

2021 Spring Newsletter

Easter Egg Hunt

The North Middleton Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Village Park, 1830 Suncrest Drive, Carlisle on Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 am.

The Egg Hunt will be held rain or shine and is for children up to 10 years of age. Children should bring their own baskets. CDC Guidelines will be followed, mask are required and please social distance.



Pavilion Rentals

Reservations must be made at the Municipal Building Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Pavilion rental fees are: full pavilion \$60.00 (14 or 16 tables per pavilion, each table seats 10); half pavilion \$40.00 (6 tables that seat 10 per table).

North Middleton park has 4 large pavilions, Village Park has 3 large pavilions and one small pavilion and Creekview Park has a small pavilion. Electric, charcoal grills and trash containers are available at all pavilions.

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2021 Brush & Leaf Pick -Up

Advanced Disposal (Waste Management) has provided the Township with dates for brush and leaf pickup.

Brush Pick-up is scheduled for the weeks of April 19 and September 20. Brush should be curbside by Monday morning at 5:00 am.

Brush should be in bundles, tied with twine, no longer than 4 feet long and no more than 40 pounds per bundle. Material over 6 inches in diameter will not be accepted. 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.

Leaf Pick-up is scheduled for the weeks of November 15 and December 13. Residents should put their leaves in craft bags, 30 gallon natural brown paper bags, which can be purchased at either Lowe's or Home Depot or in a metal or plastic trash can clearly marked "Yard Waste", which will be emptied and returned to the curb.

Trees and Our Roads

Equipment can be damaged by low hanging branches and shrubbery encroaching on the street. In addition, tree limbs should be no less than 8 feet above the sidewalk in front of a home.

Please help protect our school buses, emergency and maintenance vehicles from damage by keeping your trees trimmed.



Road & Field Show

The Recreation Advisory Board will be holding the Road & Field Show on Saturday, July 17 at 12:30 pm at North Middleton Park. Registrations for entering a collectible car, motorcycle or farm tractor will begin in June. Check the Township's webpage and Facebook page for additional information as we get closer to the event date.

North Middleton Township / Middlesex Township Compost Facility

The compost facility is located at 100 Windy Lane (intersection of Beagle Club Road and West Middlesex Drive). Dates and hours of operation are: January, Saturdays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; February, Closed; March 1 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 16 to December 11, Saturdays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The site is closed on Holidays and during snowy / icy weather. bad weather events.

Weather events may require the site to be open additional days/hours. Information will be posted on the Township's website and Facebook page.

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

Items Not Accepted: Stumps, bamboo, ornamental grasses, vines, roots of any kind, garbage, bulk items, dirt, stones, bricks, construction debris, concrete, hazardous materials, charcoal, fruits and/or vegetables, bags or containers.

You may ONLY dump when your load has been inspected and you have received instructions from the site attendant. The attendant has the final say as to whether you may unload or not. The attendant is not permitted to load or unload materials. NO bags or containers are to be left at the site.

Identification Required: In order to ensure that our site is not overwhelmed by materials from outside of Middlesex and North Middleton Townships, compost users will be asked for a picture id with a current address when using the compost facility.

No contractor drop off is permitted. Residents only.

No dumping while the site is closed or unattended.

The site is under surveillance 24 hours a day, and you are so notified that your visit to the site will be recorded.



Meter Reading System Upgrade

The North Middleton Authority will be upgrading its meter reading system over the next two to three years. This upgrade will be starting over the next couple of weeks. In some cases, it is as simple as putting a new reading device on the outside of the house. In other cases, it will be necessary to make an appointment to change out the water meter. This new system will provide more accurate real time meter readings as well as leak detection. You may see one of our employees checking your outside reader in the coming weeks. You will receive additional information along with your next water and sewer billing. Your cooperation with this upgrade is appreciated.

North Middleton Authority Employee News

The North Middleton Authority would like to congratulate Lee Koch on his retirement after 42 years of service. Lee started at the Authority on March 26, 1979 and his last official day will be March 26, 2021. Please wish Lee well on this new chapter of his life.

With the retirement of Lee Koch, Brian White has taken over as the Manager of the North Middleton Authority. Brian started at the Authority on October 31, 1988 and was previously the Chief Operator. Glenn Decker will be taking over the position of Chief Operator. Glenn has been employed with the Authority since October 30, 2000 as a Certified Operator. We wish Brian and Glenn good luck on their new endeavors.

