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### Key Highlights from the Latest Board of Supervisors Meeting



The Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, August 14th, had a packed agenda with many recognitions and special items.

### Summer Rec Kids Donation to Ronald McDonald House



Pictured left to right: Ronald McDonald House Representative Laura Van Tassel and Core Creek Park Site Supervisor Carol Garner

The Ronald McDonald House received a donation from Parks and Recreation Summer Camp kids. Carol Garner, Core Creek Park Site Supervisor, shared that camp is not just about fun and games but instilling important values. She explained that kindness is one such value that is harnessed through the eight weeks the camper and staff are together.

Ms. Garner noted that Program Specialist, Joanne Morelli dedicated a whole week for campers to show acts of kindness, such as sending cards to sick children at St. Mary's Hospital. In keeping with their motto from previous years, "kindness matters, kindness is contagious" she shared that all three campsites joined together and held a carwash and raised \$2,310 and presented the donation to Laura Van Tassel, a representative from the Ronald McDonald House Camp.

Ms. Garner closed her presentation by saying that always remember, "That in a world where you can be anything, always be kind."

### **Swearing in of Firefighter Darrel Martin and Firefighter Riley Collins**



Mark Antozzeski, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services provided brief introductions of Fighter Darrel Martin and Firefighter Riley Collins before Chairperson Anna Payne officially swore them in.

Darrel Martin is a lifelong resident of Middletown Township. Darrel joined the Penndel Fire Company in 1997; where he has held every office including Fire Chief. He is currently the Assistant Chief and training officer. Darrel started at Middletown Township as a fulltime Firefighter on July 3rd, 2023.

Riley Collins is a lifelong Middletown Township resident. Riley is a 7-year member, training officer, and Lieutenant at William Penn Fire Company. He started as a Middletown Fire Inspector in 2019.

### **Swearing in of Firefighter Darrel Martin and Firefighter Riley Collins**



Chief Joseph Bartorilla provided a brief introductions of Police Officer Robert Anselmi and Police Officer Tyler Stanley before they were sworn in by Chairperson Anna Payne.

Officer Anselmi served as a Police Officer for Bristol Township and is delighted to continue his career in law enforcement with the Middletown Township Police Department. He was born and raised in Langhorne, where he started his educational journey at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. He transitioned to Maple Point Middle School and in 2017 graduated from Neshaminy High School. In the summers, he enjoyed working for Middletown Township Parks and Recreation, where he started out as a camp counselor and then transitioned to the Public Works Department.

Officer Stanley grew up different parts of Philadelphia and Cheltenham Township. He was raised in a dedicated law enforcement family which drove his passion to be a first responder. After graduating from Father Judge High School in 2012, he decided to join the Marine Corps. He completed his basic training at Parris Island and shortly after continued training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he completed his artillery training. When he came home, he applied to the Philadelphia Police Department where he was fortunate to be able to serve his community as well as remain enlisted in the Marine Corps. He is honored to join the Middletown Township Police Department.

Chief Bartorilla stated that he is happy to have both Police Officer Robert Anselmi and Police Officer Tyler Stanley as the newest members of the Middletown Township Police Department and welcomed them both.

### **Commendations for Middletown Township Police Officers**

A series of commendations were presented by Chief Bartorilla for two big events. The first set of commendations to officers were for the burglary of the Luger Firearms store on Lincoln Highway. The store was burglarized by several individuals who arrived in a stolen vehicle. They made off with 21 stolen firearms in a stolen vehicle, but as a result of the rapid response and immediate actions of the Middletown Police Department, the Falls Township Police Department, and the Trenton Police Department, the offenders were apprehended, and the stolen firearms were successfully recovered.

The next set of commendations were for the arrest and conviction of two individuals for the brutal homicide which occurred in December of 2010. It took some time to close the case, but the past 2-1/2 years have been a time of intensive investigative work, case preparation, and successful prosecution of the case, resulting in murder convictions and justice for the



victim and his family.

Chief Bartorilla's recognition of other police officers further highlighted the commitment and bravery that these individuals bring to their roles.

