

2009 Fall/Winter Newsletter

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Township Newsletter

In order to save the taxpayers money as well as price increases, the township will be posting our newsletter on the township website at www.northmiddleton-township.org. For those who still wish to receive a

hard copy of the newsletter, please contact our office with your name and address and you will continue to receive the newsletter by mail. There will be copies of the newsletter available at the township office.

Halloween Egg Hunt

The 6th Annual Halloween Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, October 25th at 4:00 pm at Village Park (off Suncrest Drive).

Parade line-up will begin at 3:30 pm 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 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Wednesday from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

Please bring your own trick-or-treat bags.



Trick or Treat Night

Trick or Treat Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

2009 Leaf Pick-Up

Leaf pick-up is scheduled for the weeks of November 9 and December 7. Leaves should be in closed bags and placed at curbside by Monday morning at 7:00 am 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 violation of this ordinance, owners can be cited and the vehicle towed at the owners expense.

*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 1,689
pounds. The
pumpkin was weighed
on September 29,
2007 in Scituate,
RI.*

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.

2009/2010 Flu Vaccines

The Visiting Nurse Association of Central Pennsylvania (VNA) will be at North Middleton Township Municipal Office on Tuesday, November 3rd from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

VNA does accept some insurance plans. Please bring your insurance card with you. The cost is

\$32.00 (cash or check) if you are not eligible through your insurance provider.

Pneumonia inoculations, which are given every 5 years, will also be available at the cost of \$50.00. Flu mist is not available.

For more information, please contact Sally Schradin at 243-8550.

You need not be a resident of North Middleton Township.

****Please wear appropriate garments to easily access upper arm.****

When the H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccine becomes available, information will be disbursed.

Postal Mail, E-Mail and Telephone Scams

Be wary of receiving notification by telephone, US Postal Mail, or for those that have computers, email, of too 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, social security numbers and other personal information should **NEVER** be given over the telephone or computer to persons who appear to be complete strangers.

Temporary Detour For Bridge Work

Since bridge work began in June to replace the Rt. 34 Bridge spanning the Conodoguinet Creek, most traffic has been re-routed onto Longs Gap Road and Creek Road. The transition has been a smooth one with the major concern of slowing traffic down on a road that doesn't usually handle a large volume of vehicles. The police department wishes to thank our residents

for their cooperation in travelling these roads in a safe manner while obeying the posted speed limit signs. This is of utmost importance with school having resumed and the posted 15mph limit on Longs Gap Road at Crestview Elementary School. This school zone will continue to be monitored regularly for the safety of our children.

Be Prepared For An Emergency

Winter is coming. In order to be prepared for winter driving conditions, making and keeping an emergency safety kit in your vehicle could save your life. A plastic container or nylon bag containing a few essentials can keep you and your family safe.

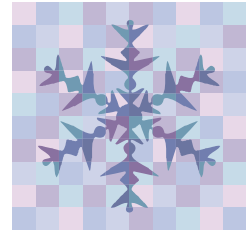
Items to include: a blanket, water, snack items such as granola or energy bars, duct tape, string or rope, flashlight and extra batteries, lighter, pencil or pen, paper, pocket knife, jumper cable, ice scraper, plastic drop cloth and flares. A

small first aid kit should also be included. Items such as assorted band aids, Tylenol, gloves, gauze pads, gauze rolls, eye drops, tweezers, and antiseptic wipes work well. Many retailers have prepackaged emergency kits available. These kits may need to be augmented with additional items that were not included. Once you have the kit, leave it in your car all year and don't forget to check on expiration dates periodically.

In an emergency, safely pull off to the side of the road. Call 911 first to report the

emergency. Assess your situation and remain calm. Handle the emergency as best you can with the supplies you have on hand. Then wait for emergency responders to arrive and assist you.

With today's technology such as cell phones, On Star and AAA, drivers are better prepared for an emergency situation. Hopefully you will never experience one on the road, but if you do, being prepared with a few essential tools can save your life.



