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June is Pride Month in Middletown Township



On Monday, June 12, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed June as Pride Month, promoting acceptance and inclusion of all, and supporting the development of harmonious and respectful relationships amongst all members of our community.

The Human Relations Commission, created by the Board of Supervisors in 2020, advocated this proclamation as part of its efforts to defend the diversity of our gender and sexual minority communities and expresses a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization and our community.

The Pride Flag is being displayed at the Middletown Township Municipal Center during the month of June as an expression of a commitment to inclusion, safety, and acceptance of members of the LGBTQ2S+ community.

**"Grooving at the Gates": Event to Replace
Independence Day Parade**



Parks and Recreation Director Paul Kopera made a presentation on Monday, June 12, about a new community event that will be held in Levittown on October 14, 2023, from 12 to 5pm.

Replacing the July 4th Parade, the "Grooving at the Gates" event will include food trucks, craft brewery stands, and live music.

After extensive discussions regarding the parade's viability, it became clear that factors such as waning interest from parade participants and sponsors, declining attendance from the public as more people vacation on this popular summer holiday, and an overall imbalance in the cost/benefit ratio made it necessary to replace the parade with a new event.

"While it is with mixed emotions that we announce the discontinuation of the Fourth of July Parade, this change opens doors to new community engagement and celebration opportunities, reflecting the evolving needs of our diverse residents, said Chairperson Anna Payne, "We extend sincere appreciation to all parade participants, sponsors, and volunteers who made it a cherished celebration in our community."

Middletown Community Foundation Awards Scholarships to 8 Deserving Students



Pictured from left to right: Tom Tosti, Juleece Argust, Paula Kearns, Susan Getz, Grace Irving, Katie Weiner, Maggie Murphy, Hannah Yeager, Giavanna Martin, Diane Marseglia, and Jim Merrill

Since 2002, Middletown Community Foundation has awarded 188 scholarships to graduating seniors residing in Middletown Township totaling over \$198,000. The scholarships are awarded to students based on community service performed during their high school careers.

This year, Middletown Community Foundation reviewed a total of 26 applicants and awarded 8 scholarships to graduating seniors who reside in Middletown Township. Of those 8 awards, two are endowed by community members: Bucks County Commissioner Diane Marseglia endows a scholarship in the memory of her late daughter Becky, and former Middletown Township Supervisors Tom Tosti endows a scholarship in the memory of his late father Richard.

The 2023 winners were recognized at the June 12th meeting:

- John Spina, Entrepreneurship, Syracuse University
- Grace Irving, Biology, Washington College or UVM
- Maggie Murphy, Psychology, Rider University
- Grace Kussay, Pharmacy, University of South Carolina
- Katie Weiner, Elementary Education & Special Education, Slippery Rock University
- Hannah Yeager, Accounting or Criminal Justice, Kutztown University
- Becky Marseglia Scholarship Recipient: Susan Getz, Chemistry, University of Delaware
- Richard Tosti Scholarship Recipient: Giavanna Martin, Automotive Collision, Automotive Training Center

“The Middletown Community Foundation is a remarkable organization that makes a profound impact in the community”, said Chairperson Anna Payne, “It’s our honor as the Board of Supervisors to have the scholarship winners at our meeting.”

Thank you again to the Middletown Community Foundation and congratulations to the winners!

Remember These Fireworks Laws When Planning Independence Day Celebrations!



As we gear up to celebrate Independence Day, remember there are laws regulating the display of fireworks in Pennsylvania.

Discharging fireworks is illegal from nearly all parts of Middletown Township and the majority of suburban Philadelphia. Even though it is legal to purchase them, there are far more restrictions against discharging fireworks.

In Pennsylvania, fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet (about half of a football field) of any structure, regardless of if there are people inside or not. Discharging fireworks is prohibited on all public property, including streets, parks, schools, and open spaces; plus, they cannot be discharged from or toward a motor vehicle or building. Fireworks can only be discharged on private property with permission of the property owner. Fireworks cannot be used by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Although fireworks seem fun and harmless, they can be very dangerous to yourself and others. If not used properly they can even be fatal. Please be respectful of your neighbors and the rest of the community. Do your part to make this holiday one we can all enjoy safely.

Board of Supervisors Recognize Crossing Guard Louise Morris for 36 Years of Dedicated Service



Pictured left to right: Vice Chairperson Dawn Quirple, Supervisor Dana Kane, Aileen Parker, Louise Morris, Chairperson Anna Payne, Secretary Bernadette Hannah, and Supervisor Mike Ksiazek, and Chief of Police Joe Bartorilla.

Louise Morris was honored at the recent Board of Supervisors meeting for her outstanding service to the community, for 36 years of service ensuring the safety of children in Middletown.

Chief of Police, Joe Bartorilla, presented Louise Morris with a plaque to recognize her remarkable service, acknowledging the invaluable contribution she has made to the community for over three decades.

"We have many great teachers and principals but sometimes we forget those behind the scenes employees, our dedicated crossing guards and bus drivers who show up every day in

any kind of weather to make sure our kids get to school safely" said Chief Bartorilla,

As Louise embarks on a well-deserved retirement, the Township extends heartfelt appreciation and wishes her the very best.

Upcoming Building Closures and Trash Collection Information



The Municipal Center will be closed on Monday, June 19, in observation of Juneteenth and Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Trash collection will not be impacted by Juneteenth.

Due to the coinciding of Independence Day with the regular Tuesday recyclable collection, please note that recyclables will be collected on the following day, Wednesday, July 5.

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