

2008 Fall/Winter Newsletter

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Halloween Egg Hunt

The 5th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, October 26th at 4:00pm at Village Park (off Suncrest Drive).

Parade line-up will begin at 3:30pm with the parade following.

Children ages up to 10

years are eligible to participate in the parade and egg hunt.

The event will be held rain or shine.

For additional information, contact Sally Scharadin at 243.8550, Monday and Tuesday 8:00am to

5:00pm and Wednesday from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon.



Joint Recreation

The Board of Supervisors, in working with the Carlisle Borough Council, is pleased to announce a joint recreation opportunity for the residents of North Middleton Township.

Beginning July 1st of this year, North Middleton residents are able to participate in Carlisle Bor-

ough recreation activities at the Carlisle resident rate. These activities include bus trips, recreation programs, classes, park usage, and use of the Community Pool.

In order to receive the resident rate, North Middleton residents must show proof of residency, such as your driver's li-

cense, when registering for a program.

This new program will expand the township's recreational opportunities for all of our residents.

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Office is located at 415 Franklin Street. The telephone number is 240.6951.

Mary Ann Hays Is Retiring

Mary Ann Hays started working at North Middleton Township on September 29, 1980. After being employed for 28 years, Mary Ann has decided it is time to retire.

Mary Ann's last day with the Township will be September 30th.

The North Middleton Township Board of Supervisors and staff want to thank Mary Ann for her

many years of service and dedication.

We all hope Mary Ann has a "Happy Retirement." She will be missed.

Earned Income Tax Collection News

Founded in 1927, Central Tax Bureau (CENTAX) is the largest and oldest professional tax collection medium in the Commonwealth



Did you know: The largest pumpkin in the world tipped the scales at 1,446 pounds. The pumpkin was weighed on October 2, 2007 at a pumpkin festival in Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada

Recently, the Board of Supervisors took action to change the Earned Income Tax (EIT) collector for North Middleton Township. This was not an action that was taken lightly and was thoroughly researched prior to making the decision to leave Capital Tax Collection Bureau, otherwise known as CTCB. However, it was an action that the Township viewed as necessary.

Earned Income Tax is the singly largest revenue source for the Township. The Township has experienced consistent growth over the last seven (7) years. But the earned income tax revenues have not been growing. In fact, in many years they dropped significantly. After reviewing the fluctuations in tax revenue, including concerns the township was not receiving all the tax its residents were paying, the township looked at other tax collection agencies.

Each of the tax collection agencies, including CTCB, were given the opportunity to submit a proposal for services. The township interviewed three of the agen-

cies as well as analyzed their proposals. After careful consideration the Board appointed CENTAX to begin collecting the Earned Income and Local Services Tax beginning January 1, 2009.

The decision was based on receiving the taxes at least once per week rather than once per month, receiving actual taxes collected as opposed to receiving estimated tax collected, a reduced collection commission rate from CTCB's rate of 2% to CENTAX's rate of 1.70% including additional reports with additional detail to the Township, and the convenience to file returns on line for both businesses as well as residents.

What does this mean to you as a taxpayer and business owner? Your 2008 tax return will still be filed with CTCB as they are the appointed tax collector for the Earned Income and Local Services Tax for 2008. Businesses will begin reporting and turning over taxes to CENTAX beginning in the calendar year 2009.

Please check the township

website for updates such as the location of the local office. CENTAX will also be mailing a letter to you introducing themselves and to provide you with detailed information regarding the transition.

The officials of North Middleton Township ask your understanding when you must file 2 EIT forms (one for the Township to be sent to CENTAX and one for the school district to be sent to CTCB) from this point forward. It is a necessary action to obtain fair and equitable treatment of our residents. The tax rates are not changing - you still are required to pay 0.5% of your earned income to the Township and 1.1% to the school district. The difference will be that relatively the same information must now be filed twice. Please bear with us as this change is implemented. And know that the change was made for you - the residents of North Middleton Township.

