

TOWNSHIP OF
—MIDDLETOWN—
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**We Hope to See You in the Sea of Red, White, and Blue at the
Independence Day Parade!**



Middletown Township is excited to bring back the Independence Parade for the first time since 2019. Come out for a fun-filled morning with live music from Uptown String and Big Whiskey, parade floats, and marchers!

The parade kicks off at 9am on Monday, July 4th, at Veterans Memorial Park (700 Veterans Highway). A sea of red, white and blue will parade down Veterans Highway and continue on to Twin Oaks Park on Trenton Road. We hope to see you there!

Residents interested in marching should email [Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Kopera](#) to register. Check out [our website](#) to stay up to date about details of the parade.

**Middletown Township Receives Fourth GFOA Distinguished Budget
Presentation Award for 2022 Budget**



Finance Director Mega Bhandary with GFOA Award

Middletown Township was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its 2022 Budget for the fourth consecutive year.

Of the nearly 89,000 units of local government in the United States, the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is earned by fewer than 1% of governmental agencies.

In order to receive this award, the Township had to satisfy nationally-recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess the Township's ability for its budget to serve as a policy, financial planning, operations, and communications device.

The Township's budget features financial analysis and contextual information, making it clear to staff and the community at large how funds are being earned and disbursed, and why.

Middletown Township is receiving this award for the fourth consecutive year. The 2023 Budget will be prepared in accordance with GFOA's criteria and will be submitted upon final adoption by the Board of Supervisors in December.

Remember These Fireworks Laws When Planning Independence Day Celebrations!



As we gear up to celebrate Independence Day, remember these important laws regulating fireworks so we can have a safe and fun holiday.

Discharging fireworks is illegal from nearly all parts of Middletown Township and the majority of suburban Philadelphia. Even though it is legal to purchase them, there are far more restrictions against discharging fireworks.

In Pennsylvania, fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet (about half of a football field) of any structure, regardless of if there are people inside or not.

Discharging fireworks is prohibited on all public property, including streets, parks, schools, and open spaces; plus, they cannot be discharged from or toward a motor vehicle or building. Fireworks can only be discharged on private property with permission of the property owner. Fireworks cannot be used by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Although fireworks seem fun and harmless, they can be very dangerous to yourself and others. If not used properly they can even be fatal. Please be respectful of your neighbors and the rest of the community. Do your part to make this holiday one we can all enjoy safely.

As you plan your holiday celebrations, please be mindful of these laws and regulations. We appreciate you taking the time to review the laws so you can be informed of all restrictions surrounding fireworks. We hope you have a great Independence Day!

Middletown Township Proclaims June as Pride Month!



On Monday, June 13, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed June as Pride Month.

Pride Month is an opportunity to prevent discrimination and promote acceptance and inclusion of all, and to support the development of harmonious and respectful relationships amongst all members of our community.

The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors created a Human Relations Commission in 2020 to defend the diversity of our gender and sexual minority communities and expresses a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization and our community.



The Pride Flag is being displayed at the Middletown Township Municipal Center during the month of June in expression of our support for inclusion, safety, and acceptance of members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. Middletown Township is proud to encourage and support the Celebration of June as LGBTQ2S+ Pride Month.

Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Pass Resolution Calling to Adopt Legislation to Reduce Gun Violence

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On Monday, June 13th, the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors unanimously

passed a resolution calling for State and Federal Legislators to adopt legislation to reduce gun violence.

Our nation continues to experience significant harm from gun violence, with more than 250 mass shootings in our country within the first five months of 2022. The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors believes that the lives of citizens can be protected without infringing upon the reasonable use of firearms.

Change needs to be enacted to prevent more innocent lives from being lost in unjust acts of violence.

Work on the New Cobalt Ridge Park Playground Has Begun!



Playground under construction - June 2022

In February, 2022, The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors approved a new playground to replace the well-loved, original playground from 2005. The new playground has many inclusive features: wheelchair access, solitude seats designed for children on the autism spectrum, a music feature, expression swings with adaptive seating for adults and children to sit face-to-face, plus new benches and trash cans.

The Department of Public Works broke ground in the beginning of June to replace the 17-year-old playground at Cobalt Ridge Park.

