

North Middleton Township 2007 Fall / Winter Newsletter

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Telephone: 243.8550 Fax: 243-1135

Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm

Public Works

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas Tree pick up will begin on Monday, January 7, 2008. Residents should have Christmas Trees placed at the curb by 7:00 am January 7th.

2008 Curbside Brush Pick-up

The dates for the 2008 Curbside Brush Pick-up are: March 12, April 9, May 14 and September 10.

Trees and Our Highway System

Residents are reminded that tree limbs must be no less than 12 feet 6 inches above the paved portion of the street along their street lot lines. Highway trucks, as well as emergency vehicles, are designed to 12 feet, 6 inch high specifications; antennas, lights, mirrors, and other 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 emergency and maintenance vehicles from damage by keeping your trees trimmed.

Codes & Zoning

Telephone: 243.5639
Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm

Unlicensed or Uninspected Motor Vehicles

Please be advised per North Middleton Township Code Section 204-27(F), there shall be no parking and storage of unlicensed or uninspected motor vehicles. Motor vehicles which are more than 60 days beyond their expiration date shall not be parked or stored in any zone other than in a completely enclosed building.

Residents known to be in violation of this code section will have a ten day (10) compliance period to park/store the vehicle in a fully enclosed building, remove the vehicle from the property, or have it registered and inspected.

The township always seeks to work with the residents to solve these violations. Please note, due to the abuse of this code section the township is actively pursuing enforcement of it.

Parks & Recreation



**Fourth Annual
Halloween Egg Hunt**

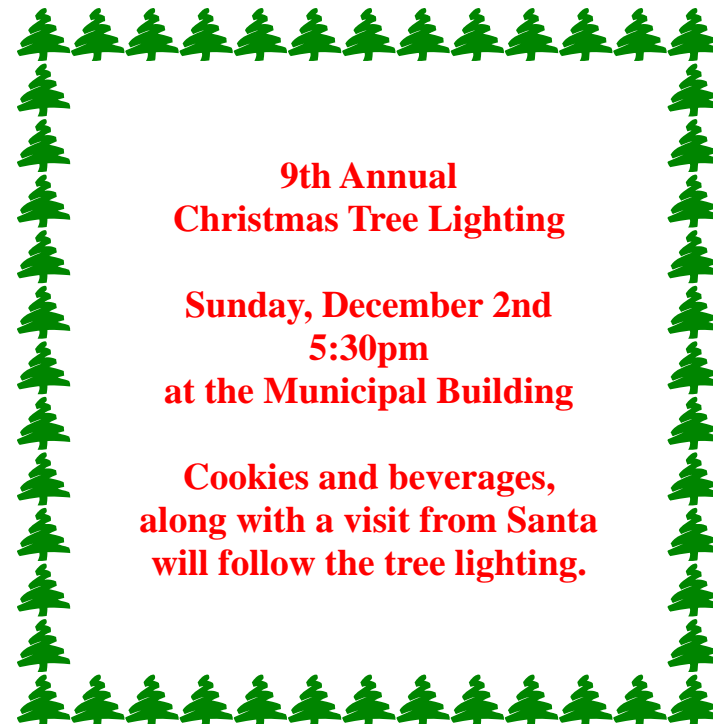
**Sunday, October 28th
4:00 pm**

**Ages 0 - 10
Rain or Shine**

**North Middleton Park
Rt. 74 / Waggoners Gap Rd.**

Parade at 3:30pm

**Come If You Dare
The Ghosts May Be There!**



**9th Annual
Christmas Tree Lighting**

**Sunday, December 2nd
5:30pm
at the Municipal Building**

**Cookies and beverages,
along with a visit from Santa
will follow the tree lighting.**

Parks & Recreation

2007 Bus Trips

All trips depart from the Municipal Building unless noted otherwise

October 13 - New York City

"Ethnic New York—Lower Manhattan Tour"

Guided tour through 3 neighborhoods, and piece together the different stories of immigration. Experience growing Chinatown, the most vibrant in America, cross Canal Street into a shrinking Little Italy and vanished Five Points. Pass the 1812 City Hall and the African Burial Ground. Soak up stories of the original New York gangs. Sample delectable Italian pastries, espresso and gelatos. Trip includes: transportation, guide service, Little Italy, Chinatown and Five Points tour, taxes and gratuities (except for driver).

Cost: \$89.00 per person

Depart: 7:00 am
New York City

Depart: 5:00 pm, New York City

December 1 - New York City "A Day On Your Own" -

New York City has an unbelievable array of shopping, over 150 world class museums, 18,000 restaurants and 135 Broadway Theatres, so there is something for everyone. Enjoy the holiday spirit of NYC! Trip includes: transportation, map and coupon book for Macy's.