Water & Sewer Line Flushing

The North Middleton Authority will be flushing water lines this Spring in order to keep our water lines clean. The flushing is done through the night and should not cause any inconvenience to our customers. Sewer line flushing will be completed in the Summer. This is needed to maintain our sewer lines.

Residents Beware of Scams

When the weather turns nice, we often have thoughts of spending time outside in the yard or garden. Beware of individuals traveling in groups of two or more that may be targeting homeowners to gain access to their homes for the purpose of stealing from them. These actors also may offer to do work such as driveway paving, sealing or roofing jobs but require payment up front. Once they have left the premises, it is often found that the work is incomplete or of inferior quality. Sometimes they will pose as working for fencing companies, utility companies, tree-trimming companies, etc. to distract the homeowner while an accomplice gains access to the home. These are all scams aimed to victimize our communities. BEWARE!!



Be aware of telephone scams. Do not give out personal information over the telephone. A very popular scam for this time of year during tax season is illegitimate calls from the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS does not make calls such as this. If you are a victim of a scam IRS phone caller, report this to the IRS at http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml or by phone at 1.800.366.4484 . This is the Treasury Inspector General Tax Administration.

We are especially reminding our elderly residents to be on guard and not to be too trusting. If anything seems suspicious or you feel uncomfortable about a person or situation, **DO NOT LET THEM INTO YOUR HOME UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!!!!!!!!!! Call the North Middleton Township Police Department immediately at 911 or 717.243.7910.**

Current Subdivisions / Land Developments

Bennington Square, located along McClures Gap Road

Brubaker, located along Waggoners Gap Road

Shillington Development, located along Meeting House Spring Road

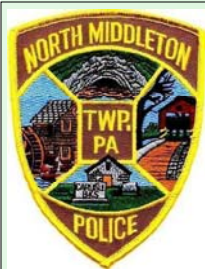
Don't Be an Easy Target! Tips for keeping your property safe from vandals and intruders:

- ◆ Keep your house and vehicle doors and windows locked at all times.
- ◆ Keep your bushes and shrubs trimmed, especially those that are close to windows and doors.
- ◆ Install motion-detector lights and dusk-to-dawn lights.
- ◆ Stop the mail and newspaper or have a neighbor get them when you're on vacation.
- ◆ Stop by the police department office to obtain a "House Check" form if going on vacation.
- ◆ Use indoor nightlights or timers on lamps, especially when you're away.

Let a vehicle sit in the driveway or on the carport if you'll be away for an extended period of time.

Township Businesses, Take Note

If you own or operate a business in the township, please do not forget to notify the Police Department of your emergency contact names and telephone numbers that can be called in the event of an emergency at your place of business during the overnight hours. Also, if we have your information, but it has not been updated recently, please email us at amckillip@nmiddleton.com or call us at 717.243.7910. This is very important so that we can better serve you!



New Officers

Please help us in welcoming two new officers to the North Middleton Township Police Department. Officer Christian A. Calhoun was hired in October 2020 and Officer Deric J. Brazeal was hired in January 2021.

Brush, Grass & Weeds

North Middleton Township has a brush, Grass & Weed Ordinance. It states that vegetation (brush, grass, weeds, etc.) growing to a height exceeding 8 inches on any lot or tract of ground in the township is considered to be a nuisance and it must be cut. Failure to comply is a violation of the Ordinance.

The property owner is responsible for vegetation maintenance and can be cited when a violation occurs. For questions, please contact Ruben Lao at 717.243.5639 or email at rlao@nmiddleton.com.

Tax Collector

Barbara Matter, Tax Collector

2053 Spring Road

Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717.254.1291 Email: taxcollector@nmiddleton.com

Online credit card payments may be made by going to <http://nmiddletontwptaxmatter.com>. There is a convenience fee charged for making online credit card payments.

Reminders.