Spring Road Bridge Project

The bridge over the Conodoguinet Creek on Spring Road is scheduled to be replaced in 2010. The bridge was built in 1930, is structurally obsolete and narrow causing safety concerns. At the present time, motorists do not have to be concerned about crossing the bridge because PENNDOT inspects the bridge for structural soundness every two years.

The project design is nearing completion. PENNDOT will be acquiring the needed right of way of the next six months in preparation to bid

the project. Officials have noted the bidding process will take place in early 2010. Once the bid is awarded, the contractor will have the option of when the bridge will be shut down for replacement.

The bridge will be closed for up to six months. It is scheduled to affect only one school year. That being either the spring or fall of 2010. Due to the fact this is a state project, the detour must be on only state roads. The detour will be posted taking traffic from Spring Road across Enola

Road and south onto Waggoner's Gap Road.

The new bridge, being 38 feet wide, replaces the present 22 foot wide structure. This will allow safer passage for motorists as well as bicyclists and walkers. Instead of iron construction, the new bridge will be pre-cast concrete. Using concrete allows for a shorter construction time period.

The bridge will be a long term improvement for a short term inconvenience. Check the township website at www.northmiddleton-township.org for updates.

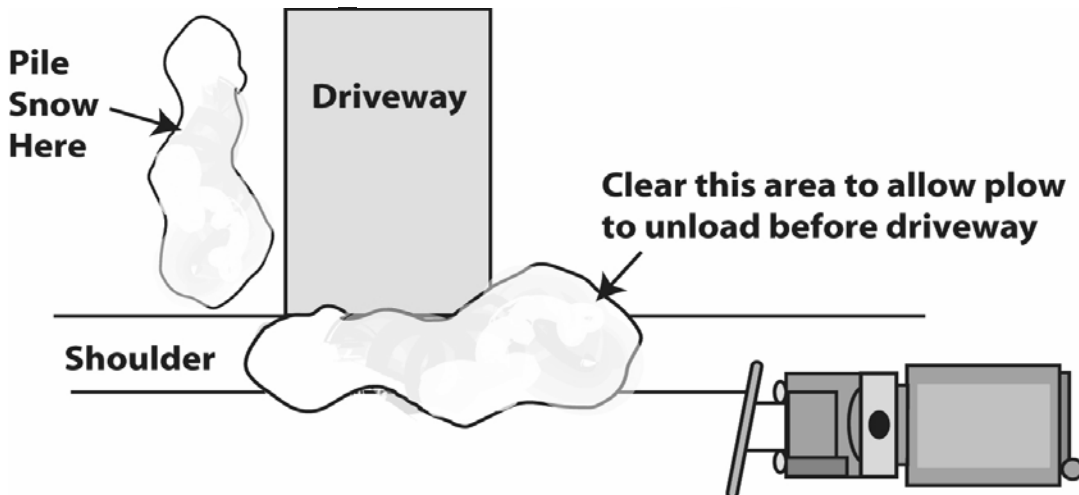
Winter Snow Plowing

Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the intersecting highway. (see diagram below) By plowing away from the direction of oncoming snow plows, this action will prevent the bulk of the snow

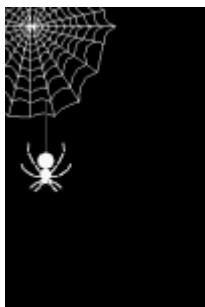
from being pushed back onto the driveway. Eliminate snow piles at the driveway entrance whenever possible. **Do not push snow out onto roads at any time.** This creates hazardous driving conditions for all vehicles.

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.

Halloween, referred to as All Hallows Eve, was originally a pagan holiday in which they honored the dead. It was celebrated on October 31 since this was the last day of the Celtic calendar. The celebration dates back some 2,000 years.



Autumn officially begins on September 22nd at 11:44am. On the equinox, the sun rises directly in the east and sets directly in the west. This is true for the fall and spring equinoxes.



Leaf pick-up is scheduled for the weeks of November 10 and December 8. Leaves should be in closed bags and placed curbside by Monday morning at 7:00am of the scheduled collection week.

Parking In Cul-De-Sacs

North Middleton Township Ordinance 196-16 prohibits parking in cul-de-sacs from November 1 to April 15.

