

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

Trash and Recycling Holiday Notice



There will be no trash collection on Thursday, November 24th, 2022, in observance of Thanksgiving. For residents whose trash is regularly collected on Thursdays, trash will be collected on your next scheduled collection day, Monday, November 28th.

Double trash, up to 20 containers, may be put out for collection on Monday, November 28th. Collection on any other day will not be interrupted. If you experience any issues with your trash collection, please call Waste Management at 1-800-255-8479. When calling, say you are from "Middletown Township, Bucks County."

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Enjoy time with loved ones and safe travels!

**Supervisors Pass Balanced Preliminary 2023 Budget with
No Tax Increase**

2023 Budget

Now Available for Public Inspection



The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors voted Monday, November 14th, to preliminarily approve the 2023 Budget and advertise it for public inspection. The proposed plan includes a balanced General Fund with no proposed tax increase.

The purpose of Middletown Township's budget is for the Board of Supervisors, the Township's governing body, to establish its priorities for the disbursement of funds to accomplish its goals. To the public, the budget describes and details how the Township accumulates and dispenses its resources.

Also included in the budget document is a summary of the Township's organizational and financial goals, goals for each department, and an analysis of the Township's performance management.



The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider adoption of the final 2023 Budget at their meeting on Monday, December 12th. The overall 2023 budget is balanced and includes \$38,856,018 in operational expenditures and \$9,074,950 in capital expenditures. An executive summary of the budget document may be found [here](#). Residents are encouraged to [review the budget](#) before the next Board of Supervisors meeting on December 12th.

Middletown Township finances have been significantly impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years – initially with significant revenue losses in 2020, followed by the unanticipated influx of more than \$4.7 million in 2021 and 2022 from the American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA).

In 2022, Middletown Township experienced a strong revenue rebound that can be attributed to higher resident wages and increased development activity in the community - with Earned Income Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax and Permit Fees all tracking higher than anticipated.

The 2023 budget has been prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) criteria to be considered for this award for what will be the fourth consecutive year. The 2023 Budget is available at the Municipal Center and online at www.middletownbucks.org/2023Budget.

Middletown Township is Hiring a Chief of Fire and Emergency Services



Middletown Township is seeking highly qualified candidates for the position of Chief of Fire and Emergency Services. This newly-created position will continue to ensure our residents receive the best possible fire services.

Middletown Township is served by four local volunteer fire companies: Parkland Fire Company, Penndel Fire Company, William Penn Fire Company, and Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company. The Chief of Fire and Emergency Services will be responsible for the organization and oversight of career and volunteer fire services with week-day daytime fire suppression being provided by paid staff, while evenings and weekends are covered by four fire volunteer fire companies.

Middletown Township conducted a [Fire Services Study](#) in 2021 and is working on implementing a [Fire Strategic Plan](#).

Interested applicants can apply at www.GovHRjobs.com. Learn more about the Fire and Emergency Services Department [here](#).

Upcoming Events

7th Annual Shop With a Cop
Saturday, December 10th



The 7th annual Shop With a Cop will be held on December 10th, 2022 at the Target Store Oxford Valley, sponsored by the Middletown Community Foundation and the Middletown Township Police Department.

Shop with a Cop pairs a deserving child with a police officer to shop for the holidays. Knowing the financial burden the holiday season can bring, the Police Department does their part to bring back that holiday magic. The program allows children to view police officers in a different atmosphere to promote positive relationships. The shopping event is financed through generous donations and events that have been held throughout the year.

This national event started in 1989 when a small group of officers passed around a hat and collected money to take a single child in need shopping for toys. Each year since then the program has grown with thousands of kids being served over the past 30 years. This is the 7th annual Shop With a Cop event the Middletown Township Police Department and the Middletown Community Foundation have held for the community.

Donations are still being accepted for this year's event. To donate to Shop with a Cop please make checks payable to Middletown Community Foundation with "SWAC" in the memo or send a donation on Venmo to @MCFBucks.

For more information, please email Officer Melissa Robison at mrobison@mtpd.org.

Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 8th



Save the date for Middletown's Holiday Open House Event on Thursday, December 8th from 5:30-8:30 PM! This free fun-filled family event is not one to miss!

Held at the Municipal Center, the Open House will include many returning favorites and several new attractions.

- Kids crafts
- Pictures with Santa
- A Better Way Belgians Wagon Rides
- Inflatable slide
- Snowboard rides
- Balloon Sculptures by Judy Tudy
- Fire pits
- Beer Garden from Aristaeus
- Food trucks by Sandy's Beef and Ale, Chick-fil-a, Kona Pizza
- Local vendors

"Our Holiday Open House is a great opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate the holiday season," said Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, "Every year families enjoy seasonal attractions with their family, friends, and neighbors."

Food donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted benefiting the Emergency Relief Association Food Pantry of Lower Bucks County.

For more information about this event, please contact Joanne Morelli by [email](#) or phone at (215) 750-3890.

Support Small Business This Small Business Saturday, November 26th



Middletown Township is home to a vibrant business community. This Saturday, November 26th, is Small Business Saturday and we are encouraging the community to shop locally.

Small local businesses are huge drivers of the economy, and they are a vital component of both our national and local economies. This year, as you prepare to do your holiday shopping, we urge you to shop locally and shop small in Middletown Township. With great deals and unique products, you can find gifts for everyone in your life at a store down the street.

Small Business Saturday 2022



Small Business Saturday is a great time to refocus your efforts on the local community.

Local businesses are vital to the local and national economy, employing nearly half of all employees working in the private sector. "Buying local supports your friends, neighbors, and community," said Middletown Township Supervisor Dana Kane. "When you buy from a local business, your neighbors' kids can go to camp, your friend has a job, and your money gets reinvested in the community."

Support local businesses this holiday season by Shopping Middletown! A list of businesses in Middletown Township is available in the [Business Directory on our website](#).

The Arrow of Light Cub Scouts Visit the Municipal Center



Monday, November 14th, the Arrow of Light Cub Scouts visited the Municipal Center to learn about local government and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

The cub scouts had the opportunity to learn about how local governments operate and the importance of keeping the community safe.



Department directors discussed what they do and how it helps our community. After presentations from directors, the cub scouts headed outside to see a fire truck, police car, snowplow, and other Township vehicles. Staff members brought the cub scouts into the vehicles to show them how they are operated.

After their tour of the Police Department the scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Municipal Center Closed for Thanksgiving



The Municipal Center will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving.

The building will reopen Monday, November 28th. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

Volunteer to Join Our Boards and Commissions

Volunteer to join one of our Boards & Commissions! Applications are accepted year-round and are available on the Township website [here](#).

APPLY TO SERVE ON A



BOARD OR COMMISSION

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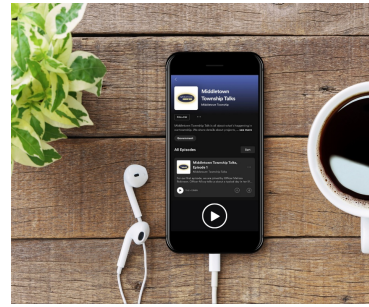
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To make your request, visit MTGo.co!

Tune Into Middletown Township Talks - the Township Podcast!

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

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