

## September 2011

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# 2011 Fall Newsletter

## Curbside Brush Pick Up - September 14

The curbside brush pick up program will be changing. Beginning September 14, township employees will no longer be chipping the brush at curbside.

Residents will be required to have their brush bound with string or twine and be in lengths of 48" or less. Material over 6" in diameter will not be accepted.

Bundled brush should be placed with butt (cut) ends towards the street. Bundles may be placed on the street where street parking is permitted and traffic flow is not obstructed.

Smaller twigs and branches may be placed in metal or plastic trash cans which will be emptied and returned to the curb.

**No leaves, garden waste, roots or root systems, or grass clippings will be collected.**

Bulk brush and leaves may be transported to the new compost facility on Windy Lane. Brush and leaves do not need to be bundled, cut to length or bagged prior to transport to the compost facility.

## North Middleton / Middlesex Joint Compost Facility

The Compost Facility will be opening on Wednesday, September 7th at 3:00pm. The facility is located on Windy Lane. Take Spring Rd. to W. Middlesex Dr., turn left onto Beagle Club Rd., Windy Lane is the first left.

Hours of operation: March 1st - October 15th, Wednesdays 3:00pm - 8:00pm, Saturdays 8:00am - Noon;

October 16th - December 15th, Saturdays 8:00am - Noon. Weather events may require the site to be open additional days/hours. Should that occur information will be posted on the township's website at [www.nmiddleton.com](http://www.nmiddleton.com).

**Rules for Facility Use:** The facility is for North Middleton and Middlesex Township residents to use to dis-

pose of leaf and/or brush waste generated from township properties. Other yard waste such as grass, tree stumps, and tree waste that is larger than 20" in diameter is strictly prohibited.

Please note: Contractors (i.e. building, landscaping, etc.) are NOT permitted to use the facility as per DEP Grant restrictions.

## Leaf Pick Up - Weeks of November 7th & December 5th

Leaf pick up is scheduled for the weeks of November 7th and December 5th. Leaves should be in closed bags and placed curbside by 7:00am Monday morning the weeks of the scheduled pick up.

Beginning September 7th, residents may take their leaves to the compost facility, located on Windy Lane, for disposal.

## Christmas Tree Pick Up - Week of January 9th

Christmas Trees will be picked up during the week of January 9th.

Christmas Trees should be placed curbside by 7:00am Monday, January 9th.

Reminder to residents that this pick up is for **live** Christmas Trees only.

Any resident that would like to dispose of their artificial tree should include it with their weekly trash removal. For additional questions regarding artificial tree removal residents can contact York Waste at 1.800.210.9675

## Concert and Car Show - September 17th

The North Middleton Township Recreation Department will hold the 9th Annual Classic Rock & Roll Concert and Vintage Car & Cycle Show on Saturday, September 17th at North Middleton Park, Waggoners Gap Road / Rt. 74 from 11:30 am until 5:00pm.

Vintage Car & Cycle registration will begin at 11:30am.

SLICK will take the stage from 11:30am to 1:30pm and Corn Wallace will be playing from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Both bands play a variety of music from the 50's through the 90's.

A food stand will be available beginning at 11:30am.

## Halloween Egg Hunt - October 23rd

The 8th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, October 23rd at 4:00pm at Village Park for children up to 10 years of age.

Parade line up will begin at 3:30pm. No registration is required. Children should bring their own baskets. The event will be held rain or shine.



*In the United States,  
there are more  
than 21, 000  
Christmas tree growers*

*If you would like to  
receive a hard copy of  
the newsletter please  
contact us at  
717.243.8550*



*Consumers spend  
over \$2.5 billion  
during Halloween*



In 1903, The General Electric Company began to sell Christmas tree lights in its stores

Contact Annette McKillip at 243.8550 for more information on our Recreation Programs



Check the township's website at [www.nmiddleton.com](http://www.nmiddleton.com) for information regarding the 2012 bus trips

## Christmas Tree Lighting - December 3rd

The 13th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 5:30pm at the Municipal Building.

Santa will arrive by fire truck to light the Christmas Tree.

Refreshments will be available after Santa lights the tree.

## Christmas Tree Needed

The Recreation Advisory Board is currently looking for a live Christmas Tree to be donated to the township for the 2011 Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd.

The tree should be at least 8 feet high. The township will cut down the tree and remove it from the property at no cost to the resident.