This aids the public works department during snow removal. If any vehicles are found to be parked in viola-

tion of this ordinance, owners can be cited and the vehicle towed at the owners expense.

Get Ready for Winter

Police are asking residents to prepare themselves for the winter season by making sure their vehicles have all season tires or winter treads for better traction.

It would also be advisable

to have foul weather gear and equipment in the event you are stranded during a snow or ice storm.

Make sure your gas tank is full, keep gloves, a warm cap and a blanket on hand,

and emergency flares.

Also, have a plan of action in the event of a major storm event. Keep your cell phone charged.

Comprehensive Plan

The Township embarked on updating our Comprehensive Plan two years ago. The Comprehensive Plan is the document which outlines the history and, more importantly, the future of the Township.

The Township, in partnership with Cumberland County and the Cumberland County Planning Commission, was awarded a \$20,000 grant for the updating of the plan. In order to maximize the available funds, Cumberland County Planning Commission office assisted with providing the demographic information, such as housing trends and growth. This assistance

allowed for a more comprehensive study of other issues important to the township such as zoning and open space conservation.

A committee was formed which included a cross section of residents as well as representatives from the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, and Board of Supervisors. This Committee met once a month with the Engineering Firm of Rettew, to review data, discuss goals, and propose future land uses.

A public meeting was held at the North Middleton Fire Hall to kick off the study with the goal of gathering information that was of im-

portance to the residents of the township. After a brief overview of the project, small groups were formed to focus on specific topics such as transportation, growth, recreation, and preservation of open space. From the discussion within the focus groups, information was documented to set the basis for the plan.

The committee also spent a day touring the township as a group, analyzing and incorporating the work of the plan. This tour gave the committee a wide-ranging understanding of the township as well as historical insights.

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Comprehensive Plan (continued from Page 2)

With the committee's work concluding, the proposed study will be reviewed by surrounding municipal entities such as the Carlisle Borough and School District, South Middleton, West Pennsboro, and Middlesex Township. They will have an opportunity to look at and make comments on the

study.

Most importantly a public hearing has been scheduled for November 18, 2008 at 6pm in the Township Municipal Building. This hearing will be an opportunity for you, as a resident of the township, to review the plan and make final recommendations. The Board of Su-

pervisors will consider the information brought to this meeting making any final changes prior to the final approval on December 4. This is your plan as a resident, setting the future of the Township.



2009 Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion rentals for the 2009 season will be open to North Middleton Township residents beginning January 5, 2009.

Non-residents can begin reserving pavilions on February 2, 2009.

Pavilion rentals can be made at the Municipal

Building Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

2008 and 2009 Bus Trips

2008

Saturday, December 6: New York on Your Own. Cost: \$50.00 per person

2009

Friday, February 21 & Saturday, February 22: Williamsburg Getaway. Cost: \$129.00 per person (double occupancy) with special options available

Saturday, April 18: New York On Your Own. Cost: TBA

Saturday, May 16: Annapolis - A Tall Ship. Cost: TBA

August 16 - 20: Ocean City, MD Escape. Cost: \$449.00 per person / double occupancy

August 23 - 27: Ocean City, MD Escape. Cost: \$449.00 per person / double occupancy

Saturday, September 12: Philadelphia Unique Design. Cost: \$81.00 per person

Friday, October 17: Fallingwater / Bedford - A Foliage Experience. Cost: TBA

Saturday, December 5: New York On Your Own. Cost: TBA

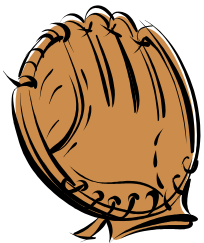
A trip to Old Town Alexandria is scheduled for June 13, 2009; however, no details are available at this time. As details become available, we will post them on the website or call the Recreation office at 243.8550.

