

# Fall Winter Newsletter

## 15th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt & Hayride

The 15th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt, for children up to 10 years of age, will be held on Sunday, October 14th at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive, Carlisle starting at 2:00 pm.



The hayrides begin at 2:00 pm (weather permitting); costume parade begins at 2:45 pm (prizes will be awarded); and the Egg Hunt begins at 3:00 pm. The event will be held rain or shine. Children should bring their own buckets or baskets.

For additional information, please contact Judy Smith, Recreation Director, Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm at 717.243.8550 or email her at [jsmith@nmiddleton.com](mailto:jsmith@nmiddleton.com).

## Brush & Leaf Pick Up - Advanced Disposal

Advanced Disposal will be managing the brush and leaf pick ups. If you have questions regarding brush or leaf pick up, please contact Advanced Disposal at 1.800.338.8971. Brush and leaves should be curbside by 5:00 am of the scheduled pick up day.

**Brush Pick Up:** The final brush pick up for 2018 will be held on October 1st. Residents are reminded that brush should be in bundles, tied with twine and no longer than 4 feet. Material over 6 inches in diameter will not be accepted. Brush piles should weigh no more than 40 pounds. Smaller twigs and branches may be put in a metal or plastic trash can, clearly marked "Yard Waste", which will be emptied and returned to the curb. Brush that is not in compliance with the regulations will not be picked up and will be tagged.



The intent of curbside brush pick up is to provide a means for residents to dispose of shrubbery and tree trimmings several times a year. Acceptable material includes: shrubbery and shrubbery cuttings, tree waste generated from the trimming of low hanging branches and storm damage, provided it is placed curbside and perpendicular to the street with butt (cut) ends towards the street. This service is not intended to provide a means for residents to dispose of entire trees or entire crowns (top) of trees.

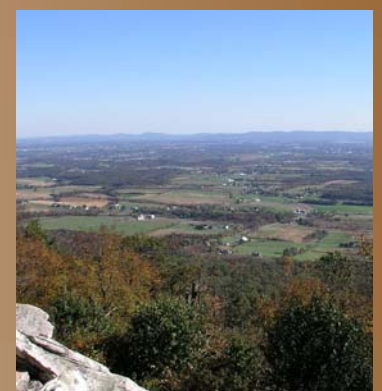
**Leaf Pick Up:** Leaf pick up will be held on November 12th and December 10th. Residents can put their leaves in craft bags, 30 gallon natural brown bags, which can be purchased at Lowe's or Home Depot, or in metal or plastic trash cans clearly marked "Yard Waste" which will be emptied and returned to the curb.

For additional information or questions, please contact Advanced Disposal at 1.800.338.8971.



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### Frisbee Golf

The Frisbee Golf Course at Creekview Park has not been fully installed due to the rainy season. The Parks Department anticipates completion of the course once the grounds dry out and before the park season ends.



### From the Recreation Department . . .

**Family Movie Night:** Family Movie Night is scheduled for Saturday, September 8th at Village Park (1830 Suncrest Drive). The PG rated movie begins at dusk. Ice cream, snow cones, popcorn and soda will be provided while supplies last. Bring your lawn chair or blankets. Thank you to the sponsors: White Circle Club, Hilton's Lock & Security, Peck's Septic Service, Advanced Disposal and N.L. Minich & Sons.

**Summertime Adventure:** The Recreation Advisory Board would like to thank Cindy Bear, Director of the Summertime Adventure Program and her staff for providing fun recreation, games and crafts for the children at Village Park. Cindy does a marvelous job in organizing and overseeing this program and has been doing it for more than 30 years. Her time and dedication to the children is much appreciated. Special thanks to the following sponsors: Elks Lodge 578, Fraternal Order of Eagles, White Circle Club, Carlisle American Legion Post 101, and Carlisle Moose Lodge 761.

**Thank You to the Parks Department:** The Parks Department recently installed the new Versacourt Tiles on the basketball court, at North Middleton Park. The tiles are weather resistant and provides a nice, professional appearance. Guests are welcome to come and try it out.

**2018 Road & Field Show:** The Recreation Advisory Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2018 Road & Field Show at North Middleton Park. Thank you to the sponsors and donors: Orrstown Bank, Family Ford, Karns Food, AutoZone, Steve's Repairs Unlimited, Rock Auto, Napa Auto Parts, Fisher Auto Parts, Carlisle Diner, Fay's Country Kitchen, Marcello's Ristorante & Pizzeria, Hamilton Restaurant, Lube-n-Go, and D & D Septic.



