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Middletown Township Fire Strategic Plan Now Available



Strategic Planning Session, April 9, 2022

The Board of Supervisors [adopted the Fire Services Strategic Plan](#) on Monday, May 16, 2022. Middletown Township re-engaged Dynamix Consulting Group to assist in the development of a Fire Services Strategic Plan that will help improve the community's fire services.

The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors held a Strategic Planning Session on April 9, 2022 for Fire Services with volunteer firefighter companies: Langhorne-Middletown, Pennadel, Parkland, William Penn, and day time staff in the Department of Fire & Emergency Management, led by Dynamix Consulting Group. This day of planning lead to the creation of the Strategic Plan that will outline a path toward improving the community's fire services.

The mission of the Strategic Plan is, "The Middletown Township Fire Services are a unified system of highly trained volunteer fire companies supported by career firefighters who protect the lives and property of those who live, work, and pass through the community", which was developed by the Board of Supervisors, volunteer fire companies, the day time staff, and Township administration during the planning session.

The Strategic Plan outlines four initiatives which are "Structure and Funding", "Department Head", "Volunteer Recruitment", "Staffing and Retention", and "Performance Measures".

The Strategic Plan further outlines these initiatives and breaks them down into more specific goals and objectives.

The goals will help to address core problem areas within each initiative and build a foundation for future success of the volunteer fire companies and better position the day time staff to support their efforts while creating a more unified fire service. The scope of the plan is about 15 months.

[Read the full Fire Services Strategic Plan on our website.](#)

Making Home Improvements this Summer? You May Need a Permit



If you think you may need a permit for your next home improvement project, you are probably correct! Most projects that are structural changes to a building need a permit. Before beginning work, check with the Department of Building and Zoning to ensure you are properly doing work on your home.

There is a 3-step process to obtaining a permit:

1. Submit your application [online](#) or in person at the Municipal Center.
2. Application will be reviewed with possible follow up questions.
3. An inspection will be performed.

Once all steps are complete, you will receive a Certificate of Occupancy. Permits are needed to ensure that work being performed is safe for current and future residents of the home.

Some common summer projects that need a permit are fences, sheds, decks, and in ground pools, to name a few.

To find out if your project needs a permit, please call 215-750-3800 ext. 1112 or visit our website at www.middlestownbucks.org/BZ.

Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Proclaim May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month



MAY

On Monday, May 2, 2022, the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors proclaimed May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a life-threatening, genetic disease that affects over 70,000 children and adults worldwide, 30,000 in the United States, and 1,490 in Pennsylvania. Real progress has been made in improving the length and quality of life for people with CF, but there is still no known cure.

Vice Chairperson Anna Payne was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth and has spent her life advocating for those with the disease, serving as vice chair of the Pennsylvania Rare Disease Advisory Council and co-founder of the Bucks County Cystic Fibrosis Alliance.

Through the CF Foundation's efforts and support of research, drug development, and specialized care, the life expectancy of a child with CF has doubled in the last 30 years. Improving the length and quality of life for people with CF starts with awareness.



Middletown Township Celebrated National Public Works Week May 15 through May 21



This year marks the 62nd annual National Public Works Week, sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

Department of Public Works personnel oversee maintenance and repairs throughout all

Township-owned facilities, work to preserve the quality of the Township's parks system by maintaining all landscaping and exterior ground, and oversee street and storm water maintenance throughout the Township.

These essential services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who work hard each and every day to keep our community safe and functioning.

“National Public Works Week is a time for us to thank every employee in our Public Works department for their service,” said Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, “The hard work done in Public Works is vital to the quality of life and well-being of the residents in Middletown Township. Their dedicated efforts and hard work do not go unnoticed.”

Memorial Day Trash Collection Notice



Trash and recycling will not be collected this Monday in observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 2022.

For residents who typically have Monday collection, trash will be collected on Thursday (June 2) and recycling will be collected on Tuesday (May 31). Residents who are skipped on Monday may put out double the number of containers on Thursday. Residents who typically have Tuesday collection will not be affected.