Cost: \$46.00 per person

2008 Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion rentals for the 2008 season will open for township residents beginning January 7, 2008.

Pavilion rentals will be open to everyone beginning February 4, 2008.

Pavilion rental fees: Full Pavilion \$45.00; 1/2 Pavilion \$25.00; Commercial / Business Rental \$100.00.

2008 Bus Trips

Tentatively the following trips are scheduled for 2008:

February 23 - 24 - Williamsburg Getaway

April 19 - Taste of Philadelphia

May 3 - New York On Your Own

August 17 - 21 & 24 - 28 - Ocean City, MD Escape

September 13 - New York By Land and Sea

October 11 - Bedford Fall Foliage Festival

December 6 - New York On Your Own

Updates will be posted on the Township's website or you can contact Sally Scharadin at 243.8550.



North Middleton Athletic Association 2008 Baseball Registration

Registration for the 2008 baseball season will be held at the North Middleton Fire Company located at 310 North Middleton Road on the following dates:

Sunday, January 13 and January 20

1:00pm to 4:00pm

Monday, January 14

6:00pm to 8:30pm

Practices begin the week of March 18th. The 2008 season runs from April 26 through June 19. For additional information please contact John Moore at 245.0347.

2008 Girls Softball Registration

Registration for the 2008 North Middleton Township Girls Softball program will be held at the North Middleton Township Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Registrations will also be taken Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm until March 21st. After March 21st a late fee will apply.

North Middleton Authority

Drought Watch

On August 6, 2007 a Drought Watch was issued by the PA Department of Environmental Resources for almost the entire state of Pennsylvania including all of the counties within the Susquehanna River Basin. On September 5, 2007 PA DEP removed twenty-six counties from the Drought Watch list, however, thirty-two counties including Cumberland County still remain in a Drought Watch.

What are the three phases of drought preparedness in Pennsylvania? They include a Drought Watch, Drought Warning and Drought Emergency. Drought Watch is the first level and least severe of the state's three drought classifications. A period to alert government agencies, public water suppliers, water users and the public regarding the onset of conditions indicating the potential for future drought related problems. A request for voluntary water conservation is made with an objective to reduce water uses by 5%.

Please remember we are currently in the first phase of three phases for drought preparedness, hopefully rainfall events will improve the groundwater levels and source water reserves.

North Middleton Authority

Water Conservation Tips

Bathroom:

- Install low-flow plumbing fixtures and aerators on faucets.
- Check for household leaks. A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.
- Take short showers instead of baths.

Kitchen/Laundry Areas:

- Replace older appliances with high efficiency, front loading models that use about 30% less water and 40 - 50% less energy.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads.
- Keep water in the refrigerator to avoid running water from faucet until it is cold.

Outdoor Areas:

- Water outdoors in the early morning or evening hours to cut down on evaporation.
- Use a broom not a hose to clean driveways, steps and sidewalks.
- Use soaker hoses and trickle irrigation systems to reduce water use by 20 - 50%.
- Cover swimming pools to prevent evaporation.

For more drought information and water conservation tips visit the DEP website at www.depweb.state.pa.us.

Please do your part to help conserve our most precious resource, Water!

Water Distribution Flushing

The North Middleton Authority staff will be conducting the semi-annual water distribution cleaning again this fall, generally late September or early October. This operation is completed during the early morning hours in an effort to minimize an 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.

Meter Readers and Dogs Don't Mix

Every billing cycle the meter readers are faced with access problems to the water meter's outside readout. One of the greatest problems to our meter readers is an unleashed dog. Dogs running loose don't realize that our employees are just doing their jobs. They see the meter reader as a stranger threatening their territory. Help protect our employees by keeping your dog restrained away from the water meter's outside readout.

Police Department

Effective until further notice: Any calls regarding stray dogs/cats, township residents have the following options:

1. Residents may call John Bryner, State Dog Warden, at 582-7600. A voice message can be left and he will return the calls, but it may take several days due to his workload. Residents can confine the animal until Mr. Bryner is able to get there.
2. Residents can transport the animal to the EAST SHORE shelter as long as residents produce a valid Driver's License or other form of identification.
3. The Humane Society will provide after hours emergency service for injured animals.
4. The Police Department will not be responsible for transporting any animals.

Animal Ordinance

Residents, remember to keep your domestic animals under control at all times.

