

TOWNSHIP OF
—MIDDLETOWN—
BUCKS COUNTY

Get Involved: Township Seeks Resident Input for Multimodal Improvement Plan to Enhance Pedestrian Facilities and Public Transportation Access



If you're someone who resides in the Township and has a strong interest in improving pedestrian amenities and access to public transportation, then you'll definitely want to participate in the Multimodal Improvement Plan (MIP) to make your voice heard!

The MIP is a comprehensive plan that will identify ways to enhance pedestrian facilities, such as sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes, while improving access to public transportation. This plan is being fully funded by a Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC).

To guide the development of this plan, a steering committee has been created, consisting of members of the Township's boards and commissions, as well as Township staff. But that's not all - residents are also encouraged to get involved! There will be three public meetings held throughout the year, on April 4th, May 30th, and September 28th, where you can provide your valuable insights to help shape the plan's development.

Not only will your participation help enhance the Township's pedestrian facilities and public

transportation access, but it will also position the Township well to pursue grant funding and prioritize future improvement projects. With the MIP expected to be completed by November 2023, there's no better time to get involved and make a difference in your community.

Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Recap



The Board of Supervisors meeting on March 20, 2023, included many several exciting items.

Middletown Township Police Department's newest officer, Mike Leonard, was sworn in by Chairperson Anna Payne. Mike and his family are Middletown Township residents, and Mike comes to MTPD after serving for 15 years with the Philadelphia Police Department. We're excited to have Mike join our Police Department and look forward to him serving Middletown Township.

Many volunteer firefighters from Parkland Fire Company were recognized including Captain Bill Oettinger. Middletown Township career firefighters and Parkland Fire Company volunteer firefighters responded to a house fire on February 28th.

Captain Bill Oettinger arrived at a house fire in his personal vehicle. Arriving first, he observed a two story building filled with smoke with a resident still inside. He entered the building without protective gear and removed the unconscious homeowner.

The homeowner received immediate medical attention by Middletown Township career firefighters and Pennel EMS personnel and was transported to a local hospital. The homeowner recovered and was discharged after a few days. Bill Oettinger's actions demonstrated the dedication of the volunteers. Everything came together because the volunteers, career staff, and mutual aid response agencies worked hand in hand to provide emergency services to the community.

The Board of Supervisors also proclaimed March as Colon Cancer Awareness Month and National Developmental Disabilities Month. These two proclamations raise awareness to these issues.

Board of Supervisors Advocate for Inclusion and Awareness

At their meeting the Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed March as National Developmental Disabilities Month, thanks to the efforts of the Human Relations Commission.

National Developmental Disabilities Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of the issues faced by individuals with disabilities and to advocate for their rights. The Human Relations Commission spearheaded this movement, recognizing the need to bring attention to the issue of developmental disabilities and the importance of creating an inclusive society where people of all abilities are welcomed and valued.

The proclamation of National Developmental Disabilities Month is an important step in this direction. It acknowledges the significant contributions that people with developmental disabilities can make to their communities, and it underscores the need for society to work together to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.



"We are proud to proclaim March as National Developmental Disabilities Month," said Chairperson Anna Payne, "This is a time to celebrate the many achievements of people with developmental disabilities and to raise awareness of the challenges they face. It is also an opportunity to renew our commitment to creating a society that values and embraces diversity in all its forms."

The proclamation of March as National Developmental Disabilities Month is an important step towards creating a more inclusive society. By raising awareness of the issues faced by people with developmental disabilities, we can work together to create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all.

Recognizing Colon Cancer Awareness Month in Middletown Township



The Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed March as National Colon Cancer Month, bringing awareness to one of the deadliest and most preventable forms of cancer.

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined. However, with early detection and proper screening, it is also one of the most preventable types of cancer.

Colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030.

Observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

Get Involved With Parks and Recreation This Spring



Community Garden Cleanup - April 15th

Join Middletown Township Parks and Recreation for the Spring Community Garden Cleanup on April 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!

Spring Tree Planting and Trash Pickup – April 22nd

Spring is finally here, and what better way to celebrate the season than by joining the Parks and Recreation Department in a community-wide tree planting event? This is an opportunity for residents to come together and make a positive impact on the environment while enjoying the beautiful weather and scenery.

Volunteers will have the chance to learn about the importance of trees in our community and participate in hands-on activities such as planting and mulching. Don't miss out on this exciting event!

If you are interested in either of these events, please register at www.middletownbucks.com/recdesk.

Join the Rain Garden Seminar Hosted by the Environmental Advisory Council with Guest Speaker Fred Lubnow, Ph.D.

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!



It's time to get pumped up for the annual Earth Day celebration happening on Saturday, April 29th at Core Creek Park from 11am to 2pm! 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, and it's going to be an event you won't want to miss.

With a wide array of vendors and activities, there's something for everyone in the family. Get ready to learn all about sustainability, connect with local businesses, and engage in some earth-friendly activities. This is the perfect opportunity to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote the adoption of sustainable practices that will help protect our planet.

Hungry? No worries! Pita Chip, a local Mediterranean restaurant, will be serving up some tasty food and refreshments for purchase.

Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and get ready to celebrate Earth Day!

Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors



Are you a high school senior or parent of one? The Middletown Community Foundation has a Scholarship Opportunity for you!

The Middletown Community Foundation (MCF) is a non-profit organization that has been serving the Middletown community for over 20 years. The foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in the community.

One of the key ways that MCF provides support to the community is through its Annual Scholarship Program. This program provides financial assistance to local students who are pursuing higher education. Each year, the foundation awards several scholarships to deserving students who demonstrate academic excellence, community involvement, and a commitment to their chosen field of study.

The deadline to apply for the Annual Scholarship Program is Saturday, April 29th. Eligible students must be high school seniors who reside in Middletown Township, have participated in community service throughout their high school careers, and be attending a college, university, or trade/vocational school to further their education.

More details about the scholarship are on [the MCF website](#) or you can apply [here](#).

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