Anyone having a tree they wish to donate should contact Annette McKillip at 243.8550, Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm, or email her at [amckillip@nmiddleton.com](mailto:amckillip@nmiddleton.com).

## 2011 Bus Trips

### September 10 - Maryland Seafood Festival, Annapolis, Maryland

From 10:00am until 2:00pm you will have the opportunity to visit over 60 food, craft and arts vendors and two stages with entertainment. At 2:00pm you will board the bus and depart for the Annapolis Waterfront where you will have the afternoon to explore the shops. **Cost: \$69.00 per person**

### December 3 - New York City "A Day On Your Own"

There is nothing like New York City during the holiday season! This is a "day on your own" in New York City to explore at your leisure. New York City has an unbelievable array of shopping, world class museums, restaurants and 35 Broadway Theaters, so there is something for everyone! Trip includes: transportation, map and Macy's coupon. **Cost: \$50.00 per person**

For additional information contact Annette McKillip at 243.8550 or email her at [amckillip@nmiddleton.com](mailto:amckillip@nmiddleton.com). Information will also be posted on the township's website [www.nmiddleton.com](http://www.nmiddleton.com).

## 2012 Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion rentals for the 2012 season will be open to North Middleton Township residents beginning January 3, 2012.

Non-residents can be-

gin reserving pavilions on February 6, 2012.

Pavilion Rental Fee: \$50.00 for a full pavilion; \$30.00 for a half pavilion; and \$100 for commercial rental.

Reservations will be taken at the Municipal Building Monday thru Friday from 8:00am until 5:00pm.

## Trick or Treat Night - October

Trick or Treat night is scheduled for Monday, October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

## North Middleton Volunteer Fire Company - Bingo

**Bingo:** Bingo is held every Tuesday evening in the social hall at Station No. 1, 310 North Middleton Road.

Doors open at 4:30pm, the kitchen opens at 5:30pm and Bingo starts at 7:00pm.

## North Middleton Volunteer Fire Company - Social Hall Rental

The Social Hall at Station #1, 310 North Middleton Road, is available for rental for birthday parties, wedding receptions, meetings, etc.

The Social Hall can seat up to 200 people. The fire company offers their own buffet service or you can select from a list of pre-approved catering companies for your event.

Visit the fire companies website [www.nmfc39.com](http://www.nmfc39.com) for additional information.

If you are interested in renting the social hall, please contact Tammy Brickner at 249.3529 or email her at [brickner7370@yahoo.com](mailto:brickner7370@yahoo.com) or contact Mike Murray at 226.6200 or email him at [Captain239@nmfc39.com](mailto:Captain239@nmfc39.com)

## Parking In Cul-De-Sacs

Ordinance 196-16 prohibits parking in cul-de-sacs from November 1st thru April 15th. This Ordinance aids the public works department during snow removal. If any vehicles are found to be parked in a cul-de-sac owners can be cited and the vehicle towed at the owners expense.



*In some parts of Ohio, Iowa, Massachusetts and other states, the night designated for trick-or-treating is referred to as Beggars Night*

*Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00am. Turn your clocks back an hour!*



*Visit the fire companies website at [www.nmfc39.com](http://www.nmfc39.com)*



Inventors were issued the first patents for snow plows in the 1840's

The township office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day



For it to snow the tops of the clouds must be below 32 degrees Fahrenheit

### Winter Snow Plowing

Winter will be arriving in a few months and residents are reminded that when shoveling or plowing your driveway, the snow should be shoveled to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the intersecting highway.

By plowing away from the direction of oncom-

ing snow plows, this action will prevent the bulk of the snow from being pushed back into your driveway.

Eliminate snow piles at the driveway entrance whenever possible. **Do not push snow out onto roads at any time.** This creates hazardous driving condi-

tions for all vehicles.

Homeowners can be held responsible for accidents which result after snow has been shoveled onto Township maintained roads. The Township is asking the public's cooperation by following these guidelines.

### Water Distribution Flushing

The North Middleton Authority staff will be conducting the semi-annual water distribution cleaning again this fall, in late September or early October.

This operation is completed during the early morning hours in an effort

to minimize any inconvenience to the customers caused by discolored water.

The flushing operation removes any air and accumulated particulate matter from the distribution system to ensure quality water for everyone.