1. The **township parks** are open to the public from 8:00 am to sunset. **NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO BE IN THE PARKS AFTER SUNSET.** The restrooms are closed mid-October through mid-April due to the weather.
2. **Dogs** are permitted in township parks with LEASHES and owners must clean up after their dogs.
3. There should be **NO burning** in the township, with the exception of a contained man-made brick or stone fire pit being used for cooking or recreational (associated with outdoor living and patio area) activities. Advanced Disposal does leaf and brush pick-up, therefore there is no need for burning.
4. **Curfew** for anyone in the township under the age of 18 is 11:00pm to 5:00 am.
5. **Dogs and cats** are not allowed to run a large (off the owner's property) and must be under the owners control and supervision at all times. See Chapter 70 of the North Middleton Township Code Book for further information.
6. **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.
7. Always have your **lights** turned on your vehicle when it is raining and your windshield wipers are in operation.
8. 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.
9. **NO TEXTING AND DRIVING - IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!!! This message is intended for EVERYONE who has a driver's license!**
10. Like us on **Facebook** at North Middleton Police Departments Facebook page.
12. If you have any **questions or concerns**, you may email us at police@nmiddleton.com or call us at 717.243.7910. If you are having an **emergency**, DIAL 911.
13. Visit our CrimeWatch website at **nmiddletonpolice.com**.
14. If you see or hear something **unusual or out of the ordinary**, please contact us when it is happening or noticed so it may be investigated.]
15. 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.
16. **Lost Dogs:** Dogs can escape us quickly, so if you lose your canine, please notify the police department. Some don't realize we can be a helpful resource in the rescue of your pet, since often the officers have calls to pick up strays in hopes the owner's call.
17. **Parking** on the wrong side of the street (**opposing traffic**) is illegal because it is in violation of PA Vehicle Code §3354(a). If you are found to be parked illegally, you may find a traffic citation on your windshield or it could be mailed to you via the United States Postal Service.

StormwaterPA - MS4 Program

North Middleton Township received an NPDES Permit for their Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The Township is required to have an MS4 permit based on the presence of Urbanized Area within the township as a result of the 2010 Census. As a requirement of it's permit, the Township must develop a stormwater management program focusing on the following elements:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Participation and Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Runoff Control
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

By implementing these six measures, the Township expects to significantly reduce pollutants discharged into our local watersheds. The key to the success of this program is public participation. Look for information in future newsletters and on the Township website regarding how this program will impact Township residents and what you can do to make this program a success.

Cumberland County Vector Control

In April of 2021, Vector Control will begin treating water in vernal pools that may become issues due to mosquitoes. In May of 2021 we will begin our surveillance for West Nile Virus once again. We will be surveilling the entire county and placing weekly data collection traps in most municipalities. We will follow the same guidelines as the 2020 season.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Cumberland County Vector Control via email at vector@ccpa.net or by telephone at 717.240.6349. You can also visit their website at www.ccpa.net/vector



Shown above is the data collection trap that is used to collect the species of mosquito that commonly carries West Nile Virus.



Areas of standing water like the one pictured are common throughout the county and are monitored for virus activity frequently.

Medication Drop Box and Syringe Disposal

The North Middleton Township Municipal Office has a medication drop box, located in the lobby of the Municipal Building, to dispose of expired or unwanted medications. Items you can dispose of would include: prescriptions, prescription patches, ointments, over the counter medications, vitamins, samples and medication for pets. Liquid items can be disposed of with your regular trash.



It is not necessary to remove prescription labels or the name and address of the person it belongs to. If you prefer to remove such information, you can use a permanent marker to cover up the name and address.

There is also a syringe disposal container which can be found on top of the medication drop box.

On Lot Septic Haulers

If you have an on lot septic system you are required to have your septic system pumped and inspected every 4 years. Listed below are the haulers that have been approved by the Board of Supervisors to pump and inspect septic systems in North Middleton Township:

Advanced Septic Service - 717.789.4548

Associated Products Services, Inc. - 1.800.433.2070

Central Penn Septic - 717.766.1280

Chamberlin & Wingert Sanitary Services - 1.888.725.4180

D & D Septic Service - 717.249.1082

D.E.W. & Sons - 717.776.3708

Dillsburg Excavating & Septic - 717.432.9704

Groff's Septic Service - 717.776.7402

Little Enterprises Waste Hauling - 717.776.3108

Oaktree / Baker's Septic Service - 717.776.5056

Peck's Septic Service - 717.486.5548

Precision Paving & Septic - 717.243.3995

Premiere Property Services & Septic - 717.530.0582

Rosenberry's Septic Service - 717.532.4026

Young's Sanitary Septic - 717.432.3514

Residents are reminded that when it is your time to have your septic system pumped and inspected, you must acquire a Septic System Report from the Township Office prior to having the system pumped. The cost of the report is \$10.00.

Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors: Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Planning Commission: Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are held on an “as needed” basis.

Recreation Advisory Board: Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Meetings are not held in January or December.

Zoning Hearing Board: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Meetings are held on an “as needed” basis.

Township Office

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Municipal Building Telephone: 717.243.8550 Codes Department: 717.243.5639

Police Department Telephone (Non-Emergency): 717.243.7910

Website: www.nmiddleton.com

Email: township@nmiddleton.com

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