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Darlington Trail Restoration Project Continues with 2nd Annual Tree Planting

Several years ago, the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) identified Middletown's Darlington Trailhead on Darlington Road as a potential candidate for a multi-year streamside buffer restoration project. This popular township trail runs along the East Branch of the Chester Creek.

Since then, Middletown Township has partnered with CRC to complete this phased restoration project, which initially involved eliminating the invasive plants that were beginning to overrun other native vegetation along the stream, and then completing several tree and shrub plantings over several years to re-forest the stream area. Streamside forests improve water quality by filtering pollutants before they reach the stream and help reduce erosion. They also keep water temperatures cool, an essential for insect and fish populations.

The project's focus is a half-mile stretch of buffer and meadow sections along the trail. This past October, CRC and Middletown Township coordinated the second of several tree plantings for the site. 126 trees and shrubs were planted by 62 volunteers from CRC and Middletown Township, along with staff members from both organizations. 77 trees and shrubs were planted the year before.

This year's planting was funded by a TreeVitalize Watershed Grant. CRC and Middletown Township donated in-kind services to support the project.



Middletown Receives PECO Green Region Open Space Grant for Sleighton Park Signage, Benches, Bike Racks & Picnic Tables

Middletown Township was recently one of 5 municipalities in Delaware County to receive a grant from PECO Green Region, the company's municipal open space and environmental grant program. Middletown applied for and received the \$5,000 grant, which will partially fund the purchase and installation of signage at Sleighton Park, as well as benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles and bike racks. PECO Green Region provides grants to projects focusing on open space preservation, improvements to parks and recreation resources, and environmental conservation. The program is administered for PECO by Natural Lands Trust, the region's leading land conservation organization.

The Township's community facilities are very important to the region. Many of the Township's institutions, including its parkland, experience use by residents from across the Delaware Valley. With the development of Sleighton Park nearing completion of all the amenities proposed in the master site plan, signage at the entrances of the park for proper identification and to signify its completion were felt to be the next logical project. Benches, picnic tables, bike racks and permanent trash receptacles will broaden and complement the existing active and passive recreational features of the park. Look for these installations in Spring 2016.

This is not the first PECO Green Region grant received by Middletown for a Sleighton Park project. In 2011, the Township was awarded a \$7,500 grant to partially fund the 6/10 mile paved trail that encircles the park.



Clearing Streets During Snow Storms: How You Can Help

There are several important things residents can and should do in preparation for snowfalls to aid with the removal of snow from your street:

- Park cars in the driveway, if possible
- If you must park in the street, park all cars on one side of the street to allow for greater passage of the snow plow
- Shovel snow "downstream" (in the same direction of travel) from your mailbox and driveway so that piled snow does not get pushed back into the driveway entrance by the snow plow
- **Do not plow snow from your driveway into the street or across the street**
- Remove any portable basketball backboards or similar obstructions from the curb area before winter
- Keep fire hydrants near your home shoveled out in case of emergency

Flyers may be placed on vehicles or mailboxes to notify residents of issues that are impeding the snow removal operation.



2016 Recycling Collection Schedule Available Online

The 2016 Recycling Schedule is available for download and printing on the Township website www.middletowntownship.org under the tab **Recycling**. Please call the Township at 610-565-2700 if you would like a paper copy of your street's collection schedule mailed.

The schedule remains as Area 1 (south of SEPTA tracks) and Area 2 (north of SEPTA tracks) alternating collection weeks and being divided among Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collection days.

2016 Holiday Recycling Schedule

Only 2 holidays will impact recycling this year—New Year's Day and Thanksgiving.

- Area 1 Friday scheduled for January 1 will be collected on **Saturday, January 2**.
- Area 2 Thursday scheduled for November 24 will be collected on **Saturday, November 26**.

No other days surrounding those holidays will be affected.

Christmas tree collection will run from Monday, January 4 through Friday, January 15, 2016.

Trees should be placed at the curb and all ornaments and tinsel must first be removed, or they will not be collected. The trees are then chipped by the Public Works Department. The wood chips will be made available to Township residents at Memorial Park.

SPECIAL SPRING LEAF COLLECTION Week of March 28, 2016

Didn't get all your leaves cleaned up before the winter? The Township provides a special leaf collection each spring.

Place leaf bags out to curb by **7am on March 28, 2016** to ensure collection.



