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# -MIDDLETOWN-

#### **Happy Holidays from Middletown Township**



As the Holiday season approaches, Middletown Township would like to wish our residents a happy and safe holiday. Thank you for being a part of our community and for making this year a great one!

We are grateful for the efforts of our residents to make our community a better place. Whether you volunteer your time, support local businesses, or simply look out for your neighbors, your actions make a difference. Your support and involvement make our Township a great place to live, play, and work.

#### **Trash and Recycling Holiday Notice**

# **Recycle Right For The Holidays**

HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS





- · Wreaths
- · Holiday lights
- Ornaments
- Glossy holiday cards
- · Shiny wrapping paper
- · Plastic bubble wrap
- Foam packaging





There will be no impact to the trash schedule this Christmas Day or New Year's Day. The next holiday impacting trash collection is Memorial Day. If you experience any issues with your trash collection, please call Waste Management at 1-800-255-8479. When calling, say you are from "Middletown Township, Bucks County."

## Yard Waste, Christmas Tree Collection Ends January 25

January 31st, 2024 will be the last eligible Wednesday of yard waste for the winter. Yard waste will resume on Wednesdays in April. Christmas trees can be placed at the curb for collection on Wednesdays throughout the month of January. The last day Christmas trees will be collected is Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Christmas trees should not be placed in a bag or box and cannot contain any lights or decorations. For more information about our sanitation services, please visit <a href="https://www.middletownbucks.org/Trash">https://www.middletownbucks.org/Trash</a>. During February and March up to five bags, bundles, and or containers, of yard waste can be put out with the trash to be counted in the ten container limit.

## **Municipal Building Holiday Hours**



Middletown Municipal Building

# Holiday Schedule

December 21
CLOSING EARLY - 12:30

December 25 CLOSED

January 1
CLOSED

The Middletown Township Municipal Center will be closing at 12:30 p.m on Thursday, December 21, and will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1, in observance of Christmas and New Year's. All emergency services will continue to operate as usual. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

#### Supervisors Reorganization Meeting to be held on January 2nd



Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.. The Supervisors will elect leadership in the new year, appoint professional staff and set meeting dates for 2024.

Residents can view the meeting live on television (Comcast Channel 22 or Verizon Channel 30), on **YouTube**, or on the **Township's website**. Residents are also welcome to come in-person.

## Board of Supervisors closes 2023 with an action-packed agenda

On Monday, December  $11^{\mbox{th}}$ , the Board of Supervisors concluded the year with many recognitions and special items.

## Recognition of Zoning Hearing Board member, Mike McGuffin



The Board of Supervisors recognized Zoning Hearing Board member Mike McGuffin. Since January of 2019 Mr. McGuffin has been a steadfast and committed member of the Zoning Hearing Board donating his time and expertise to the betterment of our community. Mr. McGuffin served as chair for two of his four years on the board. Chairperson Anna Payne thanked Mr. McGuffin for his, "selfless service and positive impact" he had on Middletown Township.

**Recognition of Fire Marshal, Don Harris** 



The Board of Supervisors recognized Don Harris who will retire from service at the end of 2023. Don was hired in January of 2022 as Middletown's interim Director of Fire and Emergency Services. During his tenure, Don assisted the Township with the Fire Services Strategic Plan. Under Don's management, the department applied for and received FEMA and State Pennsylvania Grants for fire gear and breathing apparatus. When Chief Antozzeski was hired in 2023, Don transitioned to the role of Fire Marshal. Ms. Teoli Kuhls, stated that Don was, "exactly what the Township needed, and his impact will be felt for years to come." Mr. Valla, also had a few words to share, stating, "Don was the hero we didn't know we needed."

# **Board of Supervisors Approves 2024 Budget with Focus on Fire Protection Services and Fiscal Responsibility**

The Board of Supervisors took action in December to officially approve the 2024 budget, a comprehensive financial plan with \$41,927,986 in planned operational expenditures and \$6,978,500 in capital expenditures.

