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**Middletown Township Awarded Governor's Award for  
Local Government Excellence**



Left to Right:

- Richard Vilello, Deputy Secretary of Community Affairs and Development, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)
- Mike Ksiazek, Chairperson, Middletown Township Board of Supervisors
- Anna Payne, Vice Chairperson, Middletown Township Board of Supervisors
- Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Manager, Middletown Township
- Nick Valla, Assistant Township Manager, Middletown Township
- C. Kim Bracey, Executive Director of the Center for Local Government Services, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, Middletown Township accepted the 2022 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence in Innovative Planning and Sound Land Use Practices at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. The Township received this award in recognition of its ongoing sustainability planning efforts.

Each year, one week is designated by the Pennsylvania Legislature as "Local Government Week," honoring the dedication of Pennsylvania's local government officials and

encouraging citizens to learn how local government functions and affects each resident and business in the community.

During this week, the Governor's Center for Local Government Services has made a tradition of hosting a Local Government Day celebration, featuring the presentation of the Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence to recognize local officials for their successes in undertaking innovative initiatives to improve the quality of life in their communities.

"We're proud to be a leader in sustainability, not only in our region but in our Commonwealth" said Middletown Township Board Chairperson Mike Ksiazek. "We humbly accept this award for our efforts so far, though our work has just begun."

Middletown Township adopted its Climate Action Plan on September 20, 2021. In doing so, Middletown Township became the first township in southeastern Pennsylvania and first municipality in Bucks County to adopt such a plan. The mission of the Middletown Township Local Climate Action Plan is to create an environmentally friendly future that improves the quality of life by promoting environmental sustainability to residents, businesses, and the community.

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## **Middletown Township Moves to 100% Green Energy Specifically for Government Accounts**



On Monday, April 4, 2022, The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors authorized an electricity supply agreement for the Township's electrical accounts which includes 100% "green" energy from renewable resources. The new electrical contract will begin May 1, 2023 and is specifically for accounts held by Middletown Township.

The new contract with Freepoint Energy Solutions will mean that all electricity used by the Township in its facilities, streetlights, and traffic signals will come from renewable resources for the first time ever. The Township was able to restructure its current contract to minimize the cost of green energy.

By using renewable energy for government operations, Middletown can be a significant contributor to decarbonizing the electricity system and tackling climate change, especially in the emissions-heavy markets in the Northeast.

"Making the switch to green energy brings us one step closer toward our goal of a

community that can sustain itself for generations to come” said Middletown Township Board Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, “We are proud to continue setting the standard for excellence in local government sustainability.”

The [Climate Action Plan \(CAP\)](#), which was adopted on September 20, 2021, established a goal of changing the Townships electrical supply to 100% green energy by 2030. Approval of this electric contract achieves this goal seven years early.

Pennsylvanians are encouraged to choose their energy supplier and shop for one that can offer the lowest price, best price, or provide a specific service you want, such as green/renewable energy. PAPowerSwitch.org is a resource to shop for the best rates from all electrical companies.

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### **Celebrate Earth Day at Core Creek Park on Saturday, April 23rd, from 11:00am-2:00pm!**



Join Middletown Township and neighboring communities for a day of fun entertainment and activities at Core Creek Park from 11am-2pm. Explore how to save energy in your home, increase recycling, and grow your own backyard garden while learning about fun outdoor activities you can do with your family.

Live entertainment will include Daria World Music, local band Nothing But A Nightmare, the Magical Mr. Kazoo and his balloon sculptures, and an inflatable slide!

View demonstrations by local businesses and organizations on sustainable and eco-friendly practices. Pick up a free tree sapling for your home and other great giveaways. Jay's Joint Food Truck will be on-site with refreshments.

We hope to see you there for a great day of family fun, activities, live music, and great food!

Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 215-750-3890 with any questions.

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### **Middletown Township Awarded \$215,000 from Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program for DC-Fast Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**





Middletown Township was awarded \$215,000 to install four DC fast chargers for public use through the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program (AFIG). AFIG, a program of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) assists businesses and organizations in pursuing their clean fuel transportation goals.

The [AFIG program](#) was established in 1992 to provide funding to help municipalities, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in Pennsylvania replace gasoline or diesel-fueled vehicles with electric, renewable natural gas-fueled vehicles and fund the installation of fueling equipment for these vehicles. The primary goal of the AFIG Program is to improve Pennsylvania's air quality and reduce the consumption of imported oil.

