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Board of Supervisors Meeting Recap: Celebrations, Swear-Ins, and More



The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors met on October 21, 2024, with the Lower Bucks Youth Singers kicking things off by performing the national anthem. The meeting featured several key moments:

- Officers Cristian Fernandez and Trevor McDonald were officially welcomed to the Middletown Police Department. Officer Fernandez and Officer McDonald are excited to begin their roles in protecting and serving the residents of Middletown, continuing the department's tradition of excellence in law enforcement. You can read more about their backgrounds and journeys below.

- The Board proudly recognized Betty Stout's remarkable milestone of turning 101 years old. Born on September 30, 1923, in Trenton, New Jersey, Betty has lived a century filled with wisdom, resilience, and vibrant experiences. She enjoyed a successful career with the Trenton Banking Company and married her beloved husband Ralph in 1947. Together, they shared a life filled with joy, dancing, and a passion for bridge. A devoted member of her faith community, Betty continues to attend services at Pennswood. As a proud grandmother and great-grandmother, she remains an inspiration to her family and all who know her. On behalf of Middletown Township, we extend our warmest wishes to Betty for a joyous 101st birthday.
- The Middletown Township Human Relations Commission (HRC) recommended a proclamation recognizing Disability Employment Awareness Month. Middletown Township Board of Supervisors proudly acknowledges the significant contributions that workers with disabilities bring to our workplaces and the economy. The HRC remains dedicated to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the community, reaffirming Middletown's ongoing commitment to ensuring individuals with disabilities have access to meaningful employment opportunities year-round.
- Fire Chief Don Harris delivered an informative presentation on the history and current state of fire protection in Middletown Township. Chief Harris outlined the evolution of fire services. He highlighted the importance of community involvement, the dedication of volunteer firefighters, and the ongoing efforts to ensure fire safety and preparedness. The Fire Companies in Middletown face challenges such as recruitment, retention, and funding, emphasizing the need for continued support from both the Township and residents to maintain a strong, responsive fire service. To view the full presentation, [click here](#) or to fill out the volunteer application, [click here](#).

Looking ahead, Middletown Township will hold its next Budget Workshop on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., and the next Board of Supervisors meeting will take place on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m..

Stay Safe this Halloween Safety Tips from the Middletown Township Police Department

As Halloween quickly approaches us, it's important to remember the holiday brings serious safety risks. We encourage you to share safety tips with your kids to keep your family safe and have a fun and spooky



Halloween!

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

2. Always walk on sidewalks or

paths when available.

3. Don't approach any houses with their lights off.

4. If you can, it's best to trick or treat in a group and not alone

5. Make sure costumes can be seen. Carry around a glow stick or flashlight to ensure you are seen by drivers.

6. Inspect treats before indulging. Discard any treats that aren't sealed or are expired.

Election Day



Everything you need to know about voting in the General Election on November 5, 2024. The deadline to register has passed.

The [Buck County Voters](#) page is your best resource for election information.

Mail-In & Absentee Ballots

The last day to **apply** for a Mail-In or Absentee Ballot is **Tuesday, October 29 by 5:00PM**.

- [Complete your mail-in or absentee ballot online](#)
- [Check the status](#) of your mail-in or absentee ballot application

You have three options to return your ballot:

- Drop it in the mail via USPS, FedEx, etc.
- [Click here to view locations of secure ballot drop box](#)
- [Click here to view locations of voter service offices](#)

Polling Locations

[Click here to see Bucks County Polling Locations](#). Polling places will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 5. If you are in line by 8:00PM, you are eligible to vote!

What to do with Fall Foliage – Other Than Leaving Leaves in Storm Drains

Fall is marked by falling temperatures, falling rain, and falling leaves. While stormwater systems are prepared for increases in the volume of water, the added leaf litter can aggravate the treatment process and overwhelm systems. The main issue with fall foliage in a stormwater system is that leaf litter contributes to harmful chemicals in our water.