*The Christmas Tree
Lighting will be held
on Sunday,
December 7th at
5:30pm*



Summertime Adventure News

The most snowfall in one day happened in 1913, in Georgetown, Colorado when a record 63 inches fell in a 24 hour period



The change in day length that causes the chemical changes in the trees leading to the bright colors starts June 21, the longest day of the year, as the sun starts to move south and days become shorter

Wow, it's hard to believe that summer is over and the children are back in school.

We had another successful Summertime Adventure program again this year. As part of the program the staff and children took on a service project. They collected items for our troops serving in Iraq.

Some of the campers who attended Summertime Ad-

venture, past and present, have relatives that are currently serving in Iraq, so it was a very special project for us to do.

One of our campers even got the residents of One West Penn involved in our project.

Items collected were: cards, notes, pictures and snacks. Between the campers and the residents

at One West Penn we collected five boxes of items to send to Iraq.

We received a very nice thank you note from the soldiers for the items they received from us.

We want to thank everyone who took part in this project. It was a fun project for the children to do.

2009 Girls Softball

North Middleton Township has hired Michael J. Matter to run the 2009 Girls Softball Program.

Dates for the registration have not been determined.

Check the township website at www.northmiddleton-township.Org for updates as they become available or contact Sally Scharadin at 243.8550 Monday and Tuesday 8:00am to 5:00pm

and Wednesday from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon or email her at sscharadin@northmiddleton-township.org.

Parking Violations

Police have recently seen a notable increase of owners of vehicles that are parking along the streets opposed to traffic. These vehicles

are in direct violation of PA VC 75 §3354 Additional Parking Regulations, and are being cited.

Please note: It is illegal

to park on the wrong side of the street against traffic, and you will be cited!!!!

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 trans-

porting 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.

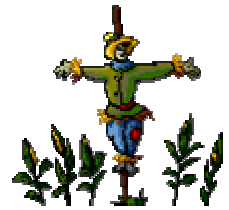
Slow down and help our students get to and from school safely.

Postal Mail, E-Mail and Telephone Scams

Be wary of receiving notification by telephone, US Postal Mail or those that have computers, email, or good to be true fortunes.

There has been an increase of residents receiving letters advising them they are the recipients of large sums of money.

Bank account numbers, credit card numbers and social security numbers and other personal information should **NEVER** be given



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.

Sewer System Surveillance

The North Middleton Authority will be undertaking ongoing surveillance of the sanitary sewer collection system. Wet weather events from snowmelt and spring rains 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 that 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 will begin on Monday, January 5, 2009. Residents should have Christmas Trees placed at the curb by 7:00am

New Drinking Water Regulations

Drinking Water Regulations are frequently being reviewed and revised by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). The US EPA has enacted additional regulations on Disinfection and Disinfection Byproducts (Stage 2 DBPR) and Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface

Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR).

The purpose of these two additional regulations is to strengthen protection against microbial contaminants, especially Cryptosporidium, and at the same time, reduce potential health risks from disinfection byproducts.

Authority staff and supporting professionals will be undertaking additional distribution system testing for the implementation of these regulations within the timelines specified by the EPA.

For more details on the topic check out the DPA website at www.epa.gov/safewater.



Compost Facility Schedule

2009 Brush Pick-up

March 11, 2009

April 8, 2009

May 13, 2009

September 9, 2009

The Carlisle Borough Compost Facility will be open on the following dates and times: March 1 through October 17, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00am to 3:30pm, Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 8:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon.

Beginning October 18 through December 20 the facility will be open on Saturdays only from 8:00am to

12:00 Noon.

Operational hours can be effected due to equipment problems or manpower shortages, as well as due to the occurrence of storms or other natural causes.

Rules for Facility Use: Carlisle Borough and North Middleton Township residents (I.D. required) are permitted to use this facility to dispose of leaf and/or

brush waste which is generated from borough/township properties. Other yard waste such as grass, tree stumps and tree waste that is larger than 24" in diameter is strictly prohibited.

Please note: Contractors (i.e. building, landscaping, etc.) are NOT permitted to use the compost facility.

York Waste Awarded Township Trash Contract

The Township trash contract, which went out for bid in July of this year, was awarded to York Waste Disposal. The new contract will begin on October 1, 2008 and run through September 30, 2011.