There is no need to call the Township for collection. Simply place leaves, contained in biodegradable paper bags, out at the curb by **7am on Monday, March 28** so that the Public Works Department can make a sweep of the entire Township throughout the week.

Please note that this collection is for leaf waste only— yard waste (sticks & branches) is collected and recycled separately. The yard waste collection schedule can be found on the Township website under the **Recycling** tab.

Upcoming Yard Waste Collection Dates

January 20 ~ February 17 ~ March 16
April 6 & 20 ~ May 4 & 18

Susan Powell Elected to At-Large Township Council Seat



Susan Powell was elected to Middletown Township Council in the November 2015 General Election. Prior to her election to Township Council, Mrs. Powell served on the Parks and Recreation Committee from 2009-2013, and most recently served on the Planning Commission from 2013-2015.

Born and raised in Middletown Township and a graduate of Penncrest High School, Mrs. Powell then attended Kutztown University and graduated with a degree in English Literature, with concentrations in design and business. After getting married and having children, Mrs. Powell and her husband decided to make Middletown Township home again. Mrs. Powell has been a resident of Highmeadow since 1995, along with her husband and two daughters. She is currently employed as a Designer and Project Manager for a local landscape company.

Mrs. Powell states that after serving for 6 years collectively on the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Planning Commission, she is very excited to become part of Council. "I look forward to working with an exceptional group of individuals and hope to continue the good work they and previous Council Members have done to make Middletown a desirable place to live."

Chester Creek Rail-Trail Construction Progressing

The Chester Creek Rail Trail is well underway between Creek Road and Mount Alverno Road. Over past few weeks, Eckman and Associates, who are constructing the trail under a contract with Delaware County, started clearing the rail line between Mount Alverno Road and the 452 Bridge. They also started clearing the area between Parkmount Road to Mount Alverno Road. Phase 1 in Middletown Township should be completed by the Fall of 2016.

For further information, please follow us on Facebook at Chester Creek Trail.



Middletown Historical Society News and Notes

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.MTHSDELCO.ORG

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at Middletown Township Building

MIDDLETOWN MONDAYS RETURNS

After taking a year off, The Middletown Township Historical Society returned this fall with their popular and award-winning lecture series MIDDLETOWN MONDAYS. Lectures this Spring will be on regional garden history. They start at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Lima Estates, 411 North Middletown Road, Media, PA. The series is free and open to the public, but donations are always appreciated. No registration is required.

Monday, February 22 **The Horticultural History of The Delaware Valley** by Nancy Webster, Independent Scholar

Monday, March 21 **Food Substitutions in the New World: The Use of Substitutes for European Foods in Early America** by Clarissa Dillon, Historian & Founding Member, Past Masters in Early American Domestic Arts.

Monday, April 18 TO BE DETERMINED

Additional details will be available in January 2016 on our website, www.mthsdelco.org, and on flyers at the Middletown Free Library. In case of inclement weather call 610-316-5620 or visit our website to see if the talk has been rescheduled.

MIDDLETOWN BOOK MAKES A GIFT

Are you searching for a perfect gift for family and friends? Share the history of where you live. Middletown Township, Delaware County, PA (Arcadia, 2011) has over 200 photos of life in Middletown Township over

the past 150 years. Our book is for sale at the Middletown Free Library or on the MTHS website (www.mthsdelco.org) for only \$20.00. All proceeds benefit the Historical Society.

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



“Oak Lawn,” a house located on the Township-owned Smedley Property. MTHS has completed a number of exterior improvements to the house over the past year to restore the historic details and charm.

Parks & Recreation Events

www.middletowntownship.org

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

2016 complete Trip & Event Flyer will be available early/mid February. Check the website starting in January 2016 for early trip & event postings. Call with trip ideas!

March—June Proposed Day Trips

- Mar 8:** Philadelphia Flower Show
- Mar 14:** St. Pat's Party, Doolan's, Spring Lake, NJ,
- Mar 19:** Washington, DC on Own Day
- Mar 23:** Mohegan Sun Casino Spring Day
- Mar 27:** New York City On Own Day
- Mar 31:** "Samson" Show at Sound & Light Theatre
- Apr 3:** Celtic Women at American Music Theatre
- Apr 12:** Odyssey Cherry Blossom DC Cruise & Lunch
- Apr 14:** Casino Day at Bethlehem Sands
- Apr 16:** 911 Memorial & Museum, New York City
- Apr 23:** "Ghost" Performance at the Fulton Theatre
- April 28:** Brooklyn Bridge Walk & Brooklyn Heights
- May 10:** Branson Musical Show & Casino Day
- May 14:** Rice's Market & Peddler's Village Day
- May 18:** River Lady Cruise & Smithville, NJ
- May 21:** New Castle, DE, House Tour Day
- May 24:** Cape May Ferry Ride & Lewes DE Tour Day
- June 1:** "Man of La Mancha" at Bristol Theatre
- June 7:** St. Michael's, MD Fun Festival Day
- June 16:** New Jersey Coast Cruise & Tour Day
- June 22:** Lakehurst, NJ Historic Hindenburg Crash Site