### Sewer - Prohibited Wastes 164-37

Sump pump discharges are **illegal** if connected into the sanitary sewer collection system.

In the General Code of North Middleton Township, Article III, Section 164-37 Prohibited Wastes it states: *No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water,*

*spring water, ground water, roof runoff, sub-surface drainage, building foundation drainage, cellar drainage, drainage from roof leader connections and overflow or drainage from cesspools into any sewer.*

Any person who violates or permits a violation of Section 164-37

is subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each day that such violation continues, plus costs of prosecution and possible imprisonment.

## Water & Sewer Payments

Residents are reminded that for more efficient processing of your water and sewer payment please be sure to bring/enclose your payment stub with your payment. This ensures faster, more accurate processing of your account.

## Adopt a Fire Hydrant

Winter weather is just around the corner. Snow and snow plowing can cover and hide fire hydrants.

If you know of a covered fire hydrant in your area, please take

a few minutes to clear the snow away from it.

Fire hydrants are easy to find because they are painted yellow and have a plastic blue marker extending several feet above for easy

detection.

The time you spend clearing a fire hydrant will save precious moments in the event of an emergency.

## House Numbers

In order to provide for the effective response for emergency services to all residents, North Middleton Township Ordinance Chapter 86 requires that all residential houses, businesses and other such buildings be

conspicuously numbered for identification and plainly visible from the public roadway. This is for your safety, the safety of those in your building and that of the emergency responders.

## “No Trespass” Letters

The Police Department keeps copies of “No Trespass” letters on file when an incident has occurred and a resident has the need to send such a letter to another party. In the past, these letters have been kept indefinitely creating a situation where the file has grown over the years and many no longer are relevant be-

cause person has moved, circumstances change, or problems have been resolved. In view of this fact, research has been done and many that are considered “inactive” have been destroyed.

In the future, copies of “No Trespass” letters will only be kept for two years from the date on

the letter. If circumstances warrant the letter be kept active longer than two years, the initiating party will have to supply the Police Department and the person the letter is meant for, with an updated copy of the letter. This will enable us to keep our file current.



*The invention of a post or pillar type fire hydrant is credited to Frederick Graff Sr., Chief Engineer of the Philadelphia Water Works around the year 1801*

*Fall begins on Friday, September 23rd at 5:50am*



*On most streets in the US and Canada, odd numbers are on one side and even numbers on the other.*



*Agatha Christie is the top-selling English-language author of all time. She wrote 78 mystery novels that sold an estimated 2,000,000,000 copies*

*Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th.*



*About 100 million bicycles are manufactured worldwide each year*

## **North Middleton Police Association Sponsors Family Reader Program**

For the last 6 years, the North Middleton Police Association has sponsored the Family Reading Program at Crestview Elementary and Bellaire Elementary Schools for 4th and 5th grade students. Each month during the school year the 4th and 5th grade students are encouraged to read a book of their choosing. After a student has completed the book they are required to turn in a report about the book they read to their teacher. Any student that completes the program during the school year is then entered into a drawing held

at the end of the school year. A winner is chosen from each school. Students are also treated to an ice cream or pizza party at the end of the school year.

On July 2, 2011 the winners, Kassie Berrie from Bellaire and Sarah Swahlon from Crestview, each received a \$250.00 gift certificate and enjoyed their shopping spree at Dick's Sporting Goods in Mechanicsburg. Congratulations to all the 2010 - 2011 students for all their reading!

## **Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Reminder**

One of the most fundamental rules we learned as children when walking along the street or riding our bikes was to walk on the left side of the street and ride on the right side of the street. Sometimes we forget this most fundamental but very important rule. It is a rule for our own safety. Please walkers, bikers, and joggers follow the rules for your own safety!!!

## **Stray Dogs & Cats**

Many of us have experienced finding a stray cat or dog that perhaps had been dropped out along the road and found its way to our yard. In a kind gesture we have possibly put food out for it hoping it was just lost and would eventually find its way home. This is usually not what happens. Most often it enjoys the attention and realizes it has just

found itself a new home where there is always food in its dish. Letting this dish of food sit outside attracts other strays and then the situation quickly escalates because strays are not spayed or neutered. This scenario is one which you have become the caretaker (owner) of that animal. You are now responsible for its well-being, whether it be its veteri-

nary care or keeping it from violating the township's Domestic and Non-domestic Animal Ordinance by making sure it does not run at large. You the owner, can be cited for this violation. As a responsible pet owner, the animal should be spayed or neutered also. Please keep this information in mind when feeding strays.