### Trick or Treat Night

Trick or Treat Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

### Building Codes

Pennsylvania adopted the 2015 edition of the International Building Codes. Please be advised that beginning October 1, 2018, applications for building permits in North Middleton Township will be reviewed based on the 2015 Codes. There are substantial changes to the requirements for construction including Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Framing, and Energy Efficiency.

For home builders, the requirements for Energy Efficiency have increased significantly, including new mandatory duct leakage testing, thermal shell air infiltration, verification of proper system sizing, lower U-factors for windows, and higher insulation R-values. A review of the changes in the 2015 IRC is advised. Plans submitted for review must include details to verify compliance with the 2015 Codes. If you have questions or need clarification concerning any of the new code requirements, please contact Sean Braddock, BCO, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm by email at [sbraddock@nmiddleton.com](mailto:sbraddock@nmiddleton.com) or by telephone at 717.243.5639. Residents and contractors can view the 2015 International Residential Code at <https://codes.iccsafe.org/public/document/toc/553/>.

## Joint Compost Facility

The compost facility is located on Windy Lane (off Beagle Club Road), in Middlesex Township. Dates and hours of operation are: January, Saturdays only 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; February, closed; March 3 thru October 13, Mondays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Wednesdays 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; October 20 thru December 8, Saturdays only 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The site is closed on holidays.

**Acceptable Items:** Christmas trees, leaves, shrubs (no roots) and shrubby clippings, branches cut into 6 foot lengths and no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

**Items not accepted:** Stumps, grass clippings, garbage, bulk items, dirt, stones, bricks, construction debris, concrete, hazardous materials, charcoal, fruits and/or vegetables, bags or containers.

You may dump when your load has been inspected and you have received instructions from the site attendant. The attendant is not permitted to load or unload materials. ***This site is for Middlesex and North Middleton Township residents ONLY.*** Contractor drop off is not permitted. When using the site, you will need to bring picture identification with a current address. No dumping allowed when the site is closed or unattended.

If you have any questions, please contact Middlesex Township at 717.249.4409.

### From the Police Department. . .

**National Night Out:** Our first “National Night Out” was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Carlisle Fairgrounds. We believe it’s fair to say we had a very nice turn-out and hope to grow next year. We are very appreciative of all the donations received as it wouldn’t have been possible without them. Donations were received from: American Legion Post 101, AMVETS Post 274, Carlisle Construction Materials LLC, Carlisle Moose Family Center, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Gobin Guards Association, Hilton’s Lock Service, Jerry’s Towing, VFW Post 477, White Circle Club, Karns, Turkey Hill, Brickers French Fries, and Rita’s Italian Ice.

**Aggressive Driving:** The North Middleton Township Police Department received a “Certificate of Appreciation” in recognition of the valuable contributions made to the 2017 PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program.

**School is in Session:** The police department wants to remind all motorists that school buses are sharing the roads with other vehicles morning, midday, and afternoon while transporting students to and from school. Be alert and aware of the possibility of stopped traffic at bus stops everywhere, but especially in rural areas where there is limited visibility i.e., hills, hollows, and bends in the road. Slow down and help our students get to and from school safely.

### Reminders

- ◆ The **township parks** are open to the public from 8:00 am to sunset. The restrooms are closed mid-October through mid-April due to weather.
- ◆ **Dogs** are allowed in township parks, **ONLY ON LEASHES** and owners must clean up after their dogs.



## Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Enjoy an evening of Christmas Carols, Santa Claus and refreshments.







### Grass Clippings and Leaves

With fall quickly approaching, residents are reminded that you should not blow your grass clippings and leaves out onto the streets. This creates a slippery roadway for vehicles when the leaves and grass clippings become wet and clog inlets and storm pipes creating flooding situations.



### Reminders (cont.)

- ◆ There should be **NO burning** in the township, with the exception of a contained manmade brick or stone fire pit being used for cooking or recreational activities. Advanced Disposal provides leaf and brush pick up, therefore there is no need for burning.
- ◆ **Curfew** for anyone in the township under the age of 18 is 11:00 pm to 5:00 am.
- ◆ **Dogs and cats** are not allowed to run at large (off the owner's property).
- ◆ **Door-to-Door Soliciting** is only allowed with a township-issued permit. Always ask to see the permit and report it immediately to the police department if the person(s) soliciting cannot show you the permit for any reason. School children and non-profit groups are exempt.
- ◆ Always have your **lights** turned on your vehicle when it is raining and your windshield wipers are in operation.
- ◆ When going away on **vacation**, always let a trusted neighbor or family member know when you will be leaving and returning. In addition, you may also advise the police department of your plans to be away and fill out a "House Check" Form.
- ◆ **NO TEXTING AND DRIVING - IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!!! This message is intended for EVERYONE who has a driver's license!**
- ◆ Like us on **Facebook** at North Middleton Police Department.
- ◆ If you have any **questions or concerns**, you may call us at 717.243.7910 or email us at [police@nmiddleton.com](mailto:police@nmiddleton.com).
- ◆ If you are having an **emergency, DIAL 911**.
- ◆ Visit our website at **nmiddletonpolice.com**.
- ◆ If you see or hear something **unusual or out of the ordinary**, please contact us while it is happening or noticed so it may be investigated.
- ◆ Please be aware of the **phone scams**. The IRS or US Treasury Department never call, they will send you a letter in the mail.
- ◆ Remember to **lock your vehicle** and don't let any valuables, money, credit cards or anything of importance in it. If you suspect you have been a victim of a theft, call the police to report it immediately.
- ◆ **Seasons are changing** with colder weather approaching, leaves falling from the trees in the fall can be slippery when wet, as well as snowfall. Please think safety on the roadways and slow down as conditions can change very rapidly. Allow extra time for travel.