2016 Proposed Overnight Trips

April: Tulip Time Europe River Cruise; - SIGN UP **NOW!** Wonderful Williamsburg,VA; Norfolk,VA & International Tattoo—SIGN UP **NOW!** May: Ocean City Spring Fest; Nifty Nashville,/Memphis May: Columbia/SnakeRiver USA Cruise—SIGN UP **NOW!** June: Best of Beautiful Boston & Super Salem, MA August: Alaska Cruise & Alaska National Park Sept: Canada & New England Cruise Oct: Fabulous Finger Lakes, NY with fall foliage & great wineries; plus a Virginia Beach Fall Weekend

Other Offerings: Maine Train (June & Sept); Pittsburgh & Laurel Highlands; Cincinnati & Louisville; Savannah & Charleston; Niagara Falls; New Hampshire; Nashville & Memphis; Myrtle Beach with Charleston; Lake Como & Switzerland; Sicily & Italy; Italian & French Riviera; European River Cruise; Canadian Rockies; Bermuda Cruise, Hawaii & California & USA National Parks too!

SAVE THE DATE . . .

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 1pm. Indian Lane School

Community Day 2016—Saturday, May 14 –Penn State

Summer Camp 2016 at Indian Lane

Runs 6 weeks from the end of June-early Aug.
Call for details.

Red Cross Blood Drive planned for July

Call for details.

Lecture Events

Four to be announced for Spring & Fall

Book Club

1st Tuesday of every month at 1pm

Trail Walks

Held each Spring & Fall. Call for details.

Calling all Pinochle & Bridge Players

11am Mondays at Township Building. Call for details.

Fall Fest & Flea Market at Sleighton Park

Being planned by Recreation Committee.

NEW!! - Adult Social Club Forming

Call for details & if you would like to be a committee member. Join us!

Discount Ski Resort Tickets

to many regional ski resorts are now available for sale through the winter season. Check the website for the order form, and call first for availability.



Middletown Township Sewer Authority Update

Chester Creek Interceptor Phase 1 (CCIP1) Update

During the month of September, Middletown Sewer Authority's (MTSA) contractor, PACT One LLC started construction of the Chester Creek Interceptor Phase I project. This phase of the new parallel interceptor consists of the construction of a sanitary sewer interceptor extending from Pennell Road just south of Mount Road to Knowlton Road along the Chester Creek, a distance of 8,300 linear feet. To date the contractor has made significant progress with approximately 60% of the project completed. The contractor is on schedule to finish construction of Phase 1 sometime in February 2016.

Chester Creek Interceptor Phase 2 (CCIP2) Update

Since the last newsletter, MTSA has made significant progress with the final design, easement acquisition and permitting for Phase 2 of the Chester Creek Interceptor. Phase II will extend the new pipe from Knowlton Road to the new Delaware County Regional Authority (DELCORA) pump station which is located along the Chester Creek at the site of the former South West Delaware County Municipal Authority (SWDCMA) Wastewater Treatment Plant in Aston Township, a distance of approximately 12,500 linear feet. MTSA is on schedule to apply for the required Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) permits in early 2016 with construction anticipated to start in early summer of 2016.

2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

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

ONLY Household Hazardous Waste will be accepted.

Electronics Waste & Latex Paint will NOT be accepted.

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill

Saturday, July 16, 2016

Marple Transfer Station
895 Sussex Blvd., Broomall

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Penn State Brandywine
25 Yearsley Mill Rd, Media

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Emergency Services Training Center
1700 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill

More info at DCSWA at 610-892-9627 or 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—cleaners/solvents—mercury-containing items—propane tanks <20lbs—ni-cad, lithium, rechargeable & lead batteries—cell phones

Latex Paint (dried out) and Alkaline Batteries can be disposed of in regular trash.

Be on the lookout for information about future electronics recycling events to be scheduled

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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