

# North Middleton Township

## 2010 Spring Newsletter

### February, 2010

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***Remember to complete and return your Census forms. A correct count affects the next 10 years of federal and state funding for North Middleton Township***

### Reminder: Two Local Tax Returns for 2009

Residents are reminded they need to file two local tax returns for 2009.

One tax return should be filed with Capital Tax Collection Bureau for the school district portion (1.1%) of your local taxes. A second return should be filed with Centax for the municipality portion (0.50%) of the local taxes.

Questions for the school district portion should be

directed to Capital Tax Collection Bureau 243.3725 or visit them at 19 South Hanover Street, Carlisle.

CAPTAX hours of operation are Monday 8:30am to 4pm, Tuesday through Friday 8am to 4pm. Tax forms are available on the website at [www.captax.com](http://www.captax.com).

If you have any questions regarding the township return, you can

contact the local Centax office at 249.3760 or visit them at 1 Valley Street, Suite 103 in Carlisle.

CENTAX hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9am to 4:30pm; and Friday 9am to 2pm. The office is closed on Wednesday. Tax forms are available on the website at [www.centaxgroup.com](http://www.centaxgroup.com).

### Centax Seminar

A representative from the Central PA Tax Bureau (CENTAX) will be at the Municipal Building on Thursday, February 25 from 12:00 Noon to 3pm and from 5pm to 7pm.

The representative will be available to answer any questions you may have in regard to your taxes and can assist residents with completing their 2009 local tax returns.

### Easter Egg Hunt

The North Middleton Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 20 at 10am at Village Park.

The Egg Hunt is for children ages 0 - 10 years of age and will be held rain or shine.

No prior registration is required.

Children should bring their own Easter baskets.



## Youth Softball



North Middleton Township will begin accepting registrations for the 2010 Youth Softball program at the Municipal Building on: February 22 through March 26, 8am to 5pm; February 23 and March 23, 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Registration fee is \$25.00 for the first child, \$20.00 for the second child, \$15.00 for any additional children. A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for

registrations received after March 26. You need not be a township resident to register for the program.

Instructional clinics and practices will be held on April 12, 13, and 14 at 6pm. All games and practices will be held at the North Middleton Park, Route 74/Waggoners Gap Road on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6pm to 8:15pm. Friday will be the

rain date. If necessary.

For questions regarding registration, please contact Annette McKillip Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm at 243.8550.

All other questions should be directed to Michael Matter at 243.3951 or 440.2066.

*If you need additional information regarding any of the recreation programs, please contact Annette McKillip at 243.8550*

## Summertime Adventure

Summertime Adventure is a six week program offered to children ages 5 - 12. The program offers games, crafts, exercise and fun for all.

The program is held at Village Park in the large pavilion which is accessible from Suncrest Drive. Days are Monday

through Friday 9am to 12:30pm beginning on Monday, June 14 and ending on Friday, July 23.

No registration is required and you do not need to be a township resident to attend.

## 8th Annual Concert & Vintage Car & Cycle Show

The North Middleton Township Recreation Department will hold the 8th Annual Concert and Vintage Car and Cycle Show on Sunday, July 18, 2010 from 1pm to dusk at North Middleton Park located on Rt. 74 / Waggoners Gap Road.

The car and cycle show registration will begin at 1pm. The concert, featuring

Cheap Sneakers, will be held from 3pm to 5pm.

A food stand will be available at 12:00 Noon.

Check the township website at [www.northmiddleton-township.org](http://www.northmiddleton-township.org) for additional updates as they become available.



## Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion rentals for the 2010 season are now being accepted. Reservations can be made at the Municipal building Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Pavilion rental prices: full pavilion \$50.00; half pavilion \$30.00, commercial pavilion rental \$100.00 full pavilion and \$50.00 for a half pavilion.

