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October is Fire Prevention Month



October is Fire Prevention Month! The goal of Fire Prevention is to raise fire safety awareness and help ensure your home and family is protected. The Middletown Township Fire and Emergency Management Department has been busy this month spreading the message of fire prevention through speaking to schools and hosting events.

Community Outreach

The department has been going to all township schools and speaking with children level K-2nd grade.

The department staff are teaching children the importance of fire safety and showing them what a smoke detector sounds like, so they know when they need to evacuate their homes. They are also seeing what a firefighter will look like with full gear on and the tools they carry so they won't fear them in the event they're involved in a fire.





The Fire and Emergency Management Department are hosting a Fire Prevention Expo at Oxford Valley Mall on Saturday, October 15th, from 12 to 4pm as part of planned activities in the community for Fire Prevention Month.

The event will feature the four volunteer fire companies serving Middletown Township: Parkland Fire Company, Penndel Fire Company, William Penn Fire Company, and Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company.

Residents are invited to come out for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), police, and fire demonstrations, shop from local business vendors, and enjoy fun kids activities including Marshal from Paw Patrol! Enjoy a fire truck display, view the Temple Med Flight Helicopter, and hear from the Bucks County Fire Marshal, John Gundy.

Smoke Detector Giveaway Program

One way the Fire and Emergency Management Department take action to prevent fires on a regular basis is their Free Smoke Detector Program.



Riley Collins, the leader of the Fire Prevention Program, has worked to distribute hundreds of smoke detectors in the community. Currently, around 428 smoke detectors have been distributed to residents in the Township in 2022.

If you are in need of smoke detectors, please email Riley at rcollins@middletownbucks.org or contact the office of Fire and Emergency Management at 215-750-3812.

For homeowners who have smoke detectors remember to test them monthly and change the batteries every six months.

Community Conversations: Disabilities and the Can Do Attitude Webinar Hosted by the Human Relations Commission

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**DISABILITIES & THE
CAN DO ATTITUDE
WEBINAR**

Don't miss the Human Relations Commission "Disabilities and the Can Do Attitude" Webinar on October 25th at 7pm.

The webinar will feature many guest speakers to hear their stories and experiences of living with or working with those who have disabilities. Join the HRC to learn more about inclusivity in the community, spread awareness and advocate for the disabled community.

Can Do Attitudes in Action

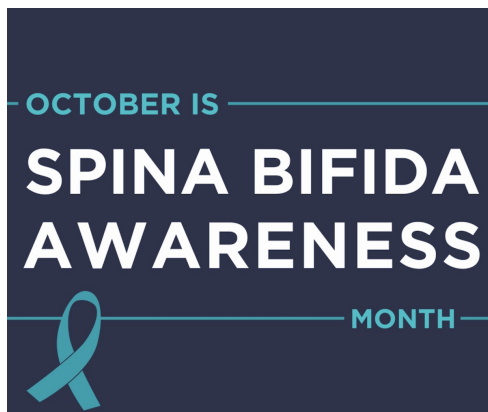
James Henderson, a member of the Middletown Township Human Relations Commission (HRC), is passionate about bringing awareness to the disability community. He worked with the other members of the HRC and Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Vice Chairperson Anna Payne to host this webinar for the community.



James Henderson
HRC Member

Anna Payne
Vice Chairperson

Both James and Anna are two people who exhibit the "can do attitude". Living with disabilities themselves, they do not let that stop them. Their advocacy and involvement in the causes they are passionate about speak volumes to their positive attitudes!



Proclaiming October as Spina Bifida Awareness Month

The HRC has brought awareness to many different disabilities in an effort to educate the community. At the last Board of Supervisors meeting on October 3rd, they proclaimed October as Spina Bifida Awareness Month. "James Henderson was instrumental in raising the issue of Spina Bifida Awareness", said Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, "He encouraged the Board to pass the proclamation

recognizing Spina Bifida Awareness Month".

Spina Bifida is the most common permanently disabling birth defect, occurring when the spine and spinal cord do not form properly within the first thirty days of pregnancy and impacting approximately one thousand five hundred births each year in the United States.

The HRC also recently distributed a survey to the community for those who are disabled or care takers of disabled people to submit. Their findings from this survey will be helpful in understanding more about the community and what can be done to increase the access and comfortability of disabled people in the community.

Upcoming Events

Fall Garden Cleanup
Saturday, October 15th



Join Middletown Township Parks and Recreation for a Fall Garden Cleanup on October 15th!

The cleanup day is a fantastic way to meet people, be active, learn about getting a plot to grow fresh produce all summer, or offer help to seniors as they prepare their gardens for winter. This is a great opportunity for scouts and high school students to get their volunteer hours!

If you are interested, please register as middletownbucks.recdesk.com.

Middletown Community Foundation Craft Fair

Saturday, October 15th



It is Craft Fair time this Saturday, October 15th from 10am to 3pm at the Middletown Township Police Station!

We will have over 40 vendors, food, desserts and pumpkin decorating for the kids! Supporting our craft show supports the [Middletown Community Foundation](http://MiddletownCommunityFoundation) and Shop with a Cop!

We hope to see lots of you there! Parking will be at the Shoppes of Flowers Mill.

Homeowner's Guide to Going Solar with PECO Specialist

Tuesday, October 18th



The Environmental Advisory Council is hosting a free educational seminar about going solar in your home on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30pm at the Municipal Center.

A PECO Specialist will provide useful information and on-line resources for homeowners interested in installing solar. They will inform residents of the installation process, benefits, and have a Q&A session. Solar is an environmentally friendly way to use renewable energy and reduce your utility bill.

Register at middletownbucks.recdesk.com

Help Welcome Our Newest Officer Kaylee Plisinski!



Congratulations to our newest officer, Kaylee Plisinski, who was sworn in on October 11th by Judge Dan Baranoski.

Kaylee comes to the Middletown Township Police Department after having served for 4 years in the Hatfield Police Department. Middletown Township is excited to have Kaylee join the police department and she is looking forward to a great career with MTPD.

Stay Safe this Halloween Safety Tips from the Middletown Township



As Halloween quickly approaches us, it's important to remember the holiday brings serious safety risks. We encourage you to share safety tips with your kids to keep your family safe and have a fun and spooky Halloween!

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
2. Always walk on sidewalks or paths.
3. Don't approach any houses with their lights off.
4. If you can, it's best to trick or treat in a group and not alone
5. Make sure costumes can be seen. Carry around a glow stick or flashlight to ensure you are seen by drivers.
6. Inspect treats before indulging. Discard any treats that aren't sealed or are expired.

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MTGo is Middletown Township's citizen service request portal. Residents and community members can report issues to the Township faster than ever before, only a button-click away.

To make your request, visit MTGo.co!

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

Tune in for [monthly episodes online](#) or search

"Middletown Township Talks" on your favorite streaming platform.

On our latest episode Supervisor Bernadette Hannah discusses the Human Relations Commission's upcoming events and current efforts.



We're on Twitter!



You might've heard from a little bird that we're on Twitter!

Make sure to follow us [@middletownbucks](https://twitter.com/middletownbucks) to keep up with important updates and news about the community.

Tweet us your pictures from events, of our parks, or any fun pictures from things in our community and we'll retweet our favorites!

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