

TOWNSHIP OF  
—MIDDLETOWN—  
B U C K S C O U N T Y

### Upcoming Events

-  April 9th Shred Event  
Oxford Valley Mall
-  April 16th Community Clean Up Day
-  April 23rd Earth Day Event  
Core Creek Park
-  April 30th Senior Center Garden Clean Up

### Upcoming Meetings

-  March 21st Board of Supervisors
-  March 23rd Zoning Hearing Board
-  March 23rd Environmental Advisory Council
-  April 4th Board of Supervisors

For more information about events and meetings check out [the Township Calendar](#).



New Cobalt Ridge Playground Coming August 2022

The Cobalt Ridge Playground is a high-use playground with a great neighborhood relationship located in the greenbelt near the Queen Anne Creek. The existing playground has reached the end of its life and will be replaced in 2022.

The new playground plans were approved at the Board of Supervisors meeting at its meeting on February 7th. The new playground has many inclusive features; wheelchair access, solitude seats designed for children on the autism spectrum, a music feature, expression swings, plus new benches and trash cans.

Middletown Township Supervisor Dawn Quirple, who was instrumental in getting this project started said, "Parks and Recreation Director Paul Kopera and his team did a fantastic job incorporating so many inclusive features", she added, "I can't wait to see everyone come out to the new playground".

Check out [the Township's latest podcast episode](#) detailing the schedule for installation and explanation of special features.

[Watch the Cobalt Ridge Presentation to the Board of Supervisors](#) and check out [this 3D rendering video of the new playground](#) to see what is coming in 2022!



## Shred Event Returning on Saturday, April 9th

The Middletown Township Shred Event will be returning on Saturday, April 9th, 2022, at the Oxford Valley Mall from 9AM to Noon.

Every year, cases of identity theft and fraud continue to increase. According to AARP, identity theft numbers doubled in 2020. The Shred Event provides an opportunity for the public to dispose of their personal documents in an easy and secure way.

Each vehicle will be allowed to bring three file boxes of papers to be shredded on site. This event is sponsored by Inspire Federal Credit Union, and shredding will be free for all Middletown Township residents as well as people in the Inspire Federal Credit Union service area.

Participants are instructed to stay inside their vehicle throughout the event. Papers are to be placed in boxes in the vehicle's trunk. Event staff will handle the boxes and return the empty boxes to your vehicle.

Residents are instructed to enter the Mall from 4th Street & Woodbourne Rd and follow the signage to the location. Please follow all posted directional signage and the instruction of event staff. Residents with additional questions should contact [Middletown Township Parks & Recreation Director Paul Kopera](#).



Go to [MTGo.co](https://MTGo.co) to submit any  
requests or issues.

## Report Potholes and Service Requests on MTGo

As we thaw out from winter, potholes will begin to appear on roadways. If you see road issues for our crews to address, report them to [MTGo!](#)

Potholes are caused by loosened chunks of pavement. During the wintertime, continual freezing and defrosting of water causes cracks to form and worsen, leading to potholes. Potholes can pose dangerous driving conditions for motorists.

The Middletown Township Department of Public Works repairs potholes on all Township-owned roads.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is responsible for repairing potholes on state roads. Some of the main roads PennDOT is responsible for are:

- Lincoln Highway (Business Route 1 - East & West)
- Old Lincoln Highway (Route 213 to Neshaminy High School)
- Oxford Valley Road
- Richardson Avenue
- Route 1 (Super Highway)
- Route 413

[A complete list of state roads in the Township is available here.](#) To report an issue on a state road to PennDOT, please visit the [PennDOT Customer Care](#)





## Visit from Arrow of Light Troop 19 Cub Scouts

On Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Arrow of Light Troop 19 Cub Scouts visited the Municipal Center to learn about Local Government and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for the Board of Supervisors Meeting.

To earn their badge and graduate to Boy Scouts, the Troop had to meet government officials and learn about what they do. Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla talked to them about how the Township government operates to care for the community. Parks and Recreation Director Paul Kopera discussed what he does to take care of all the parks in the community.

Sergeant Aileen Torrente gave the Cub Scouts a tour of the Police Department and then dropped them off in the Public Hall where they led the Pledge of Allegiance for the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Congratulations to Arrow of Light Troop 19 on becoming Boy Scouts!



## Parks and Recreation Hiring Summer Rec Counselors for Summer 2022

Are you or someone you know looking for a fun and rewarding summer job? Join Middletown Township's Parks and Rec Summer Camp Counselor team!

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation is now hiring experienced and fun counselors for their Summer

Rec Programs. Every day is packed with fun filled activities where you get to

engage with and create a great camp experience for kids. Full and part-time positions are available for ages 16 and up.

Interested individuals should to [fill out the application](#) and email your completed application to [pgraham@middletownbucks.org](mailto:pgraham@middletownbucks.org).

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## Stop Spotted Lanterflies Before They Return

It is that time of year again - Lanterfly eggs have been spotted already throughout Middletown Township! Spring is the best time of the year to stop them.

Lanternflies have a 70- plant appetite (especially grapes and maple, walnut, birch, beech, cherry, and willow trees) and they are currently in their overwintering egg stage. Once they hatch, they are difficult to get rid of so it is critical to stop them now.

Lanternfly egg masses look like a gray smear of mud with a waxy covering. 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.

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## Saving Money and Water with Rain Barrels

A rain barrel is any type of container used to catch water flowing from a downspout. Rain barrels reduce the amount of stormwater runoff by collecting roof runoff and storing the rainwater for future use.

A typical house has a roof area of 1,200 square feet and four downspouts that will each drain about 300 square feet of roof. That means a rainfall of 0.3 inches will fill a 55-gallon rain barrel placed under each downspout!

The rain barrel is placed underneath a shortened downspout, diverting the roof runoff into the rain barrel. Placing the rain barrel on a sturdy platform will allow for more clearance under the spigot, and it will also increase the rate of flow if you are attaching a hose to the barrel's spigot.



Benefits of using a rain barrel include:

- Divert rain water from storm drain systems, which reduces pollutants and the velocity of water entering local rivers and streams
- Store high quality water for gardens
- Direct overflow water away from building foundations to more desired locations
- Reduce water and sewer bills, as well as electrical bills from sump pump usage

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