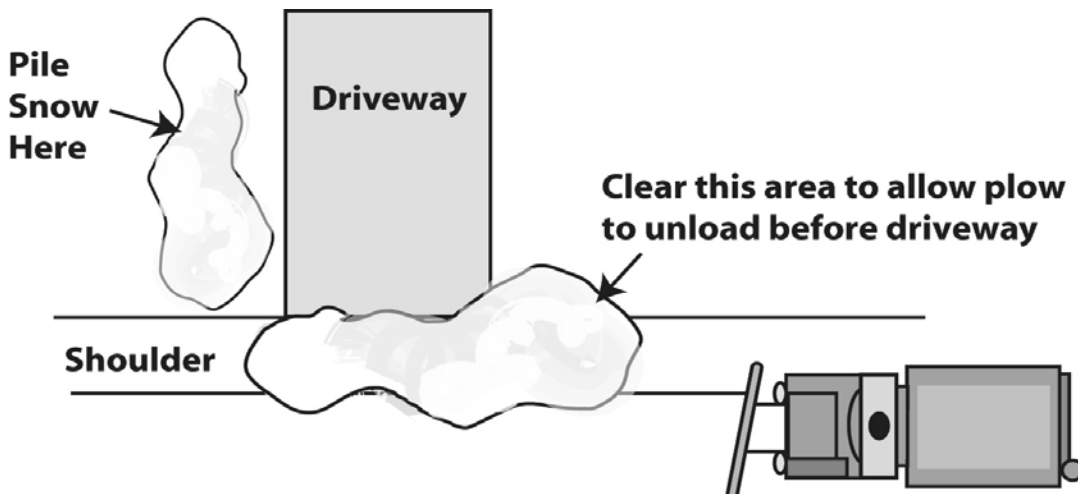
Halloween, referred to as All Hallows Eve, was originally a pagan holiday in which they honored the dead. It was celebrated on October 31 since this was the last day of the Celtic calendar. The celebration dates back some 2,000 years.

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.



Autumn officially begins on September 22nd at 5:18pm. 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.



If the H1N1 flu vaccine (Swine Flu) becomes available, we will post it on our website or you may call for updates.

Curbside Brush Pick-Up & Compost Facility

The dates for the 2010 curbside brush pick-up are scheduled for March 10, April 14, May 12 and September 8.

Township residents may also use the Carlisle Borough Compost Facility located off Post Road.

The facility is open from March 2 through October 17 on Tuesdays and Thursdays

from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm; Wednesday evenings from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm; and on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 12:00 Noon. From October 24 until December 12 the facility is open on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 12:00 Noon.

Residents should take ID along to show proof of residency.

2009 Bus Trips

December 6 - New York on Your Own: New York City has an unbelievable array of shopping, over 150 world class museums, 1800 restaurants and 135 Broadway theatres, so there is something for everyone. Trip includes: transportation, map and a coupon book from Macy's (Driver gratuity not included). **Cost: \$50.00 per person**

2010 Bus Trips

February 27 - 28 - Williamsburg Overnight: Shoppers or history buffs explore & learn or shop till you drop! This weekend is for you to enjoy doing what you like best. This is a winter escape not to be missed. Trip includes: Transportation, Lodging at the Clarion Inn Historic District, Full Breakfast, Evening Reception, Coupon books and taxes. **Special options:** Colonial Tavern Dinner, Ghost Tour, Liberty Pass; 1 Year Colonial Williamsburg Pass, Governor's Key; 2 Day Colonial Williamsburg Pass.

