair, roadway patching, and road sign replacement. Many other 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.

Mike says that his favorite part of the job is the variety of responsibilities, and that he can work on something different every day.

Mike is a Middletown resident and graduated from Penncrest High School. When he's not working at the Township, Mike enjoys hunting and fishing, or doing nuisance animal trapping for DeRosa's Wildlife.

Become a Tree Tender®

October 2, 9 and 16 – 6:00 -9:00 PM

Classes held at Middletown Township
27 N. Pennell Rd. Lima PA, 19063

Fee: \$25

To Register: www.pennhort.net/treetenders

The PHS Tree Tenders® program offers hands-on tree care training and covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and pruning, and working within your community.

Safety Improvements at Township/Library Entrance

Some pedestrian-friendly improvements have recently been implemented at the driveway entrance to the library and Township Building. The hatched crosswalk shown below was painted earlier this Spring to draw motorists' attention to the pedestrian walkway. Pedestrians should cross the driveway in this area only and make use of the sidewalks on either side of the driveway to get to and from their vehicles. In addition, the curb was painted red to reinforce that there is to be no stopping in a Fire Zone. Cars stopped in this area, even momentarily, create a hazard to other vehicles and pedestrians by blocking traffic and causing sight issues. Thank you to everyone who has made use of these safety improvements!



Swimming Pool Owners' Responsibilities to Protect Local Streams

Each fall, as pool owners prepare to winterize their pools, a few simple steps can be taken to minimize environmental impact from pool water which contains chemicals that may be harmful to the environment. Following these guidelines can prevent chlorinated water from entering our local streams:

- Leave the water in the pool at least one week without chlorinating prior to draining.
- Please test the pH and chlorine residual of the water to be discharged. Drain the pool only when a test kit indicates no detectable chlorine levels, and a pH level between 6.5 and 7.8.
- If your pool contains algae or a black film of organic matter, collect it and compost it. This water may also contain low dissolved oxygen or have elevated temperatures, so please discharge over a grassy area to avoid it from reaching storm drains.
- Never drain pool water directly into a stream, pond, or other body of water. Pump pool water out over an open area, such as a lawn, at a rate slow enough so that is absorbed and does not reach the stream or storm drains. Avoid drainage paths that may spill water onto neighbors' properties.
- Properly store pool chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, and follow the instructions on labels for disposal.

By following these simple steps, you can help ensure that your pool will not only provide months of summer fun, but will also leave minimal pollution to our precious natural water supplies.

MTSA Sewer Flows Transferring to DELCORA

As previously reported, the Middletown Township Sewer Authority and Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority (SWDCMA) negotiated a long term contract with DELCORA for reliable and affordable long-term sewage conveyance and treatment service for Middletown Township residents and business owners.

The contract provided for the phase out of the SWDCMA Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the construction of a DELCORA-owned pump station located at the SWDCMA WWTP. The flows from five municipalities, including Middletown, currently treated at the WWTP will be conveyed to the DELCORA WWTP located in the City of Chester. The DELCORA pump station is presently under construction and is on schedule to be operational by the end of December 2014. Once the pump station is operational, all sewage flows from Middletown will be treated at DELCORA.



Reminder: Open Burning for Yard Waste Disposal Prohibited in Middletown

In 2009, Middletown Township was notified by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that the open burning of "sticks and branches" for disposal purposes represented a violation of both the air quality regulations in force in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Air Basin in which the Township is located, as well as a violation of state-mandated municipal recycling requirements. The burning of leaves is also prohibited.

As a result, the Township was required to prohibit all open burning or risk the loss of substantial revenue from ongoing grant programs and possibly, also be assessed civil penalties.

Now, all open burning, except for fires set solely for recreational, cooking and ceremonial purposes, (as defined by PA DEP or the PA State Fire Code, **see box**) is prohibited in the Township in order to satisfy the PA Department of Environmental Protection restrictions.

Following past practices, the Township's volunteer fire service will notify the Township of any unauthorized open burning operations that come to their attention for appropriate enforcement. Additionally, DEP may choose to spot check compliance with their order and have representatives in the Township. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation in following these regulations. Please visit the Middletown Township website at www.middletowntownship.org and click on the Recycling tab for alternatives on proper disposal of yard waste.

The only exception to the open burning ban allowed without a PA DEP permit is a fire set solely for recreational or ceremonial purposes under the PA State Fire Code.

A recreational fire is an outdoor open fire that is no larger than 3 feet in diameter and no more than 2 feet in height, built for pleasure, cooking, warmth, or religious or ceremonial purposes.

The use of outdoor fireplaces, portable outdoor fireplaces, barbeque grills and barbeque pits is also permitted under the current regulations.

2014 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 (excluding items containing Freon).

****NEW DATE & LOCATION****

Sunday, September 14, 2014

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

Saturday, October 18, 2014

Upper Chichester Township Building
8500 Furey Road, Boothwyn

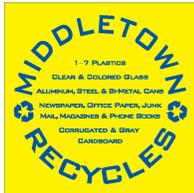
More info at DCSWA at 610-892-9627 or
www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html

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

At Large

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Mark Kirchgasser
Norman C. Shropshire

First District

Scott D. Galloway

Second District

Margaret J. Amoroso

Third District

Russ Carlson

Fourth District

Christopher B. Quinn

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