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Introducing Mark Antozzeski: Middletown Township's New Chief of Fire and Emergency Services



Center: Mark Antozzeski. Others pictured are representatives from Middletown Fire and Emergency Services, and volunteer fire companies Pennadel Fire Company, Langhorne-Middletown, Parkland Fire Company, and William-Penn Fire Company.

The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors swore in Mark Antozzeski as the new Chief of Fire and Emergency Services in front of a crowded room of representatives from all four volunteer fire companies that serve the community. With over 40 years of experience in emergency services, including over 19 years as Fire Chief in Hamilton Township Fire District 9 in Hamilton, NJ, Mark brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our community.

Mark's impressive career in emergency services began with his service in the United States Air Force, where he worked as a firefighter, fire inspector, crew chief and driver. Since then, he has served in a variety of roles, including as a volunteer firefighter, career firefighter, and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) instructor for the New Jersey State Police.

Mark's commitment to professional development is evident in his academic accomplishments, including a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science from the University of Maryland and a Master's from Columbia Southern University. He also attended the Executive Fire Officer Program through the National Fire Academy and holds numerous certifications.

In addition to his distinguished career, Mark is an experienced fire service instructor and has taught at the Mercer County Fire Academy for many years. Furthermore, he is passionate about his work and committed to protecting people in his community.

“We are thrilled to welcome Mark Antozzeski as our new Fire Chief,” said Chairperson Anna Payne, “His extensive experience, dedication, and passion for public safety will be invaluable to Middletown Township. We are confident that he will lead with the highest level of professionalism and ensure the safety of our residents and businesses.”



Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Proclaim February as African American History Month



As part of Middletown's Black History Month celebration, the Board of Supervisors hosted a presentation by Linda Salley, President, and Executive Director of the African American Museum of Bucks County. She has been working with the African American Museum to restore the historic Boone Farm and turn it into a permanent museum.

Owned by Bucks County, the Boone Farm property, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the property has historical ties to the Great Migration of the 20th century, during which 6 million African Americans moved out of rural Southern states to Northern areas such as Pennsylvania in search of economic opportunity.

The presentation was both informative and inspiring, providing an overview of the history of African Americans in Bucks County and the challenges they faced over the years. Middletown is fortunate the museum is in the Township and hope it will become a hub for educational and cultural events for the community.

The Board of Supervisors is thrilled to support the efforts of the museum and encourages all residents to learn more about the history and contributions of African Americans in the community.

For more information or to donate, please visit, <https://infoaambc.org/>.

RAIN GARDEN SEMINAR

WITH GUEST SPEAKER FRED LUBNOW, PHD

**HOSTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 28 - 6:30PM
3 MUNICIPAL WAY, LANGHORNE, PA 19047**



The Environmental Advisory Council is excited to host a Rain Garden Seminar featuring guest speaker, Fred Lubnow, Ph.D. The seminar will be held at the Municipal Center on March 28, 2023, at 6:30pm. The purpose of this seminar is to educate and encourage residents to install rain gardens on their property.

Rain gardens are an innovative and cost-effective solution to reducing runoff from properties. By collecting rainwater from rooftops, driveways, or streets, and allowing it to soak into the ground, rain gardens not only help prevent erosion and flooding but also improve water quality.

Rain gardens can be a beautiful addition to any landscape, planted with a variety of grasses and flowering perennials that also provide food and shelter for wildlife such as butterflies, birds, and more.

Dr. Fred Lubnow, our esteemed guest speaker, is an expert in the field of rain garden design and installation. As a Senior Technical Director of Ecological Services at Princeton Hydro, he has extensive experience with ecosystems and improving quality of life through ecology. Dr. Lubnow will provide invaluable insight into how to plan and create a rain garden on your property.

To register for this free event, please visit www.middletownbucks.org/recdesk.

Mark Your Calendar for Middletown's Annual Earth Day Event!



Middletown Township is excited to announce its annual Earth Day event that will be held at Core Creek Park on Saturday, April 29th from 11-2. Sponsored by Robin Kemmerer Real Estate, this multi-municipal event includes a fun-filled day with plenty of vendors and activities for the whole family.

The Earth Day event is a great way for residents to come together and learn about sustainability, connect with local businesses, and engage in environmentally friendly activities. It's a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about environmental issues, and to promote the adoption of sustainable practices that help to protect our planet.

There will be plenty of fun activities for both children and adults to enjoy, including face painting, live music, and arts and crafts stations. Kids will have the chance to learn about the importance of protecting the planet while participating in engaging activities.

The event is free and open to all Middletown Township residents. There will be food and refreshments available for purchase from Pita Chip, a local Mediterranean restaurant.

Any interested vendors that would like to participate in the event can email Patrick Graham at pgraham@middletownbucks.org.

Middletown Township Has Joined the Pickleball Revolution!



Middletown Township has joined the pickleball revolution. The new courts at the Middletown Township Senior Center are now open and ready for use! With the beautiful weather we've been having lately, now is the perfect time to gather some friends and head over to the courts for a fun game of pickleball.

For those who may not be familiar with the sport, pickleball is a paddleball game that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It's a low-impact, easy-to-learn game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels.

As the pickleball revolution continues to grow, we are expanding with it and opening new courts at Firefighters' Park in 2023.

The new courts are located at the 2140 Trenton Road in Levittown. Whether you're a seasoned pickleball player or just looking to try something new, we encourage you to come out and give the courts a try!

Spring Stormwater Tips to Keep the Environment Safe



With the arrival of spring, many of us are looking forward to warmer temperatures, blooming flowers, and longer days. But with the change in seasons also comes an increased risk of stormwater runoff. As snow and ice melt and the rains of spring arrive, it's important to take steps to manage stormwater and prevent flooding and erosion in our community.

Here are some stormwater management tips for the springtime:

- **Clean out gutters and downspouts.** Clear any debris from gutters and downspouts to ensure that rainwater can flow freely away from your home.
- **Inspect your yard for erosion.** As the ground thaws and rain falls, it's important to look for any signs of erosion in your yard. If you notice any areas where soil is washing away, consider installing a rain garden or other form of erosion control to prevent further damage.
- **Plant native vegetation.** Adding native plants to your yard can help soak up excess water and prevent runoff. Consider planting trees, shrubs, and flowers that are native to our area.
- **Limit the use of pesticides and fertilizers.** Chemicals used to fertilize lawns and gardens can be carried by rainwater into nearby streams and waterways, causing pollution. Limit the use of these products or consider using organic alternatives.

By taking these simple steps, you can help to manage stormwater and prevent flooding and erosion in our community. Remember, we all have a role to play in protecting our local waterways, and by working together, we can keep our community clean, safe, and healthy.

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