Cost: Single \$169 Double \$125 Triple \$120 Quad \$119

April 17 - Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty & Lower Manhattan Tour : Be transported back in time. You will travel by ferry to the Statue of Liberty and enjoy a monument pass, where you will be able to go into the statue. Next you are off to trace the history of those that passed through Ellis Island in search for freedom. Lunch will be on your own at Ellis Island. To make the day perfect you will enjoy a Lower Manhattan tour. We will end the day with a stop at Grand Central Station. Trip includes: Transportation, Guide service, Ferry Ticket, Monument Pass, Ellis Island, Lower Manhattan Tour, Taxes and Gratuities (except driver). **Cost: \$105pp**

June 19 - New York City Getaway: This is a "Day on your own" in New York City to enjoy at your leisure. New York City has unbelievable array of Shopping, World Class Museums, Restaurants and 35 Broadway Theaters, so there is something for everyone! Trip includes: Transportation, Map and Macy's Coupon. **Optional visit:** NBC Studios: \$17pp additional. **Cost: \$63pp**

2010 Bus Trips

August 14 - Baltimore - A Day At Your Leisure: Enjoy a day on the water. Baltimore has so many things to see and do all located in the beautiful Inner Harbor. Trip includes: Transportation & Baltimore Inner Harbor guide book. **Optional tours available:** Lunch-eon Cruise & Baltimore Aquarium: Child/Adult **Cost: \$53pp**

August 15-19 - Ocean City Maryland Escape: Join us for summer getaway for fun in the sun! Enjoy 5 days of leisure at a Boardwalk hotel. We will take you there and you will be free to enjoy all Ocean City has to offer. Trip includes: Transportation, 4 Nights lodging, Escort, Taxes, Baggage Handling, and Luggage Tags.

Cost: Single \$769 Double \$449 Triple \$399 Quad \$369 Children \$109

September 11 - Philadelphia - A Day of History and Fun: Enjoy the city of brotherly love! Experience all that Philly has to offer at your leisure. Visit the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Christ Church or one of the many other historic landmarks. You will also have an opportunity for some special optional tours. Trip includes: Transportation. **Optional Tours:** Trolley Tour & Constitution Center. **Cost: \$53pp**

October TBD - New York City Overnight: Date and cost to be determined.

December 4 - New York On Your Own: New York City has an unbelievable array of shopping, over 150 world class museums, 1800 restaurants and 135 Broadway theatres, and Christmas windows and decorations. Trip includes: transportation, map and a coupon book from Macy's (Driver gratuity not included). **Cost: \$55pp**

December 9 - Washington, D.C.: Christmas at the White House. **Cost: TBA**

As additional details become available for the 2010 Bus Trips, information will be posted on the township's website at www.northmiddleton-township.org or contact Sally Schardin, Recreation Director at 243.8550 Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

Carlisle Parks & Recreation

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Department is offering programs for all ages such as Pre-School/Youth, Photography, Teen/Adult Health and Fitness and Special Events. New programs include; Zumba, Irish Step Dance 101, Pirate Pizza Party for kids and a Fall Photography in the Parks Contest.

For more information click on www.carlislepa.org or call Carlisle Parks and Recreation at 243-3318.

Just as a reminder, all North Middleton Township residents receive the discounted resident rate!



*The Christmas Tree
Lighting will be held
on Sunday,
December 6th at
5:30 pm.*



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.

Door-To-Door Solicitors

Residents please note that ANYONE going door-to-door soliciting for any reason needs a solicitation permit. Always request to see the permit and call the police department right away if they do not produce a permit. We have recently experienced quite a few instances where groups of people are solic-

iting in the township without securing a solicitation permit. They are telling residents they have a permit when, in fact, they do not have a permit to solicit. Also, do not let strangers into your home under any circumstances. This advice is for your own safety.

CONTACT Helpline

CONTACT Helpline is interested in helping the residents of the township to more easily access community resources. The Helpline is a non-profit information and referral organization. It also provides a safe place for someone to

call when "they just need someone to talk too".

All calls are anonymous, confidential and free of charge. Their highly trained volunteers are happy to help find information regarding health issues; financial assistance, food,

shelter and utilities; drug and alcohol or mental issues, problem solving, and a great deal more. There lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Residents can use the toll free number at (800) 932-4616 or call (717) 652-4400.

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.