## Bus Trips

April 17 - Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty & Lower Manhattan Tour  
Cost \$105.00 per person

May 8 & 9 - New York City Overnight  
Cost: \$334.00 single, \$230.00 double, \$214.00 triple, \$209.00 quad

June 19 - New York City on your Own  
Cost: \$63.00 per person. Additional Option: Visit to NBC Studios \$17.00 per person

August 14 - Baltimore A Day at your Leisure  
Cost: \$47.00 per person.  
Additional Options: Luncheon Cruise and Baltimore Aquarium (cost TBA)

August 15 - 19 - Ocean City, Maryland Escape  
Cost: \$769.00 single; \$449.00 double; triple \$399.00; quad \$369.00; children \$109.00

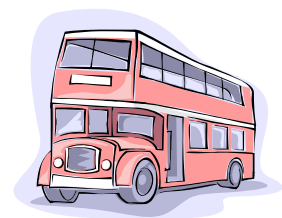
September 11 - Philadelphia A Day Of History and Fun  
Cost: \$53.00 per person.  
Additional Options: Option 1 - National Constitution Center \$9.50 per person; Option 2 - Two (2) hour guided walking tour through the historic district (minimum of 25 people required) \$10.00 per person

December 4 - New York City On Your Own  
Cost: \$55.00 per person

December 9 - Christmas in Washington, DC  
Cost: \$69.00 per person

Additional information regarding the bus trips is available on the township website at [www.northmiddleton-township.org](http://www.northmiddleton-township.org) or contact Annette McKillip, Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm at 243.8550 or email her at [amckillip@northmiddleton-township.org](mailto:amckillip@northmiddleton-township.org).

*Anyone wishing to participate in youth baseball through the North Middleton Athletic Association should contact Joe Centobene at 245.9292*



*If you would like to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter, please contact the township at 243.8550 to have your name added to the list.*

## 2010 Curbside Brush Pick-Up March 10, April 14, May 12 & September 8



The intent of the curbside brush pick up is to provide a means for residents to dispose of shrubbery and tree trimmings several times a year. Acceptable material includes: shrubbery and shrubbery cuttings, tree waste generated from the trimming of low hanging branches and storm damage, provided; it is placed at curbside perpendicular to the street

with the butt (cut) ends towards the street.

All material collected is fed butt (cut) end first into our wood chipper. Placing your material with the butt (cut) end towards the street and leaving it in as long a lengths possible in a timely manner.

Residents are increasingly abusing this service by

the type, quantity of material, and the manner in which it is placed at curbside. This service is not intended to provide a means for residents to dispose of entire trees or entire crowns (tops) of trees. Commercial services are available to meet these property maintenance needs at the property owner's expense not the public's.

*Daylight Savings  
time begins on  
Sunday, March  
14th.  
Remember to turn  
your clocks ahead an  
hour.*

### Material that will not be picked up include:

- Stumps, roots, or root systems or material that these remain attached to;
- For the safety of our employees - material shorter than 18";
- Material placed at curbside in a random manner requiring sorting to locate the butt (cut ends);
- Large quantities of material including entire trees;
- Fence posts and rails or other processed lumber of any kind;
- Nothing larger than 8" in diameter

## Trees and Our Roads

Residents are reminded tree limbs 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 and school buses, are designed to 12 feet, 6 inch high specifications; anten-

nas, 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 school buses, emergency

and maintenance vehicles from damage by keeping your trees trimmed.



# Chicken Corn Soup Supper

The North Middleton Township Fire Company will hold their annual chicken corn soup supper on Saturday June 5th beginning at 3pm at North Middleton Fire Company #1, 310 North Middleton Road, Carlisle.

## North Middleton Fire Company

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

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

If you wish to rent the Fire Hall for birthday parties, wedding receptions, meetings, etc., please contact Kathy Snyder at 245.0379.

Volunteers are needed to assist with fundraisers, dinners, and weekly bingo. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kathy Snyder at 245.0379.

### *Board of Supervisors*

*Robert Reisinger*

*Harry Kelso*

*Robert Shearer*

*Richard Bucher*

*James Hare*

## Compost Facility Schedule

The Carlisle Borough Compost Facility will be open:

### **March 1 - October 15**

Tuesday and Thursday

7am to 3:30pm, Wednesday 3pm to 8pm

Saturday 8am to 12:00 Noon

### **October 16 - December 17**

Saturday

8am to 12:00 Noon

Operational hours can be affected 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.



*Supervisor's  
workshop meetings*

*are held the last*

*Thursday of the*

*month at 6pm.*

*Supervisor's action  
meetings are held the*

*first Thursday of the*

*month at 6pm.*

## Brush, Grass & Weeds



With Spring coming, please note North Middleton Township has a Brush, Grass and Weed Ordinance. It states vegetation (brush, grass, weeds, etc.) growing to a height exceeding eight inches on any lot or tract of ground in the township is considered to be a nuisance.

All vegetation on any property growing to a height exceeding eight inches must be cut. Failure to comply is a violation of the Brush, Grass & Weed Ordinance. The property owner is responsible for vegetation maintenance and will be cited when a violation occurs.