- ◇ The animal should not be allowed to make loud or harsh noises on a continuous basis to the extent that it disturbs or interferes with the peace, quiet, rest or sleep of another person(s).
- ◇ The animal is not to be allowed to run beyond the owner's property lines.
- ◇ The animal is not to be allowed to defecate or urinate upon any public sidewalk, walkway, or property of any other person.

These conditions, if not adhered to, constitute a violation of Township Ordinance 70-3 and the owner of the animal can be cited by police. Each day's violation constitutes a separate offense.



Telephone: 243.7910

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 7am - 4pm

**THIS ORDINANCE IS MEANT TO PROMOTE
THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING
OF ALL OUR RESIDENTS.
BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!**

Police Department

Pennsylvania's Megan's Law

The North Middleton Township Police encourage all residents to be aware of sexually violent predators living and working in our community. Pursuant to the provisions of Pennsylvania's Megan's Law, 42 Pa.C.S. § 9791 et seq., the Pennsylvania State Police have established a website to provide timely information to the public on registered sex offenders who reside, attend school, are employed/carry on a vocation, within this Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania's Megan's Law, 42 Pa.C.S. § 9799.1, requires the State Police to create and maintain a registry of persons who reside, work/carry on a vocation, or attend school in the Commonwealth and who have either been convicted of, entered a plea of guilty to, or adjudicated delinquent of certain sex offenses in Pennsylvania or another jurisdiction. Additionally, the Pennsylvania State Police is required to make certain information on registered sex offenders available to the public through an Internet website. The Pennsylvania State Police has established this website according to the requirements of 42 Pa.C.S. § 9798.1.

To search this website for offenders in our community, visit www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us.

Reminders:

The police department will be running speed checks throughout the township. We have had numerous complaints by our citizens of traffic traveling too fast on our streets and roadways. **SLOW DOWN AND ARRIVE SAFELY!**

Click It or Ticket!! Don't forget to buckle-up. Be considerate of your loved ones. Buckle-up for safety's sake - **IT'S THE LAW!**

Stop by the police department for information on the following subjects:

- ◆ Domestic Violence
- ◆ Child Abuse
- ◆ Elder Abuse
- ◆ Neighborhood Dispute Settlement
- ◆ Bicycle Safety
- ◆ The Pennsylvania Point System
- ◆ Child Safety Seats
- ◆ Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Contact Helpline
- ◆ Vandalism
- ◆ Safe Haven
- ◆ Crime Stoppers
- ◆ Aggressive Driver
- ◆ PennDOT Forms

Identity Theft

Every month the North Middleton Township Police Department investigates cases dealing with the theft of one's own identity. The crime of Identity Theft is committed when someone, without authorization, uses your identifying information. Identifying information, in any form, can be lost or stolen. Your identifying information includes your name and date of birth, driver's license number, social security number, bank account numbers, credit card numbers and more and it is not limited to physical cards and papers.

Crime in every form presents a unique set of hardships, obstacles and challenges to victims. Identity Theft is no different in that the effects can endure in the form of damaged personal credit, financial loss, inability to secure loans for education and cars, and lost job opportunities. Identity Theft victims often feel embarrassed and helpless to fix the damage that has befallen their good name.

Today's information age has a new vehicle for criminals to use in a wide range of crimes. It is important to remember that the crimes have not changed and neither have the rules to protect yourself.

Tips

Meet internet e-mail, websites, and chats with the same level of scrutiny that you use in your everyday life. Do not reply to e-mails, instant messages or chat rooms requesting sensitive information such as passwords and account numbers. Recently the popularity of eBay has been exploited by identity thieves. To learn more about fraudulent solicitation for eBay account information visit eBay's Spoof Tutorial.

What do I do if I am the victim of Identity Theft?

1. File a police report. Victims are required to file a police report in order to dispute fraudulent transactions, correct compromised accounts, place fraud alerts with the credit bureaus and to obtain free copies of their credit reports from the credit bureaus to review.

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Police Department

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You may file a police report with the law enforcement agency that serves the area in which you live. The report may also be filed with the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction at the place in which your identifying information was used. Finally, in the case of a business account, the law enforcement agency that serves your business address may investigate the report.

Make sure to write down the investigator's name and the police incident number. Additionally, request a letter from the investigating agency confirming you have reported a theft and it is under investigation. Keep this letter to provide a copy to any creditors that may contact you so that you can prove you are a victim of Identity Theft. It is important to note that many law enforcement agencies will not release the police report itself due to the confidentiality of police records. A letter confirming the investigation should suffice for purposes of confirming you have reported the crime.