If you experience an issue, please call Waste Management at 1 (800) 255-8479. When calling, please use the phrase "Middletown Township, Bucks County."

Residents Invited to Participate in the Department of Public Works Used Tire Collection Event on June 4, 2022

USED TIRE COLLECTION EVENT

JUNE 4, 2022

8am - 2pm • 700 Veterans Highway, Levittown



- \$2.00 for passenger cars and light trucks (Up to 10 tires - after that \$4.00 per tire)
- \$2.00 for rim removal
- \$6.00 for large truck and equipment tires

The Department of Public Works is holding a used tire collection event on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 8am to 2pm.

Residents may drop off their used tires at the Public Works building, 700 Veterans Highway, Levittown, PA 19056 for a small fee:

- \$2.00 for passenger cars and light trucks (up to 10 tires – after that \$4.00 per tire)
- \$2.00 for rim removal
- \$6.00 for large truck and equipment tires

According to the [Department of Environmental Protection](#), improperly disposing of tires presents environmental, health, and safety hazards to the community. One of the main problems is rainwater accumulates in tire piles creating an ideal environment for breeding grounds for disease carrying mosquitoes.


Residents should be prepared to show proof of residency.

Human Relations Commission Presents "One Book, One Middletown" Summer Book Read

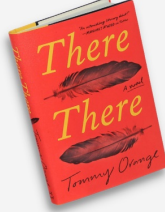
Join your neighbors in reading a book together this summer that highlights the experience of Native Americans. A finalist for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize, *There There*, by Tommy Orange, is a multi-voiced epic of 12 Native characters whose contemporary lives intertwine.

The book read is a part of a summer long education program sponsored by the Human Relations Commission (HRC).

Please email info@middletownbucks.org by Friday, June 10th to reserve a copy at a discounted price. Copies are also available online and at your local library.

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Municipal Center Closed Monday, May 30, in Observance of Memorial Day

The Middletown Township Municipal Center will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. The building will reopen Tuesday, May 31.

In case of emergency, please dial 911.

Get Updates on Your Commute Through 95Revive.com

Stay educated and informed by [95Revive.com](https://www.95Revive.com)!

95Revive.com is a great resource for commuters that includes information and updates on the long-term, multi-phase infrastructure initiative to rebuild and improve I-95 in Pennsylvania.

Visit the website for travel impacts for commuters, local news for residents, and more information about I-95.



Middletown Township Police Department Honor Detective Christopher Jones for Police Memorial Day

On Monday, May 23, the Middletown Township Police Department honored Detective Christopher

Jones during their Police Memorial Day Service. Detective Christopher Jones tragically passed on January 29, 2009, in the line of duty while serving our community.

Police Memorial Day is a time to pay tribute to the brave local, state, and federal peace officers who have died or been disabled in the line of duty.

Tune Into Middletown Township Talks - the Township Podcast!

Middletown Township Talks provides residents the inside scoop about Township events, projects, and other community happenings.

[Listen to our latest episode](#) about the permitting process for summer home improvements!

Tune in for [monthly episodes online](#) or search "Middletown Township Talks" on your favorite streaming platform.



Lawn and Garden Tips to Reduce Stormwater Pollution this Summer

When fertilizing lawns and gardens with common chemicals, such as pesticides and herbicides, remember you're not just spraying the lawn and garden. When it rains, the rain washes the fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides along the curb and into storm drains, which ultimately carry runoff into nearby streams and rivers. These pesticides being carried into water systems affects the water quality as well as

wildlife in the waterways.

Some tips to properly use fertilizers while gardening this summer:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and test soil to make sure you are not over fertilizing
- Use organic fertilizers
- Never fertilize before a rain storm
- Keep fertilizer off of paved surfaces including sidewalks and driveways
- Mix compost with soil so that plants will need less chemical fertilizer

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