## Christmas Tree Donation

If anyone has a tree, over six feet in height, they would like to donate as the North Middleton Township Christmas Tree, please contact Annette McKillip at 243.8550 or email: [amckillip@northmiddleton-township.org](mailto:amckillip@northmiddleton-township.org).

The Township will cut and haul the tree at no cost to the resident.

## A Child Is Missing, Inc.

The A Child Is Missing, Inc. (ACIM) Program is used by the North Middleton Township Police Department to locate missing children, the elderly (Alzheimer's), or the disabled (often unconscious). The first hours after a person is reported missing are the most critical in helping to locate and possibly save a person's life.

The way the program works is: 1. The law enforcement agency contacts an ACIM technician with the description of the missing person and any pertinent information; 2. The ACIM technician uses computer-mapping technology to identify the area

where the individual was last seen; 3. A message is recorded with the description of the person missing. The message asks residents to check their property for the missing person and to call their local law enforcement agency if they have any information.

ACIM has over 50 million phone numbers and does not include unlisted numbers. Their automated system can send 1000 recorded messages within 60 seconds and has a 98% listen rate when a phone is answered.

The North Middleton Police Department has used ACIM in the past, and

some of our residents have experienced receiving a recorded message on their phones from ACIM. As a result, we have received calls from residents with information enabling us to find missing persons. ACIM has been a very effective tool in getting the word out to our residents in a timely manner when a person is missing so the community can help when every minute counts.

For additional information and police activity visit <http://carlislepdpd.crimestopperswanted.com>.

*The Codes and  
Zoning Department  
can be reached at  
243-5639*



## Lead and Copper Testing

Long gone are the days when a community water system was required to sample their water supplies for only Total Coliform and Nitrates. Over the years, regulation changes to Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act have generated numerous parameters for testing. Each parameter has its own individual sampling protocol, preservation method and holding times.

Probably the most confusing and incorrect sample test is for the lead and copper rule. PA Department of Environmental Protection has stipulated that samples be drawn from tier one sites, which are sites with highest probability of containing lead and copper, after the water has sat in the plumbing system for a minimum of six hours. Generally the homeowner does the sampling and is not familiar with the proper protocol for sam-

pling. Sampling for the lead and copper rule should follow these steps.

1. First draw samples from residential housing should be collected from the cold water kitchen or bathroom sink taps.
  2. Run the cold water from the tap to be tested for a minimum of five minutes.
  3. Turn off the water flow and allow the water to sit in the plumbing system for six hours. For corrosive or aggressive waters, the longer the water has contact with the metallic pipes the more lead and copper will leach into the water. Therefore, it is important to NOT allow the water to sit more than six hours. Many community water systems have failed the lead and copper rule because sampling was
4. Collect the "first draw" (do not run the water to waste) for the tap into a one liter container.
  5. Store the container at 39 degrees Fahrenheit until the sample is picked up.
  6. The lab adds a the preservative to sample bottle - once preserved the sample holding time is six months.

North Middleton Authority will be conducting lead and copper sampling this year. If you are asked to sample or would like to be a sampling site and qualify, the testing is performed at no cost. You may contact the Authority office at 243.8269.



*The township received between 22 - 25 inches of snow during the storm on February 5th and 6th.*

## Automatic Payment Plan

North Middleton Authority has an Automatic Payment Plan for your water and sewer bills. Your water and sewer bill is automatically deducted from

your checking or savings account on the due date. There is no check to write, no stamps to buy and no trip to make.

For more information,

please contact or stop by the Authority office at 240 Clearwater Drive, located off Route 34 (Spring Road) behind the Municipal Building.

*North Middleton  
Authority  
243-8269  
Monday - Friday  
8:00am to 4:30pm*

## Meter Readers and Dogs Don't Mix!!

One of the greatest threats to our meter readers is an unleashed dog. Dogs running loose don't realize our employees are just doing their jobs. They see the meter reader as a stranger threatening their territory, and they may attack.

Help protect our employees. Keep your dog restrained and away from the electric meter.

## Operation Save A Life

In conjunction with ABC 27 News, the North Middleton Fire Company is participating in the Operation Save A Life Program. The North Middleton Fire Company is currently distributing and installing smoke detectors to families in our township at no cost.

Anyone interested in participating in this program should contact the North Middleton Fire Company at 243.2701.



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