### John Epley Hired as Township Manager

John Epley has been hired as Township Manager to replace Deborah Ealer, who retired in August.

Mr. Epley served as Township Manager for West Pennsboro Township from June, 2005 until April, 2015; and Borough Manager for Shippensburg Borough from May, 2015 until September, 2018.

Mr. Epley's first day at the Township will be on September 17th. Please join us in welcoming John to the Township.





### Deborah Ealer, Township Manager Retires

Deborah Ealer, Township Manager has retired with 20 years of service. Ms. Ealer began her employment with North Middleton Township in July, 1998. Ms. Ealer was instrumental in moving the Township to where it is today.

We wish Ms. Ealer the best on her next journey.



### Bosler Memorial Library

Are you familiar with all the programs, services, and collections at Bosler? Here are some exciting resources available at the Library!

The Library’s collection contains more than 100,000 items ready for you to enjoy. The Library offers books, DVDs, audiobooks, e-books and so much more! We have everything from the traditional - newspapers and magazines - to the non-traditional - puppets, puzzles, and Wi-Fi hotspots.

The Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning provides free programs and courses to engage adults in learning at any age and stage of life. The Growing Learns Library provides free opportunities for children, teens, and families to engage in welcoming, engaging, developmentally appropriate, and fun programs.

Information services can put a variety of tools at your fingertips! Internet computer stations, scanning, faxing, group study rooms, Cumberland County Law Library, and more!

If you have an interest, more than likely we have something that will satisfy your curiosity!

#### Bosler Memorial Library Hours:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Visit their website to learn more: [www.boslerlibrary.org](http://www.boslerlibrary.org)

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bosler](http://www.facebook.com/bosler)

### South Mountain Radio Amateurs

South Mountain Radio Amateurs (SMRA) is a non-profit group of amateur radio operators centered in and around Cumberland County who are dedicated to promoting amateur radio. SMRA provides community service and emergency communications throughout the County, promotes training programs, and maintains equipment used for emergency communications in the surrounding area of central Pennsylvania.

They support numerous organizations in south-central Pennsylvania, including the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety, Cumberland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Cumberland County Search and Rescue Team, Carlisle Regional Medical Center, and Three Mile Island. Each member is encouraged to own a “Communication Go Kit” to promptly respond to any request for radio emergency communication services.

### Lost Dogs

Dogs can escape us quickly, so if you lose your canine, please notify the police department. The police department can be a helpful resource in the rescue of your pet, since often the officers have calls to pick up strays in hopes the owners call.





### Parking In Cul-De-Sacs

North Middleton Township Ordinance 196-16 prohibits parking in cul-de-sacs from November 1st to April 15th. This aids the public works department during snow removal. If any vehicles are found to be parked in violation of this ordinance, owners can be cited.



### South Mountain Radio Amateurs (cont.)

Many of the amateur ham radio operators of SMRA are able to make radio contact throughout the United States and all over the world using just a simple wire antenna and a few watts of power. Their operational and technical skills are honed through electronic building projects, theory education, mentoring programs, CW or Continuous Wave (Morse code competency) and FCC amateur radio licensing. SMRA uses both formal and informal meetings to advance local interest in ham radio.

Many people misunderstand what it means to be a "Ham." Electronic know-how, a knowledge of theory, educated as an electrical engineer or high intelligence is not necessary to be a ham radio operator. SMRA president Jack Himes (NC30) explains, "We are all just amateurs at various levels of knowledge, interest and skill levels. Our members", says Jack, "welcome the opportunity to share their experiences and knowledge of the hobby with anyone who is interested." Amateur radio mentors are called "Elmers".