2. Contact each of the three credit bureaus and place a fraud alert on your credit reports. This will flag your credit reports and prevent further damage by the thief. While it should only be necessary to contact one of the three listed below, we recommend contacting all three. Fraud alerts require an entity or business to verify a person's identity before issuing credit. Fraud alerts also enable you to receive free credit reports from the credit bureaus in order to identify fraudulent activity or accounts. Note, The Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each major nationwide credit bureau to provide consumers with a free annual credit report which can be obtained through www.annualcreditreport.com. The credit bureau contact information is as follows: Equifax, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, 1-800-525-6285; Experian, P.O. Box 9532, Allen TX 75013, 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); TransUnion, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834, 1-800-680-7289.
3. Close accounts that may have been compromised. Contact your bank and credit card companies, if necessary, and open new accounts. If there are already fraudulent charges on your accounts then request the appropriate dispute forms from the bank or other involved financial institution. Avoid using a common account security such as a mother's maiden name because a thief may already have that information. Instead, assign a unique password that you have never used in the past.
4. Obtain and complete an Identity Theft Affidavit for each compromised fraudulently opened account. You, as the victim, are required to prepare this affidavit stating that you did not commit the fraud. A copy of this affidavit is often required, coupled with a police report number, to be submitted to every creditor, business, and debt collector through which a fraudulent account or transaction has occurred. A copy of an Identity Theft Affidavit that is accepted by most businesses, creditors and debt collectors can be obtained at the Federal Trade Commission website at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/affidavit.pdf>.
5. Report the crime to the Federal Trade Commission. You can file a complaint online at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline toll-free at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); TTY 1-866-653-4261; or write Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. This information is then processed into the Consumer Sentinel Database that is available only to law enforcement officers.

Where can I learn more about Identity Theft and online fraud?

- Read more about preventing and dealing with Identity Theft at the Federal Trade Commission's website www.ftc.gov.
- Learn more about Ebay and safety in the online community at <http://www.ebay.ph/securitycenter>.

Raising Streetwise Kids

Would your child know what to do if...

He/she got lost at a shopping mall? A nice-looking, friendly stranger offered her/him a ride home after school? A friend dared him/her to drink some beer or smoke a joint? A babysitter or a neighbor wanted to play a "secret game?"

A great thing about kids is their natural trust in people, especially in adults. It's sometimes hard for parents to teach children to balance this trust with caution. But kids today need to know common-sense rules that can help keep them safe - and build the self-confidence they need to handle emergencies.

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Start with the Basics. . .

- Make sure your children know their full name, address (city and state), and phone number with area code.
- Be sure your kids know how to call 9-1-1 or "0" in emergencies and how to use a public phone. Practice making emergency calls with a make-believe phone.
- Tell them never to accept rides or gifts from someone they and you don't know well.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk, security guard, or a police officer for help if lost in a mall or on the street.
- Set a good example with your own actions. Lock doors and windows and see who's there before opening the door.
- Take time to listen carefully to your children's fears and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts.

At school and play...

- Encourage your children to walk and play with friends, not alone. Tell them to avoid places that could be dangerous - vacant buildings, alleys, playgrounds or parks with broken equipment and litter.
- Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists, and to walk away when others are arguing. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- Make sure your children are taking the safest routes to and from school, stores, and friends' houses. Walk the routes together and point out places they could go for help.
- Encourage kids to be alert in the neighborhood, and tell an adult - you, a teacher, a neighbor, a police officer - about anything they see that doesn't seem quite right.
- Check out the school's policies on absent children - are parents called when a child is absent?
- Check out daycare and after-school programs - look at certifications, staff qualifications, rules on parent permission for field trips, reputation in the community, parent participation, and policies on parent visits.

At home alone. . .

- Leave a phone number where you can be reached. Post it by the phone, along with numbers for a neighbor and emergencies - police and fire department, paramedics, and the poison control center.
- Have your child check in with you or a neighbor when he or she gets home. Agree on rules for having friends over and going to a friend's house when no adult is home.
- Make sure your child knows how to use the window and door locks.
- Tell your child not to let anyone into the home without your permission, and never to let a caller at the door or on the phone know there's no adult home. Kids can always say their parents are busy and take a message.
- Work out an escape plan in case of fire or other emergencies. Rehearse with your children.

Protecting your child against sexual abuse. . .