This playground is one of a few in the Township that will broaden our inclusive features for children of varying abilities. The Cobalt Ridge Park Playground design checks all seven principles of inclusive play that qualifies it as a National Demonstration Site for Inclusion. This means that the playground illustrates community vitality across a variety of influences, including social-emotional, environmental, health, community engagement, public services, and educational opportunities.

The installation of the playground is being provided as a courtesy of GameTime, the supplier of the playground, along with the help of the Department of Public Works.

While this is an exciting time for the neighborhood, the playground area will be closed until the new unit is installed.

The opening of the new playground is anticipated to happen in mid-August. Check out [this 3D rendering video of the new playground](#) to see what is coming soon to the greenbelt near Queen Anne Creek!

Township Mechanic Tom Scott Drives Off to Retirement



Tom Scott, a lifelong resident of Middletown, has worked for Middletown Township for 42 years. Tom began working in the Highway Department (now the Department of Public Works) as a mechanic in 1980, the same year he moved to his current home in Parkland and married his wife, Carol.

Tom Scott was recognized at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 13, 2022, for his well-deserved retirement!

During his tenure with the Township, Tom has been instrumental in maintaining the Township's fleet of vehicles. Tom is capable of fixing nearly anything and everything with a motor. His efforts and expertise have enabled the Township to preserve its vehicles far longer than would be typically expected.

As a true testament to his dedication to the Township, Tom is planning his last day around outfitting the Township's newest police vehicle with equipment, decals, and lighting.

Please join us in wishing Tom Scott a happy retirement and thanking him for his more than four decades of service to the Township.

Sign Up For Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squads Annual Subscription



PENDEL-MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY SQUAD

2022-2023 SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad (PMES) is currently promoting its 2022-2023 Subscription Program. Your subscription assures that Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad will have the staff, vehicles and equipment required to provide around-the-clock protection for you and your family in the event of an emergency.

Your subscription can save you hundreds of dollars by covering any co-payments or deductibles. Most insurance companies do not pay 100% of total ambulance charges. Your subscription covers any copayments or deductibles.

In addition, your subscription also assures that you will not incur any unnecessary bills for medically necessary emergency ambulance service to the closest appropriate facility, regardless of your insurance coverage.

For more information about this program, please [view this subscription form](#), or visit their [website](#) to register or renew your subscription.

Middletown Community Foundation Awards Scholarships to Four Neshaminy Graduates



Pictured from left to right: Vice President of MCF Guy Triano, Aaron Lewis, Hannah Murray, Olivia Jacobson, MCF Board Member Diane Loomis, and President of MCF Jim Merrill.

Since 2002, Middletown Community Foundation has awarded 175 scholarships to graduating seniors residing in Middletown Township totaling over \$200,000. The scholarships are awarded to students based on community service performed during their high school careers. This year, the Middletown Community Foundation reviewed a total of 17 applicants.

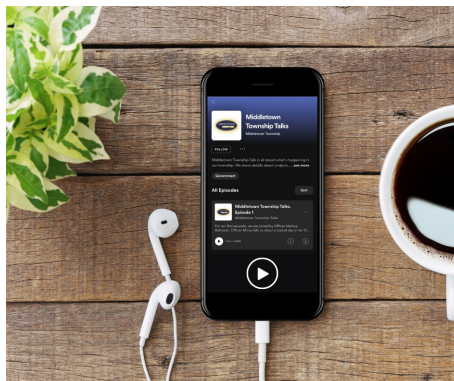
At the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 13th, four Neshaminy graduates were awarded scholarships that can be used to pay towards tuition, books or supplies needed to complete the required course work at an accredited institution of higher education.

The 2022 winners are:

- Christina Inkler, Business, Penn State University
- Olivia Jacobson, Political Communications, University of Texas at Austin, Richard L. Tosti Scholarship
- Aaron Lewis, Computer Science, University of Maryland
- Hannah Murray, Political Science, Undecided, Becky Marseglia Scholarship

“The Middletown Community Foundation is an incredible organization that does so many great things for the Township”, said Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, “It’s our honor as the Board of Supervisors to have the scholarship winners at our meeting.”

Thank you again to the Middletown Community Foundation and congratulations to the winners!



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