

TOWNSHIP OF  
—MIDDLETOWN—  
B U C K S C O U N T Y

### Volunteer Firefighters Needed



Are you ready to make a significant impact on your community and be a hero in times of need? Volunteer firefighters are needed at each of the four dedicated local volunteer fire companies that serve Middletown Township: Pennel, Langhorne-Middletown, Parkland, and William Penn.

These organizations play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of our community. They are comprised of

brave individuals who selflessly dedicate their time and energy to protect their neighbors in times of emergencies.

Why Volunteer? Volunteering as a firefighter is not just a commitment; it's an opportunity to be part of a close-knit community that values service, courage, and teamwork. By joining one of our local fire companies, you'll be contributing to the greater good and making a tangible difference right in your own backyard.

[Click here to learn more about contributing to the safety and well-being of Middletown Township.](#)

### Black History Month

The Board of Supervisors recently declared February as Black History Month in Middletown Township, underscoring the importance of recognizing and celebrating the profound contributions and achievements of Black individuals throughout history.

This dedicated month provides an opportunity for our community to reflect on the rich cultural heritage, resilience, and



remarkable milestones that have shaped the narrative of the Black community. It is a time to honor the countless leaders, visionaries, and unsung heroes who have left an indelible mark on the world, contributing to the progress and inclusivity we cherish today. By acknowledging Black History Month, we collectively affirm our commitment to fostering understanding, appreciation, and unity within Middletown Township.

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## Single Use Plastic Education

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) recently organized an informative session focusing on the environmental impact of single-use plastics. The presentation shed light on diverse strategies employed by communities to diminish their dependence on single-use plastics and how businesses have successfully mitigated plastic waste. The featured speakers included Faran Savitz, who manages PennEnvironment's Zero Waste Program, dedicated to reducing plastic waste in Pennsylvania and Alisa Sharagorodsky, the founder of ECHO Systems, who shared insights gained from her extensive experience in providing environmental sustainability coordination and consulting for various companies across the Tri-State area. For those keen on delving into the details of the presentation and learning more about tackling the issue of single-use plastics, [the recording is accessible for viewing here.](#)

The Board of Supervisors will dedicate a portion of their April 8, 2024 meeting agenda toward discussion of this topic. Residents are encouraged to attend.

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## Save the Date - Earth Day 2024



Middletown Township's yearly Earth Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Core Creek Park! This gathering serves as a reminder that we all play a role as stewards of our environment. The day features live entertainment, local organizations, and businesses showcasing eco-friendly practices, along with giveaways, kid-friendly activities, and more! If you're interested in securing a vendor table for the 2024 event [click here and fill out the form.](#) For any inquiries, reach out to Middletown Parks & Recreation at 215-

750-3890. Join us in fostering a stronger connection to our environment and promoting sustainable practices at this vibrant Earth Day Celebration!

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## Welcome Aboard to New Township Employee

The Middletown Township Police Department recently welcomed Officer Roderic Rocher. Born and raised in

Chicago, Officer Rocher moved to Philadelphia in 2019 to become a Philadelphia Police Officer. During his career with Philadelphia PD, he worked in the 22nd and 15th Districts, two of the busiest police districts in the city. Officer Rocher is an avid runner, running at least 5 miles almost every day, and competing in several road races. He also enjoys traveling to different places throughout the country. Officer Rocher grew up in a bilingual household speaking and understanding Spanish. He has an associate degree from Wilbur Wright Community College in Chicago. Officer Rocher is looking forward to having a great career in Middletown Township.



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## Teen Talent Show Winner



We are thrilled to announce that Middletown resident, Dakota Yates, was crowned the 19th champion of the Teen Talent Show, presented by the Parks and Recreation Department. Dakota's undeniable talent truly shone as she captivated both the audience and judges with her outstanding rendition of Whitney Houston's "I Have Nothing." Heartfelt congratulations to Dakota, as well as all the participants who showcased their incredible talents in this year's Teen Talent Show!

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## Snow Plow Reminders for Winter Weather Safety

As the cold weather is still here, it is important for residents to be prepared for snow and ice. The Department of Public Works employees work hard to keep our roads and residents safe. By following these reminders, you can help make winter weather easier and safer for everyone:

- Be patient.
- Remove vehicles from the streets within one hour of snow beginning to fall until 12 hours after the snow has ended to avoid being fined.
- Remove basketball nets from the street.
- Do not push shoveled snow

into the street.

- Keep a minimum of 200 feet distance when following a snowplow in your vehicle.

For more information, please visit



[www.middletownbucks.org/snow](http://www.middletownbucks.org/snow).

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## Alan Welsh Promoted to Fire Marshal



Middletown Township is proud to announce the promotion of Alan Welsh to the position of Fire Marshal. Alan has been with the Township for eight years, serving in the roles of firefighter and fire inspector. He also possesses 24 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter with Nottingham Fire Company. Alan stated, "I am excited for growth in my fire career and to learn more material that will help

Middletown Township grow in Fire and Emergency Services." Congratulations to Alan on this well-deserved promotion; we look forward to his continued contributions to the safety and well-being of Middletown Township residents and businesses.

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## 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](http://MTGo.co)!

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