One of the noteworthy aspects of the 2024 budget is a 1.455 mill increase in real estate taxes, specifically allocated to support essential fire protection services. This increase, the first since 2010, is deemed crucial to ensure continued support for volunteer fire companies serving Middletown Township and to meet the rising demand for professional staff augmenting the efforts of dedicated volunteers.

The Middletown 2024 Budget allows the Township to continue to provide a high level of service to its residents, noting the following highlights.

#### **Grant Revenue**

·Middletown Township was awarded the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the fifth year in a row in 2023 and received the GFOA *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence* in Financial Reporting for the 19<sup>th</sup> time for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

#### Infrastructure and Equipment

·2023 marked the tenth year of the Township Road Improvement Program and included

the paving of the four Township roads. More than 75 miles of Township roads have been paved since this program began.

#### **Sustainability**

- ·A new three-year electric supply contract took effect in May 2023 with energy from 100% renewable resources.
- ·Middletown Township has been a leader in installation of public electric vehicle charging stations. In 2023, the Township implemented a project, with funding from an AFIG grant, to install four Level-3 DC-Fast electric vehicle charging stations at the Municipal Center.

Click here to view the full 2024 Budget.

# **Welcome Aboard to New Township Employees**

#### **Police Officer Robert Anselmi**

Bobby was born and raised in Langhorne and is a Neshaminy High School Graduate. In the summers, Bobby enjoyed working for Middletown Township Parks and Recreation, where he started out as a camp counselor and then transitioned to Middletown's public works department. Post-high school, Bobby enrolled at Bucks County Community College. His pursuit of knowledge led him to West Chester University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2021. Upon his graduation, Bobby enrolled in the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy and graduated in June 2022. After graduation, he was hired at Bristol Borough Police Department. Officer Robert Anselmi is thrilled to continue to be a testament to the power of community, a beacon of commitment to service, and an embodiment of the principles of the Middletown Township Police Department.

#### **Police Officer Tyler Stanley**

Tyler grew up in Philadelphia and Cheltenham where he met his wife, Kristen. Tyler has always been an active person playing soccer, track and field, basketball, baseball, football, and hockey. Tyler graduated from Father Judge High School in 2012 and wanted to jump right into the police force. However, he did not reach the age requirement and chose to go into the Marine Corps. Tyler went to Parris Island in South Carolina and shortly after continued training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma and completed his artillery training. Tyler came home and then started the academy with the Philadelphia Police Department in December of 2017. Almost 6 years as a police officer and after serving honorably in the Marine Corps, Tyler is honored to continue serving as a police officer but with the community of Middletown now. Officer Tyler Stanley is excited for this next step in his career and is happy to be doing it with the support of his family.

#### **Police Officer Andrew Brady**

Andrew John Brady, born and raised in Wilmington Delaware. Andrew earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania in 2017. While attending Bloomsburg Andrew swam all four years and became an All-American Swimmer junior and senior year. Andrew has one class left until he earns his master's degree in homeland security from Wilmington University. He has been a Police Officer in Wilmington Delaware for the past four and half years. While serving as a police officer in Wilmington he became CIT certified in the summer of 2022. Andrew got married in

August to his wife who is from Bucks County. Officer John Brady is excited to continue his law enforcement career. He is looking forward to having a great career with Middletown Township Police Department.

#### **Public Information Officer Elizabeth Lawson**

Elizabeth Lawson is excited to take the role of the new Public Information Officer. As a Middletown Resident herself she is eager to share Township information to the citizens. Elizabeth is excited to pursue a career in communications as that is something she has always had a passion for. She is coming to us from Lower Makefield Township as their Recreation Program Manager. Elizabeth graduated from Temple University in 2021 with a Degree in Sport and Recreation Management. She is looking forward to this next chapter in her career!

#### 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!

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#### Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Manager

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