## Chief Jeffrey Rudolph is Retiring

North Middleton Township congratulates Chief Jeffrey Rudolph on his recent retirement. Jeff began his 31 year career with the Township on June 16, 1980 as a police officer. He was promoted to Captain on May 7, 1982, and to his present position of Chief on March 1, 1993.

Jeff has seen the police department go through many changes including population growth in the Township as well as the increase in the number of full time officers to cover the growth. Local police coverage went from 16 hours a day with the State Police assisting during the night hours to 24/7 local coverage. Also, the addition of a full time criminal investigator has the added value of solving more crimes.

Overall operations have been streamlined including moving from the very small, cramped department on North Middleton Road to the new facility on Spring Road in 1998.

Response time to emergencies has dropped due to the increased communications as well as the addition of laptops in police vehicles. Additional digital changes include the implementation of computers, the upgrading of communications to the County wide 800 mhz radio system, and the use of Nextel 2-way radios. Laptops have been added in the police vehicles to allow for instant access to information, which allows for less on station time and increased patrol time.

The Chief has written many successful grant applications for bullet proof vests for the officers and a grant for purchasing the video systems for the cruisers. The grants saved tax payer dollars while improving the police officers' safety and adding tools to serve the citizens of the Township.

Jeff's leadership to the department included implementing the Crime Watch Program, participating in DUI stops, traffic enforcement initiatives and the County Tobacco Enforcement program. He was also involved in assisting with the security for several Presidential and Vice-Presidential visits to North Middleton Township.

The Chief is looking forward to gardening, traveling and especially spending time with his family and his 7 grandchildren. The Supervisors and staff wish Jeff well in his retirement and thank him for his years of service to the citizens of North Middleton Township.





The World Trade Center North Tower was opened in December 1970 and the South Tower was opened in January 1972

The new One World Trade Center will be 1,776 feet high; Tower Two will be 1,349 feet high



Blue Lights represented the North and South Tower's on March 11, 2002

## **Anniversary of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks Brings a Reminder If you see Something Suspicious, Say Something**

Until federal agents took Colleen LaRose into custody in 2009, neighbors in Pennsburg, a quiet, manicured community in Montgomery County, dismissed her as the “weird lady” down the street. Of course, authorities say she is so much more, a blonde blue-eyed homegrown terrorist who calls herself “Jihad Jane” and who left an electronic paper trail that clue them into her plan to wage a violent jihad, or holy war.

LaRose’s case is remarkable for a couple of reasons. She’s one of only a handful of women to be charged with terrorist offenses in the United States and everything about her, from her appearance to where she lived, shattered conventional ideas about who terrorists are and where they come from. Even more troubling, LaRose’s murderous plot was literally hatched on a Main Street in Pennsylvania.

J. Patrick Rowan, former Chief of the U.S. Justice Department’s national security division, told *The Washington Post* that the LaRose indictment is “another indication of how the threats come from all directions.”

Indeed, they do, and no township, no hometown, is immune. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when hijacked planes crashed in New York City, near Washington, D.C., and in a grassy field right here in Pennsylvania proved that. And as the nation marks the 10th anniversary of that mind numbing day, we as Pennsylvanians, still need to keep a vigilant eye on the sky, but the reality is, the more sinister public-safety threats are lurking in our very own backyards. Some wear their gang colors with pride, but others, like quiet terrorist Jihad Jane, aren’t as easy to detect. All of them, however, spell trouble. And it’s these people, the lawbreakers next door, across the hall, and down the street, who represent the real threat in townships today, and there’s one very effective way to combat them: with talk.

“I can’t tell you the number of times a case broke because someone saw something and reported it,” a Pennsylvania State Police trooper said recently. “It might be that one piece of the puzzle that brings it all together.”

## **York Waste Contract**

North Middleton Township recently opted to use a one year extension with York Waste. Beginning October 1, 2011 the cost of the toter service will be \$49.73 per quarter and the cost of the tags will be \$4.23.

Residents are reminded that plastics, glass, newspapers and cardboard are recyclable materials and should be placed in the recycling bin each week.

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An aerial view of the compost facility on Windy Lane.

On the web

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