By looking for ways to use leaves at home, you can help minimize these issues. Some of these things include:

- Mulching flower beds or around trees with the leaves
- Add leaves to your compost pile
- Fertilize your lawn naturally by mowing your leaves
- Rake them up and put them out for collection

If you can't find a way to use all of your leaves and need to put them out for collection, keep them out of the street. If you have a storm sewer inlet in front of your house, be sure to keep it clear of leaves and other debris.

Welcome Aboard: Meet Middletown's Newest Additions



Alyssa Todd- Building and Zoning Code Administrator

Alyssa Todd grew up in Bensalem and now proudly resides in Middletown. A graduate of Neshaminy High School, Alyssa's journey has been defined by her unique blend of skills and commitment to growth. For over 11 years, she refined her customer service abilities as a server at Texas Roadhouse, while simultaneously nurturing her passion for construction. In May 2024, she achieved a significant milestone, graduating from the Carpenter's Union.

Eager to continue advancing her career, Alyssa joined the Middletown Township Building and Zoning Department with the goal of pursuing certifications and ultimately becoming a building inspector. As a resident of Middletown, she's excited to contribute to the community she calls home, while continuing her professional journey in this new role.



Dana Herman – Building and Zoning Code Administrator

Dana Herman was raised in Warrington and is a proud alumna of Central Bucks High School West. Her career began at the Doylestown Courthouse, where she worked in the Office of Jury Selection Commission for 10 years, serving the Bucks County community. It was there that Dana met her husband. In 2009, they settled in Middletown Township, embracing the local community.

With deep roots in Bucks County, Dana brings a wealth of experience to her new role with the Middletown Township Building and Zoning Department. Celebrating 15 years of marriage this February, Dana enjoys gardening, spontaneous road trips, and spending time with her nine nieces and nephews. She looks forward to making a positive impact in her new role and is excited to contribute to the Middletown community.



Cristian Fernandez – Police Officer

Cristian Fernandez is a dedicated law enforcement professional with a decade of experience, including 10 years of service with the Philadelphia Police Department. His passion for Public Safety began at the age of 15 as a Police Explorer, which is where he honed his commitment to community service and developed a deep understanding of the importance of trust and collaboration between law enforcement and the community. Cristian is devoted to advocating for those in need and building strong, positive relationships with the people he serves. A proud father of two, he values spending quality time with his family and enjoys boating and traveling, which helps him maintain a balance and fulfilling life.



Trevor McDonald – Police Officer

Trevor McDonald is a proud lifelong resident of Middletown Township and a graduate of Neshaminy High School. He recently completed his training at the Temple University Police Academy, graduating on October 11th. Before embarking on his law enforcement career, Trevor served as a Community Service Officer for Middletown Police Department and furthered his education at West Chester University. Passionate about sports and physical fitness, he thrives on staying active and engaged. Trevor comes from a large, close-knit family that remains the cornerstone of his life, reflecting his strong commitment to community and family values.

Garden Clean-Up



Join Middletown Township Parks and Recreation for a Fall Garden Clean-up **tomorrow, October 26th!** 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! If you are interested, [please register here.](#)

November Holiday Closures: Plan Ahead!

Please be advised that the Middletown Township Municipal Building will be closed on the following dates in November:

- **Election Day – Tuesday, November 5**
(open for voting)
- **Veterans Day – Monday, November 11**
- **Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28**
- **Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29**



In case of an emergency, please dial 911. For non-emergencies, services will resume on the next business day. Thank you for your understanding!

Support Shop with a Cop – Bring Joy to Local Families This

Holiday Season!



Help make the holidays brighter for children in need by supporting Middletown Community Foundations' 9th annual Shop with a Cop event! This program pairs police officers with local children facing significant challenges, giving them the chance to shop for gifts for their loved ones. The event promotes positive relationships between children and law enforcement, while spreading holiday cheer. Your generous donations make this event possible, **click here for the donation form** or you can Venmo at @MCFBucks to donate. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$350. Please contact Officer Melissa Robison at 215-750-3876 or **mrobison@mtpd.org** for more information.

MTGo!



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To make your request, visit MTGo.co!

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