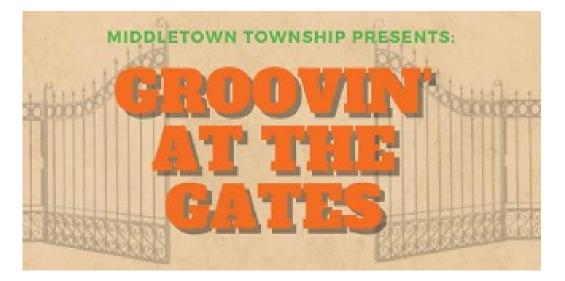
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### Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events!

### First Annual Groovin' at the Gates



Middletown Township is excited to announce "Groovin' at the Gates," a fall community day at Forsythia Crossing Park on October 14th, from 12 PM to 5 PM. Mark your calendars for this must-attend event!

Get ready for live music by The Seven band, delicious food from local food trucks, and craft beers from Aristeaus, Neshaminy Creek, and Moss Mill.

This event is all about bringing the community together to enjoy great music, food, and drinks. It's a perfect day to relax, have fun with friends and neighbors, and soak in the lively atmosphere at Forsythia Crossing Park. Don't miss out on this fantastic day of music, food, and community fun!

#### Join Middletown Township Fire and Emergency Services for the Fire Prevention Expo



The Middletown Township Fire and Emergency Management Department is hosting a Fire Prevention Expo at the Restaurant Depot Parking Lot on Saturday, October 7th, from 9am to 3pm as part of planned activities in the community for Fire Prevention Month.

The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness and help ensure your home and family are protected from the damage of fire.

The Fire and Emergency Management Department will be joined by the four volunteer fire departments that serve Middletown Township: Parkland Fire Company, Penndel Fire Company, William Penn Fire Company, and Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company.

Planned activities include:

- Police, EMS, and fire demonstrations
- Shop from local business vendors
- Fun kids activities including Marshal from Paw Patrol
- Fire truck display
- Temple Med Flight Helicopter
- Bucks County Fire Marshal

### There is Still Time to Register For the Middletown Community Foundation Annual Golf Outing!



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Join the Middletown Community Foundation for the 22nd annual golf outing on Monday, October 2, 2023 at Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland, PA.

A \$200 per golfer entry fee includes golf, cart, on-course refreshments, two meals (lunch and dinner with open bar), and a tournament gift. Or \$900 per foursome - which also includes a hole sponsorship sign. If you are unable to participate as a golfer, sponsorships are available.

All proceeds from the golf outing will go to the Middletown Community Foundation to support the mission of improving the quality of life in the community. Visit <u>www.middletowncf.org</u> for additional details regarding the event or email <u>middletowncf@gmail.com</u> to reserve your golf registration or sponsorship.

# Firefighters' Park Transformed: New Pickleball Courts to be Unveiled to the Community



Firefighters' Park is currently undergoing a substantial transformation to meet the rising demand for pickleball. Originally equipped with two tennis courts and one utility court, these tennis courts had increasingly become popular among pickleball enthusiasts. Recognizing this growing trend, the Township decided to convert these tennis courts into eight dedicated pickleball courts, a move that was driven by community needs.

This project not only caters to the sport's enthusiasts but also serves a practical purpose by managing water runoff effectively. A rain garden has been incorporated into the layout, directing water into a naturalized storm basin. This eco-friendly approach enhances the park's appearance and contributes to responsible water management within the community, aligning with environmental priorities.

The new pickleball courts are equipped with existing lighting, ensuring that they remain well-lit until 10pm. This extension of playing hours enhances the accessibility of the courts, allowing the community to enjoy them at their convenience, even after sunset.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for these courts will take place during Parkland Fest Day on September 30, providing an opportunity for the community to celebrate this significant addition to the park's amenities. It symbolizes the Township's commitment to providing topnotch recreational facilities and fostering community togetherness. As Parkland Fest Day approaches, residents can look forward to enjoying the event as well as the new pickleball courts.

This year's ParklandFest event will feature a variety of vendors from handmade crafts to food and beer. Kids will love the inflatables, fire trucks, and games. There will also be plenty of opportunity for adults to relax and enjoy the event. 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.



**Spots Still Available for Fall Recreation Programs!** 

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation still has open spots in many Fall Recreation programs! 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.

For more information and to register, please visit middletownbucks.org/recdesk.

Shred Event Hosted by State Senator Frank Farry and State Representative Joe Hogan



To help residents guard themselves against identity theft, State Senator Frank Farry and State Representative Joe Hogan will be hosting a free community paper shredding event Saturday, October 14th from 10 am-12 pm in the parking lot of 370 East Maple Avenue, Langhorne. Residents are encouraged to bring documents that contain sensitive information to be thoroughly shredded.

This is a resident only event and there is a two-box limit per household. No registration is required.



#### **Fall Stormwater Tips for Homeowners**

As fall approaches, homeowners should be mindful of stormwater management to protect their properties and the environment. With the changing season comes a shift in weather patterns, including increased rainfall, which can lead to potential stormwater runoff issues. To effectively manage stormwater during the fall, homeowners can employ several strategies.

It's crucial to clear gutters and downspouts of fallen leaves and debris regularly. Leaves can accumulate quickly during the autumn months and block drainage pathways, causing water to overflow and potentially damage your home's foundation. Regular maintenance helps ensure proper water flow and reduces the risk of water seeping into basements or crawlspaces.

Additionally, homeowners can consider installing rain barrels or other rainwater harvesting systems to capture the excess rainwater. This not only helps reduce stormwater runoff but also provides a sustainable source of water for outdoor plants during drier periods.

Furthermore, planting native trees and shrubs in your yard can help absorb excess rainfall and prevent erosion. These plants have deep root systems that enhance soil stability and act as natural sponges to soak up water, minimizing runoff. Overall, taking these steps for stormwater management in the fall can protect your home and contribute to a healthier local ecosystem.

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