Beginning October 1, 2008, the toter service will cost \$45.45 per quarter and the bag rate will be \$3.50 per bag; on October 1, 2009, the toter service will cost \$46.80 per quarter and the bag rate will be \$3.62; and in the final year of the contract beginning on October 1, 2010 the toter service will cost \$48.18 per quarter and the bag rate will be \$3.75 per bag.

Trash Tips: If your toter or recycling bin in broken or disappears, please contact York Waste at 1.800.210.9675 for a replacement. We do not keep extra toter's or bins at the township office.

Residents are permitted to put out one bulk item per week for pick up. Residents should contact York Waste to let them know they will be putting a bulk item out for pick up. Large bulk items may be no larger than what can be lifted by two (2) men. Examples: sofa, love seat, chair, kitchen table and chairs, box spring and mattress, washer, dryer, refrigerator, freezer, etc. Freon does

not have to be removed by the resident prior to pick up of the appliance.

Place all garbage in bags before placing it in your toter. This will help prevent loose garbage from blowing around when they empty the toter's.

Collection will not be made on the following holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If a holiday occurs on a day scheduled for collection, the trash pick up schedule will be pushed back a day.



Attention Residents

The new 2008

Township Map and

Community

Information Guide

will be coming to you

soon.

Check the township

website for updates

Township Recycling

The township's recycling ordinance applies to both residential and commercial properties.

The following items are recyclable and can be placed in your curbside bin and mixed all together.

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Glass food and beverage containers with lids removed
- Natural and pigmented plastic narrow-neck

containers with symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (milk, water, detergent, shampoo, and bleach bottles)

- Ferrous (iron, steel, tin) cans
- Newsprint (black and white or pigmented)
- Construction paper, Kraft paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes or similar items
- Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper
- Junk mail

- Magazines and catalogs
- Corrugated cardboard that is small enough to fit into the bin/toter and not bound
- Phone books

Please remember when disposing of these items please remove food debris.

If you have any additional questions, please contact York Waste at 1.800.210.9675



Have you heard about the Housing Repair Program?

USDA Rural Development offers a repair and rehabilitation low-interest loan and grant program for eligible, very-low income homeowners who need to make safety and sanitary repairs to their properties.

The 504 Rural Housing Repair and Rehabilitation loans and grants may be used to make essential housing repairs such as disability access, window and door replacement, heating system upgrade or replacement. Other repair examples include roof repair and replacement and electrical box updates.

504 Loan: Applicants must have household income below the very low-income

limits. The applicant must be able to show repayment ability for the loan requested. Maximum outstanding balance must not exceed \$20,000. The loan rate and terms are: 1% interest rate; maximum term is 20 years determined based on ability to repay; and a mortgage will be taken on loans in excess of \$7,500.

504 Grant: Available to very low-income homeowners 62 and older who are unable to repay a loan. The applicant must be able to repay a 504 loan financed over 20 years. A combination of loan and grant funds may be used. The maximum lifetime grant amount is \$7,500. Grant terms:

Grant agreement signed at closing. The agreement states that if the home repaired with grant funds is sold within three years of the grant approval, the full amount of the grant will be repaid.

Most of North Middleton Township is eligible for assistance from USDA Rural Development. Visit the USDA Rural Development website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa> to determine income and property location eligibility. Or, you may call Patricia A. Shufflebarger, Housing Specialist, in the USDA Rural Development Carlisle Office at 717.218.3002, ext. 123.

*The ancient Celts
thought that spirits
and ghosts wandered
the streets on All
Hallows Eve, so they
began wearing masks
and costumes in order
to not be recognized
as human*



Fire House News

The social room at the North Middleton Township Fire Company #1, located at 310 North Middleton Road, is available to rent for birthday parties, wedding receptions, meetings, etc.

If you are interested in renting the social room, contact Kathy

Snyder at 245.0379

Bingo is held every Tuesday evening at the North Middleton Fire Company #1.

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

The fire company is always looking for volunteers either interested in becoming an active fire fighter, or to help behind the scenes.



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