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Senior Center to Host Vaccine Clinic on April 28th

The Middletown Township Senior Citizens Association is partnering with Rite Aid to hold a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Wednesday, April 28th. Rite Aid plans to distribute the two-shot Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.



Please fill out [this vaccination interest form](#) for one individual. If more than one person needs a COVID-19 vaccine, please fill out the form again for each additional person. Please respond to the form by Friday, April 23, 2021.

Filling out this form does not guarantee a COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals completing this form will be contacted by phone to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be booked until none are available. As this is a one-time clinic, anyone who is unable to attend this clinic should continue to pursue other means to obtain a vaccine.

Clean Up a Park in Honor of Earth Day 2021

Happy Earth Day! Get out and celebrate Earth Day this year with



Middletown Parks & Recreation!
We are hosting a park clean up and are asking for volunteers from neighborhoods in surrounding areas of 5 of our community parks to get involved. Clean ups will be held at:

- Middletown Community Park
- Cobalt Ridge/Quincy Hollow Green Belt
- Twin Oaks Park
- Forsythia Crossing Park & Greenbelt
- Firefighters' Park

To register for a particular location, please visit www.middletownbucks.org/recdesk or call 215-750-3890 to sign up as a volunteer! Working together we can continue to make Middletown Township a great place to live!

"Earth Day is a yearly reminder to us to take care of our planet and our communities," said Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Chairperson Tom Tosti. "Especially in this last year when many of us have been using our parks more than ever before, this is a great opportunity to give back and to keep them clean."

The volunteers who clean up the most trash at their location will receive environmentally friendly prizes courtesy of The Diane Loomis Team! We ask that all participants please wear masks and try to socially distance as best as you can from volunteers who are outside your immediate household group. Trash bags and gloves will be provided to volunteers.

Tell Us How We Can Be Green by Taking the Climate Action Survey Today!

We are gearing up for a greener future. The Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is hard at work developing the Middletown Township's Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP), which will serve as a guide over the next several years and decades to our local leaders about how to



implement a variety of programs, information campaigns, operational purchases, etc. moving forward, all aimed at reducing our community's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.

Your feedback will help us build this critical plan. If you are interested in reducing the community's impact to the environment, or if you have an idea for a project or initiative we can act on, drop us a line in the survey! To take the survey, visit www.middletownbucks.org/ClimateSurvey.

"We are always working to do more to educate the community about how we can take responsibility for the environment," said Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Vice Chairperson Anna Payne. "The Climate Action Plan will make sure we are focusing our community's resources in the most effective ways possible."

In its second year, LCAP is a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) aimed at assisting municipalities with gauging and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The cost of the program is underwritten by the US Department of Energy State Energy Program (SEP), making it free to the municipalities. Middletown Township is the first and only community to ever participate in the LCAP program. A full press release about this program is available [here](#).

Supervisors Rename Area Bridges in Honor of Late Local Veterans

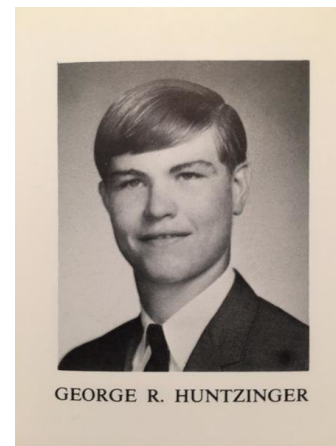


On April 5th, 2021, the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors renamed two bridges for area veterans who lost their lives serving the United States during the Vietnam War.

The first bridge being renamed was to commemorate Private First-Class (PFC) George Raymond Huntzinger, a Lower Southampton resident and member of the US Marine Corps, who lost his life on October 29, 1969, in the Vietnam War. With a concurrent resolution by Lower Southampton Township,

the Brownsville Road bridge over the Neshaminy Creek was renamed as the PFC George Raymond Huntzinger Bridge. This bridge was chosen as he lived nearby. Upon completion of a PennDOT project on the bridge, it will be re-signed in PFC Huntzinger's honor.

A second bridge carrying Hulmeville Avenue over a railway connects the Boroughs of PennDel and Langhorne Manor through a small stretch of Middletown Township. The bridge will be renamed in honor of PFC John Elton Candy, a resident of Middletown Township and a member US Marine Corps. He lost his life during the Vietnam War on October 11, 1968, at the age of 20 years old after only one week in the line of duty. The bridge is currently under construction by PennDOT.



The Board of Supervisors would like to thank Ed Preston for his hard work in recognizing our local Vietnam War veterans.

The Low-Down on Stormwater Management



What is stormwater management?

Stormwater management is the reduction in runoff of rainwater or melted snow into streets, lawns and other areas to protect the water quality of our local waterways. In a natural, undeveloped environment, rain falls on the ground and evaporates, or is absorbed into the

soil. When stormwater is absorbed into the soil, it is filtered of most pollutants and percolates into underground aquifers which also supply our streams, creeks and lakes.

However, when heavy rain or melting snow cannot soak into the ground, the excess water runs across the surface into storm sewers and roadways. This running water picks up debris, chemicals, bacteria, eroded soil, and other pollutants and dumps directly into our waterways.

Homeowners can help with stormwater runoff by developing a simple stormwater management plan for their property. Doing small things to manage stormwater runoff has a positive effect by minimizing flooding and keeps our waterways clean and pollutant free.

Start a plan to manage stormwater on your property today. The

[Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater](#) and [Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Best Management Practices](#) will help you get started. For more information, please visit our [stormwater management webpage](#).

Human Relations Commission Launches Webpage, Now Accepting Complaints

The Middletown Township Human Relations Commission (HRC) is dedicated to promoting the value of diversity and addressing discrimination based on age, race, color, gender identity, religion, creed, culture, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin and mental or physical disability. Get the latest event information and resources from the HRC by visiting their webpage at www.middletownbucks.org/hrc.



To file a complaint with the HRC, please submit a completed [complaint form](#) to hrc@middletownbucks.org.

Employment Opportunities in Finance Department, Township Manager's Office



Middletown Township is currently recruiting for a full-time Executive Assistant in the Township Manager's Office and a part-time Finance Clerk. Candidates for both positions should be looking to work in an active, fast-paced organization with an opportunity to grow.

Both positions include competitive compensation. Anyone with the ability to work as a team player in a fast-paced environment is encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply for these positions is Monday, May 3, 2021.

For more information about this position and for instructions on how to apply, please visit www.middletownbucks.org/jobs. Middletown Township is an equal opportunity employer.

Stopping Spotted Lanternflies Before They Return

Now is also one of the best times of the year to stop that bad new bug, the spotted lanternfly, before it gets started. This imported bug with the 70-plant appetite (especially grapes and maple, walnut, birch, beech, cherry, and willow trees) is currently in its overwintering egg stage.



Lanternfly egg masses look like a gray smear of mud with a waxy covering. Scout your property to see if any egg masses are on tree trunks, firewood, stones, outdoor furniture, or for that matter, any solid, flat surface.

By smashing or otherwise getting rid of the masses, you can eliminate anywhere from 30 to 50 new lanternflies per mass. Penn State Extension recommends scraping the egg masses into jars or plastic bags with a small amount of alcohol or hand sanitizer in order to kill the eggs. Just scraping them off and letting the masses drop to the ground won't do the trick.

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