What does it take to become a ham radio operator in the US? There are no age restrictions, but a representative of a foreign government cannot be a ham. A written test consisting of thirty-five multiple choice questions must be passed to become licensed as a Technician, (the entry level class), which has the largest number of licensees. Other classes of license are General and Amateur Extra. Morse code proficiency is no longer a requirement to become licensed. SMRA provides testing for all these classes just prior to their monthly meetings.

Club meetings are held every third Tuesday at the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety training room at 7:00 pm; you can also visit their website at [n3twt.org](http://n3twt.org) for more information. Currently, SMRA has approximately one hundred members, made-up of men, women and families of all ages. Averaging about forty participants at our regularly monthly meetings, anyone who is interested in learning more about ham radio is welcome to attend.

#### SMRA Mission Statement

- ◆ To be a resource for advancing operational and technical skills, competency, and amateur radio licensing
- ◆ To mentor new members and enhance fellowship among radio amateurs
- ◆ To provide amateur radio communications resources and emergency communication services for the community
- ◆ To honor The Amateur Radio Code, which is to be considerate, loyal, progressive, friendly, balanced and patriotic

#### From the North Middleton Authority . . .

**Water Distribution Flushing:** The Authority staff will be conducting the semi-annual water distribution cleaning again this fall. 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.

**From the North Middleton Authority . . . (cont.)**

**Emergency Notifications:** The Authority has partnered with Rapid Response System to assist the Authority staff with setting up an emergency notification system to reach the Authority’s Water Customers if the need should arise. This is often referred to as “Reverse 911”, whereas a message is recorded and then sent to all of the known phone numbers within the affected area. One of the major issues with this type of a system is keeping the contact information current.

We are asking for all of the North Middleton Authority Water Customers to please register their contact information (phone numbers) with the Authority staff by one of the following methods: (This information will only be used in an emergency situation.)

- Visit the Authority’s website at [www.northmiddletonauthority.com](http://www.northmiddletonauthority.com) and enter the Rapid Response System Portal Icon.
- Complete the information below and return it to the North Middleton Authority, 240 Clearwater Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.
- Call the Authority at 717.243.8269 during regular office hours, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Grease & Disposable Wipes:** Many sanitary sewer collection systems are having problems with Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG), which create grease build-up creating blockages with the collection system and at Pumping Stations. FOG also combines with Disposable Wipes which compound the problems. These so called disposable wipes are listed as biodegradable and they are to dissolve but in reality, they are not dissolving and are combining together with grease creating problems and blockages. We are asking all property owners to not dispose of these wipes in the toilet or drainage system. We are also asking property owners to be considerate when disposing of cooking oils, fats and grease products. These products do not belong in the sanitary sewer collection system. They should be properly collected and disposed of with your trash collection service.

**Sewer System Surveillance:** The Authority will be undertaking ongoing surveillance of the sanitary sewer collection system. Wet weather events increase the ground water table causing groundwater to migrate into the sewer system. Groundwater enters into the sewer mains and house laterals through cracks and defective joints. Authority staff and contractors normally complete their surveillance work in the early morning hours when high ground water conditions permit.

**Please remember any groundwater discharges into the sewer system including sump pumps and downspouts are strictly prohibited and can result in penalties and fines.**



**Christmas Tree Pick Up**

Christmas Tree pick up will be held on January 14, 2019.

Christmas Trees should be curbside by 5:00 am of the scheduled pick up day.

Residents are reminded that this is for live tree, not artificial trees. Artificial trees should be disposed of with your regular trash pick up.





## From the North Middleton Authority . . . (cont.)

**North Middleton Authority Construction Projects:** During the Spring of 2012 the Authority requested CET-GHD, Authority engineers; provide an alternative analysis for the capital improvements plan. This report evaluates the feasibility and cost for the upgraded and or replacement of several aging sewage pumping stations located within the collection system. The report focused on the upgrade or replacement of three sewage pump stations and the elimination of one station. The report was finalized in June of 2012. The three pumping stations that are to be upgraded and or replaced include the Marion Avenue Pump Station, originally constructed in 1967 - 68; the Pheasant Run Pump Station, originally constructed in 1974 - 75; and two stations located in the Cavalry Road area originally constructed in 1980 - 81.

In the Cavalry Road area, one pumping station was replaced and another station was eliminated in 2014. We are now ready to take on another construction project, the replacement of the pumping station located along Marion Avenue. This project is slated to begin by the end of August and will take several months to complete. We look forward to having this pumping station rebuilt, which should provide reliable service for the next forty years or longer.

## Holidays

The township office will be closed on the following Holidays: Monday, September 3 - Labor Day; Monday, November 12 - Veterans Day; Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 - Thanksgiving; Monday, December 24, Close at Noon - Christmas Eve; Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day; Monday, December 31, Close at Noon - New Year's Eve.



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