The installation of these electric charging stations will make Middletown Township the first Township in Bucks County to have Level 3 Charging Stations. The electric vehicle charging stations will be installed in front of the Middletown Township Municipal Center, in close proximity to three residential developments and the Shoppes at Flowers Mill shopping center.

"We are proud to be the first municipality in Bucks County to install a DC-Fast charging station for public use," said Middletown Board Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, "Expanding the community's access to electric vehicle infrastructure will make living an environmentally-friendly lifestyle more attainable for our residents."

With US-1 running through Middletown Township and being located in close proximity of I-295 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the stations will not only benefit Township residents, but also those visiting or passing through the Township.

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## **Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Recognize Members of William Penn Fire Company for Years of Service**



Top (left to right): Supervisor Dana Kane, Secretary Dawn Quirple, Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, Supervisor Bernadette Hannah.

Middle (left to right): Firefighter Riley Collins, Firefighter Tyler Horvath, Firefighter and Trustee Chris Russell, Firefighter and Vice President Jeff Diegel, Associate Member and Secretary Rick Montonario, Firefighter and President John Diegel, and Associate Member Michael Motz.

Bottom (left to right): Associate member Cheryl Chamberlain, Associate Member Katie McDevitt, Vice-Chairperson Anna Payne.

On Monday, April 18, 2022, the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors recognized members of William Penn Fire Company for their many years of service.

The Board of Supervisors thanked the members of William Penn Fire Company for their hard work over the years.

The recognitions follow the Strategic Planning Session for Fire Services held by the Board of Supervisors on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

Chairperson Mike Ksiazek thanked the representatives from all volunteer fire companies, Langhorne Middletown Fire Company, Parkland Fire Company, Penndel Fire Company, William Penn Fire Company, for their participation in the planning session led by Dynamix Consulting Group, "I am optimistic about where we are going from a fire services perspective in Middletown Township," said Ksiazek.

This day of planning will lead to the creation of a Strategic Plan that will outline a path toward improving the community's fire services.

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## Middletown Township Awarded Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting



Middletown Township was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Middletown Township an 18-time winner of this award.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The goal of the program is not to assess the financial health of participating governments, but rather to ensure that users of their financial statements have the information they need to do so themselves.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

"We are proud to have received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting," said Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Mike Ksiazek. "We believe participation in the GFOA program enhances our citizens' understanding of the Township's finances, and attaining this award demonstrates our commitment to financial transparency by sharing information consistent with the highest standards in governmental financial reporting."

The Township is also a three-time winner of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

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## Woof-a-Palooza is Back on Sunday, May 8th!



Join the Middletown Community Foundation for the annual Woof-a-Palooza 5 Mile Run and 2 Mile Fun Walk on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at Forsythia Crossing Park.



Check out the events below, and get yourself registered and ready to run (or walk) with the big dogs! 2 Mile Fun walk participants are encouraged to bring their dogs.

<b>5 Mile Race</b> <b>\$30</b> <b>8:10AM EDT</b> <b>9:30AM EDT</b> <small>Price increases after May 5, 2022 at 11:59pm EDT</small>	<b>5 K Race</b> <b>\$30</b> <b>8:00AM EDT</b> <b>9:45AM EDT</b> <small>Price increases after May 5, 2022 at 11:59pm EDT</small>	<b>2 Mile Fun Walk</b> <b>\$20</b> <b>8:20AM EDT</b> <b>9:45AM EDT</b> <small>Price increases after May 5, 2022 at 11:59pm EDT</small>	<b>Childrens' Under Age 10 Obstacle Course</b> <b>\$5</b> <b>8:30AM EDT</b> <b>9:15AM EDT</b> <small>Registration closes on April 15, 2022 at 11:59pm EDT and re-opens on April 16, 2022 at 12:00am EDT</small>
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To register for Woof-a-Palooza, please scan the QR code below or visit [middletowncf.org](http://middletowncf.org).



Proceeds from this fun and family-friendly event support the purchase of K-9 Officers, supplies, and training for the Middletown Police Department K-9 Corps. Since the event started five years ago, generous contributions from the community and the corporate sponsor Inspire Federal Credit Union have provided funds to purchase and train four police K-9s. The Middletown Township Police Department is grateful for the support they have received from the Middletown Community Foundation to continue to improve the quality of life in the community we are proud to call home.