- Let your child know that he or she can tell you anything, and that you'll be supportive.
- Teach your child that no one - not even a teacher or close relative - has the right to touch him or her in a way that feels uncomfortable, and that it's okay to say no, get away, and tell a trusted adult.
- Don't force kids to kiss, hug or sit on a grownup's lap if they don't want to. This gives them control and teaches them that they have the right to refuse.
- Always know where your child is and who he or she is with.
- Tell your child to stay away from strangers who hang around playgrounds, public restrooms, and schools.
- Be alert for changes in your child's behavior that could signal sexual abuse such as sudden secretiveness, withdrawal from activities, refusal to go to school, unexplained hostility toward a favorite babysitter or relative, or increased anxiety. Some physical signs of abuse include bedwetting, loss of appetite, venereal disease, nightmares, and complaints of pain or irritation around the genitals.
- If your child has been sexually abused, report it to the police or a child protection agency immediately.
- If your child is a victim of any crime, from stolen lunch money to sexual abuse, don't blame him or her. Listen and offer sympathy.

Take a Stand!

- Work with schools and recreation centers to offer study time, activities, tutoring and recreation before and after school.

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Take a Stand!

- Start a school callback program. When a student - elementary, middle, or high school age - doesn't arrive as scheduled, volunteers at the school call the parents to make sure the absence is excused.
- Volunteer to help with a McGruff House or other block parent program. If you can't offer your home as a haven for children in emergencies, you can help in other ways - telephoning, fund raising or public relations.

Crime tips from: National Crime Prevention Council, 1700 K Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, CA 20006-3817

Fire Department

BINGO

When: Every Tuesday Evening

Where: North Middleton Township Fire Company #1
310 North Middleton Road

Doors open @ 4:30 p.m.,
Kitchen opens @ 5:30 p.m.
BINGO starts @ 7:00 p.m.

CPR Training

The North Middleton Township Fire Company provides CPR Training that is available to the public. For additional information see the Fire Company's website at www.northmiddletontwpfire.com or call the station at 243-2701.

Emergency Management

If you or someone you know may need assistance due to special needs in an emergency, contact the Township at 243.8550 for how to notify emergency management of the situation. Replies will be kept in strictest confidence.

General Information

LeTort Regional Authority Trail/Urban Greenway Project

The LeTort Regional Authority is studying the possibility of linking their existing LeTort Spring Run Nature Trail to several Carlisle Borough owned and planned parks, to downtown Carlisle, to the South Middleton Township Trail and Greenways system, several North Middleton Township and Middlesex Township parks and to areas such as the Army Heritage Center in Middlesex Township, U.S. Army War College trail, the Carlisle High School Cross Country trail and the Appalachian Trail.

BL Companies will be introducing the project and soliciting comments on the overall goal of creating a trail system to the North Middleton Township Board of Supervisors on October 4th.

Turkey Supper

A Turkey Supper will be held at the North Middleton Township Fire Company #1, 310 North Middleton Road, on Saturday October 27th from 4:00pm till approximately 7:00pm.



Social Hall Rental



The Social Hall at Station #1, 310 North Middleton Road, is available for rental for birthday parties, wedding receptions, etc. Contact Kathy Snyder at 245-0379 for additional information or to schedule your event.

Board of Supervisors
 Richard A. Bucher, Chairman
 Robert H. Shearer, Vice-Chairman
 Rodney W. Painter
 Dennis E. Hurley
 Robert A. Reisinger

Regular meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 6pm. Workshop meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 6pm.

Planning Commission
 Harry Kelso, Chairman
 Pat McDowell, Vice-Chairman
 Ramon L. Rivera, Secretary
 Bradley C. Mitchell
 Ronald Anderson

Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Zoning Hearing Board
 Henry M. Weeks, Chairman
 J. Wolford Herman, Vice Chairman
 James E. Hare

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm on an as needed basis.

Recreation Advisory Board
 John M. Rumberger, Chairman
 Wendy Ciuffo, Vice Chairperson
 Linda Castle, Secretary
 Marilyn A. Hannah

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month, at 7pm.

2007 Household Hazardous Waste Event

A household hazardous waste event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 20th at the Cumberland Valley Education Park, 6746 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. The event will be held from 9:00am until 3:00pm, rain or shine.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Solid Waste Authority of Cumberland County at 240.6489.

Any resident who has a matter/issue to discuss with a member of the township staff and is unable to make it into the office during regular business hours should contact the office to schedule an after hours appointment with that particular staff person.



Trick or Treat Night

October 31

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Township Office will be closed on the following Holidays:

2007
 November 12 - Veteran's Day
 November 22 - Thanksgiving Day
 November 23 - Day after Thanksgiving
 December 25 - Christmas Day

2008
 January 1 - New Year's Day
 February 18 - President's Day
 March 21 - Good Friday
 May 26 - Memorial Day
 July 4 - Independence Day

Don't Forget to Vote



**General Election Day
 Tuesday, November 6**



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