Safe Drinking Water Act: Revisions

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources amends 25 PA Code Chapter 109 of the Safe Drinking Water Act: Public Notification Revisions:

There are three levels or tiers for public notification as defined within new updated regulations:

Tier 1 public notification: Required for violations and situations with significant potential to have serious adverse effects on human health as a result of short term exposure. Public water suppliers must provide a public notice as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after the water supplier learns of the violation or situation.

Tier 2 public notification: Required for all other viola-

tions and situations with a potential to have adverse effects on human health. Public water supplier must provide a public notice as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after the system learns of the violation.

Tier 3 public notification: Is required for all monitoring violations, except those that result in Tier 1 or Tier 2 violations. A public water supplier shall provide the public notice no later than 1 year after the public water system learns of the violation. Often times this notice is included within the Consumer Confidence Report prepared and delivered to every water customer on an annual basis.

The Authority is currently evaluating their ability to

meet these new requirements, especially the Tier 1 Notifications, which require notification with 24 hours. One of the methods being researched is automatic telephone dialing systems. This is often referred to as "Reverse 911", whereas a notification message is recorded and then sent to all of the phone numbers within the affected area. One of the major issues with this type of system is keeping the telephone numbers data base current.

If the Authority elects to move into this method of notification we will then be calling upon all property owners within our service area to provide the Authority with contact information. More on this as it develops.



Christmas Tree pick-up will begin on Monday, January 4, 2010. Residents should have Christmas Trees placed at the curb by 7:00 am.

Police Department Website

The following link will provide our residents with information about wanted persons, crimes, news releases, missing persons, neighborhood watch programs, and other pertinent law enforcement information: <http://crimestopperswanted.com/carlisle.pa.pdf>

Neighborhood Crime Watch

If any groups are interested in starting a neighborhood Crime Watch organization, please call the police department at 243-7910 and ask for Patrolman Matthew Johnston. He would be glad to set up a meeting with any interested citizens.



Understanding Your Tax Dollars

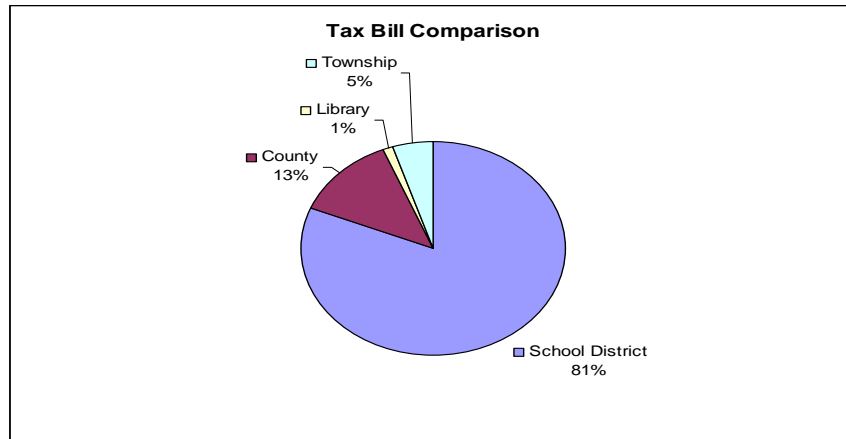
The Cumberland County Courthouse, built in 1846, is a brick structure with sandstone columns and an impressive bell-and-clock tower.

Paying taxes is a fact of life for all of us. Understanding your real estate tax bill and which taxing entity sets which tax rates is helpful in knowing how elected officials spend your hard earned dollars. For residents of North Middleton Township there are three tax entities that set and receive a portion of your real estate tax dollars. They are: Carlisle School District, Cumberland County, the Library and the Township.

The millage rate for each taxing entity is:

14.48	Carlisle School District
2.285	Cumberland County
.18	Library
<u>.889</u>	North Middleton Township
17.834	Total

The chart below shows you who gets what portion of the bill.



Translating the millage into real dollars using a home valued at \$100,000, the real estate tax bill is:

\$ 1,448.00	Carlisle School District
\$ 228.50	Cumberland County
\$ 18.00	Library
<u>\$ 88.90</u>	North Middleton Township
\$ 1,783.40	Total Real Estate

Daylight savings time is about to end. Remember to turn your clocks back on November 1st.