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## Join Middletown Township and Neshaminy High School for the 9th Annual Sports Block Party!

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation is hosting the 9th annual Sports Block Party on May 13 from 5-9pm at Middletown Community Park!



The Sports Block Party is a fun celebration of high school sports. Cheer on Neshaminy's High School Varsity and Junior Varsity teams while they compete in six different games on one fantastic night!

Come out to watch the games, enjoy live music, fun games including mini golf, Jay's Joint food truck and Paulie's ice cream truck, and enjoy free admission!

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## Two More Weeks Left to Apply for the Middletown Community Foundation Scholarship!

The deadline to apply for the Middletown Community Foundation Scholarship is quickly approaching! Scholarships will be

## MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP



### Eligible students must:

- Reside in Middletown Township
- Participated in community service
- Be attending a college, university, vocational or trade school

**DUE MAY 6TH**

accepted until May 6, 2022, for their annual scholarship program.

Eligible students must be high school seniors who reside in Middletown Township, have participated in community service throughout their high school careers, and be attending a college, university or trade/vocational school to further their education.

Applications must be submitted and postmarked by May 6, 2022, and must include the application form (linked below)

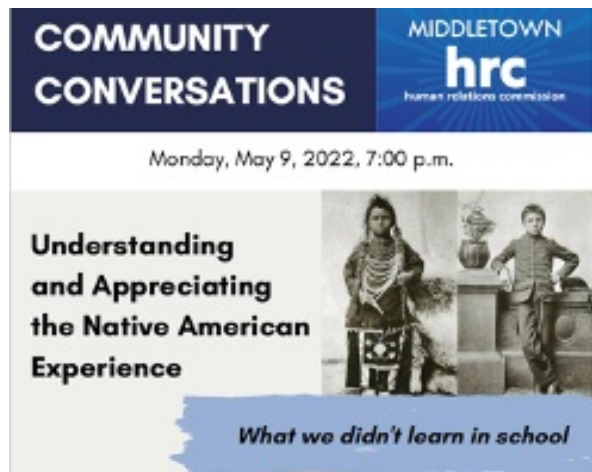
and a 250-500 word essay detailing the student's community service. More submission details are on the form.

Download [pdf](#) file of the application form.

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## Human Relations Commission Presents Community Conversations - Understanding and Appreciating the Native American Experience

The Human Relations Commission presents Community Conversations. Join the Human Relations Commission and the Coalition of Natives and Allies for an interesting and thought-provoking conversation on Native American History on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7pm.



The Human Relations Commission is holding this community conversation to help better inform people on issues impacting the Native American Commission.

Residents may join in person in Public Hall or on [Zoom](#).

Meeting Code: 890 1002 3437

Passcode: 096710



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## Yard Waste Pick Up Has Resumed for the Year

As you gear up for spring yard cleanup remember yard waste is collected every Wednesday throughout the Township from April through January.

Yard waste includes clippings, leaves, prunings, branches, house plants, fruits,



vegetables, and other refuse that is generated by yard and garden maintenance. There is no limit to the amount of yard waste collected each Wednesday.

How to properly dispose of yard waste:

- Place yard waste in 30-gallon biodegradable paper bags or 20–35-gallon trash containers
- Containers and bags should weigh less than 50 pounds
- Residents may not use cardboard boxes, plastic bags or biodegradable plastic bags
- Tree branches no thicker than six inches in diameter are to be bundled into four-foot lengths and placed next to the yard waste at the curb

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## Stop Spotted Lanternflies Before They Return

It is that time of year again - Lanternfly eggs have been spotted already!

Lanternfly egg masses look like a gray smear of mud with a waxy covering. It is critical to scrape off and destroy the masses before they hatch in the Spring!

This imported bug is currently in its overwintering egg stage. Scout your property to see if any egg masses are on tree trunks, firewood, stones, outdoor furniture, or for that matter, any solid, flat surface.

By smashing or otherwise getting rid of the masses, you can eliminate anywhere from 30 to 50 new lanternflies per mass. Penn State Extension recommends scraping the egg masses into jars or plastic bags with a small amount of alcohol or hand sanitizer in order to kill the eggs. Just scraping them off and letting the masses drop to the ground won't do the trick.

For more information about stopping this invasive bug, visit [www.middletonbucks.org/SLF](http://www.middletonbucks.org/SLF).



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