## **Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events!**

### **Environmental Speaking Series – September 19th**



The Environmental Advisory Council is hosting a new Environmental Speaking Series on September 19th at 6:30pm. Invasive weeds are a threat to our environment, displacing native plants and disrupting the ecosystem. This talk discusses common invasive weeds in Bucks County, their history, how to identify them, and options on how to remove them from your landscape.

Presenter Jim Walter is a Master Watershed Steward and Master Gardener. He is a member of the Buckingham Township Environmental Advisory committee. Jim earned a Ph.D. from U.C. Berkley in Chemical Engineering and worked in the Agricultural Chemical Industry for many years.

### **7th Annual Parklandfest Community Day – September 30th**



This year's event promises to be the biggest and best yet, with a wide array of activities and attractions for the whole family. Organized by the Uptown String Band, Parkland Fire Company, and Parkland Church, this event brings in thousands of people every year.

The day will feature a variety of vendors selling everything from handmade crafts to delicious food beer. Kids will love the inflatables, fire trucks, and games. There will also be

plenty of opportunities for adults to relax and enjoy the event. One of the highlights of the day will be beer tents, featuring brews from Aristaeus Brewing and Warwick Farm Brewing. Live music will be a major part of the day, with performances from Chain Gang, The Mojo Gypsies, capped off with a special concert from the Uptown String Band.

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## **Celebrating One Year of Cobalt Ridge Playground!**



Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Bob Harvie, Secretary Dawn Quirple, Vice Chairperson Anna Payne, Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, Supervisor Dana Kane, and Diane Marseglia

A year ago on August 10th, 2022, the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors and local community members came together for a momentous occasion—the ribbon-cutting ceremony that marked the grand opening of the new playground at Cobalt Ridge Park. This significant event marked the culmination of months of hard work and dedication by the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Public Works, and Parks and Recreation department.

The transformation of Cobalt Ridge Park Playground was not just about updating the equipment; it was about fostering inclusivity for children of all abilities within the Township. Embracing this vision, the new playground was thoughtfully designed to incorporate various inclusive features, making it a haven of enjoyment and engagement for children with diverse needs.

As the community celebrates one year of the official opening of the Cobalt Ridge Park Playground, we reflect on the positive impact it has had on the lives of countless children and families within the Township. Its commitment to inclusivity serves as an example of what a community can achieve when they come together to create spaces that truly cater to the needs of all.

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## **Labor Day Office and Trash Schedule**





The Middletown Township Municipal Center will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. As we celebrate Labor Day, we honor the men and women who fought tirelessly for workers' rights, which are crucial to our strong and successful labor force. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th, from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

In observance of Labor Day, there will be no trash and recycling collection on Monday, September 4th, 2023. Monday's trash will be collected on Thursday, September 7th, 2023. Up to 20 containers may be placed out for collection on Thursday.

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## **Fall Recreation Program Registration is Now Open!**



Although Summer is almost over, the fun does not have to end! Middletown Township Parks & Recreation Fall 2023 Program Guide is now available online, and registration for the 2023 Fall programs is now open.

There are a great variety of recreation programs available for all age groups. Some of the programs include: dog training sessions for both beginner and advanced students, yoga and Qi Gong Tai Chi classes, art programs, and many sports programs including kickball, pickleball, archery, and golf lessons.

To browse or join our fall programs, please visit [www.middletownbucks.org/ProgramRegistration](http://www.middletownbucks.org/ProgramRegistration). If you have any questions, please call

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## Empowering Seniors: Senator Frank Farry's Comprehensive Expo for Resources and Wellbeing



Senator Frank Farry is hosting a Senior Expo taking place on September 28th from 10am to 1pm at the Northampton Valley Country Club. The expo will provide valuable offerings, including insights from Federal, State, and County Agencies, essential health screenings, and the convenience of an on-site Prescription Drug Take Back—where it's encouraged to bring your unused, unwanted, or expired medications for proper disposal.

There will be a station for processing Senior SEPTA key cards, ensuring seamless transportation access for seniors. Refreshments and prizes will be provided during the event. Seniors are encouraged to partake in this event, which provides an opportunity to discover an array of resources and essential information tailored to their needs.

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### MTGo!



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](https://MTGo.co)!

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