Despite the township's tax rate as being on the lower end of the taxing entities, the township provides our residents outstanding and valuable services for the tax dollars you pay. Those services include police coverage; Christmas tree pick-up; brush and leaf pick-up; snow plowing; road maintenance as well as parks and recreational opportunities. That equates to 24 cents per day. North Middleton provides a safe community with 24/7 local police coverage, clear roads in the winter so the children get to and from school safely and you have a safe route to work and back.

Patrolman Johnston Receives Recognition

On June 24th the Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Educational Program awarded Officer Matthew M. Johnston a certificate of appreciation and lapel pin for his diligent enforcement of the program to keep aggressive drivers off the roads in our township. Congratulations to Officer Johnston for a job well done.



Residential Alarm Systems

Township Alarm Ordinance 66-2 (A) in part states that "It shall be unlawful for any person to put an alarm device into operation or to allow an alarm device to be put into operation without first providing notification to the Police Department." This is helpful information for the department to have in advance of receiving any call to respond to the resi-

dence for an incident.

The Police Department requests all residents whose homes are alarmed to please notify your alarm company and let them know the following information:

- the municipality in which you reside
- up-to-date emergency contact information

Most alarms are designed to send a signal when activated to the alarm company who then notifies the homeowner or designated others on their contact list AND County Control so the Police Department can be dispatched. For this reason, it is very important to keep contact information current with the alarm company.

*North Middleton
Township wishes
everyone a safe and
happy holiday season.*

York Waste Trash Contract

Beginning 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 is broken or disappears, please contact York Waste at 1.800.210.9675 for a replacement. Extra toter's or

bins are not kept at the township office.

Residents are permitted to put out one bulk item per week 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 waste in bags before placing it in your toter. This will help prevent loose waste 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.



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

Recycling Website

The website <http://earth911.com/> is a link where you can look up where to recycle such items as paper, metal, hazardous waste, plastic, glass, electronics, automotive, household items and construction materials. If you log onto the website and enter your zip code, the website will refer you to locations that will recycle such items as above.

2010 Youth Softball

North Middleton Township has reappointed Michael J. Matter to be the head coach for the 2010 Youth Softball Program.

Registration will be held February 22nd to March 26th , Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesday, February 23rd and

Tuesday, March 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Youth softball is for ages 6 to 13. The fees are \$25.00 1st Child, \$20.00 2nd Child, \$15.00 additional Child. A \$5.00 late registration fee per applicant after March 26th.

For more information,

please contact Sally Schradin at 243.8550 Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Wednesday from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon or email her at sschradin@northmiddleton-township.org.

2010 Brush Pick-up

March 10, 2010

April 7, 2010

May 12, 2010

September 8, 2010



The Township office will be closed on the following holidays:

September 7

November 11

November 26

November 27

December 24 (Noon)

December 25

December 31 (Noon)

January 1

2010 Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion rentals for the 2010 season will be open to North Middleton Township residents beginning January 4, 2010.

Non-residents can begin reserving pavilions on February 1, 2010.

Pavilion rentals can be made at the Municipal Building Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Bingo!

Bingo is held every Tuesday evening at the North Middleton Fire Company #1, located at 310 N. Middleton Road.

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

Fire House Social Room Rental

The social room at the North Middleton Township Fire Company #1, 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, please contact Kathy Snyder at 245 -0379.

Fire Department—Volunteers Needed

The North Middleton Fire Company is looking for volunteers either interested in becoming an active fire fighter, or to help behind the scenes.

You must be at least 16 years of age to join. To become a member you may contact Chief Shawn Brickner at (717) 243-2701 for a membership application.

“New” Engine 239

New Engine 239 arrived in July and will replace Engine 239 and Tanker 39. It will be a cost savings to run only one piece of equipment instead of two.

The firefighters are busy training and getting their hours in so they may get this Engine put in service later this fall.



*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.*



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