

TOWNSHIP OF
— MIDDLETOWN —
BUCKS COUNTY

Trash Service Alert

Trash will not be collected Thursday, February 18, 2021, due to the winter storm.

Trash collection will resume on Friday, February 19. Residents throughout the Township are asked to place their trash containers on Friday and leave it until it is collected. Some collections may not occur until Saturday.



Residents are encouraged to monitor the [Township's website](#) for further updates or changes.

If you experience an issue beyond Saturday, please call Waste Management at 1 (800) 255-8479. When calling, please use the phrase "Middletown Township, Bucks County."

Winter Weather Reminders



With an active winter hitting our area, residents are advised to remember their responsibilities after a winter storm passes through.

VEHICLES

Vehicles must be moved off of roadways within one hour after the beginning of a winter storm. Vehicles are to remain off the road until at least 12 hours after a winter storm ends. This assures ample space for snowplows to properly clear roadways.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks in front of homes must be cleared of snow and ice by homeowners within 24 hours after a winter storm ends. Homeowners are responsible for clearing all sidewalks on their property, even if it is not directly in front of the home. As icing can occur as snow melts, it is advised that homeowners apply salt to sidewalks to reduce the hazard to pedestrians. When clearing sidewalks and driveways, please remember that depositing any snow onto the road is prohibited.

FIRE HYDRANTS

After a snow storm, please clear a three-foot radius around all fire hydrants and a path from the hydrant to the street. This allows emergency responders to have immediate access to hydrants during a fire. When a fire hydrant is buried in snow, it takes precious time for fire responders to access it.

STREETS

When appropriate, the Middletown Township Department of Public Works applies rock salt and/or salt brine to roadways to slow the accumulation of snow. Our crews work hard to clear Township roads of snow during and after a winter storm ends. All neighborhoods are cleared simultaneously. Please allow up to 12 hours after a winter storm ends for snow to be cleared. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is responsible for clearing snow on state roads.

Middletown Township Police Department
Earns Fourth Consecutive PLEAC
Accreditation

The Middletown Township Police Department was successfully reaccredited through December 2023 by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC), one of the highest achievements available to police departments. A police department with the PLEAC Accreditation means they exhibit the best practices and standards in law enforcement.



This is MTPD's fourth accreditation by PLEAC. Upon receiving one more accreditation in three years, MTPD will be considered a tenured accredited police department, reflective of MTPD's long-term commitment to excellence in law enforcement.

"This accreditation confirms what our residents have known all along," said Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Chairperson Tom Tosti. "MTPD is one of the best law enforcement agencies in the county."

We would like to recognize Officers Megan Freer and Melissa Robison, Sergeant Bob Weber, Lieutenant Ken Mellus, Captain Pete Feeney, and Chief Joe Bartorilla for their diligent work in reaching this high mark.

Pre-Register for the COVID-19 Vaccine



The Bucks County Health Department is accepting pre-registrations for the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinations are occurring as adequate supplies are received, and may be delayed due to nationwide shortages.

Bucks County is currently on Phase 1A of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's vaccine distribution plan. In this category, healthcare workers, people over the age of 65, and adults with select pre-existing conditions are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. A comprehensive list of classes in each vaccination group is available [here](#).

Residents can sign up to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Phases 1A, 1B, and 1C. Sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine [here](#).

Middletown Township is not directly involved with the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Summer Recreation Registration Now Available

Middletown Township Parks & Recreation is planning for another year of safe and socially-distant Summer Recreation. Summer Rec is scheduled to run this summer for eight weeks, from June 21st to August 13th. Our 2021 offerings are limited: you can register for all 8-weeks, the first 4-weeks, or the last 4-weeks. Children must be born on or before June 21, 2015, so that they are at least six years old when our program starts.



If you registered for a class with us in the past, you may already have an account with us. To learn about how you can find your account, please click [here](#).

For more information about our class offerings, or to sign up your child, please visit www.middletownbucks.org/programs. If you require any assistance, please contact [Patrick Graham](#).

Township Earns 17th Financial Report Award



In February, Middletown Township received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financial

Officers Association (GFOA) for its 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This award is the Township's 8th consecutive

and 17th lifetime CAFR award.

This award represents a significant achievement reflective of a commitment by the Township to meeting the highest principles of governmental financial management and transparency. The Township completes a financial report each year after the end of the fiscal year.

"Middletown remains committed to financial transparency," said Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Vice Chairperson Anna Payne. "We are proud of the continued great work of our Finance staff to carrying out this commitment."

The Township's Finance staff is working hard to complete the 2020 CAFR in line with the GFOA's award standards.

Middletown Community Foundation Offers Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the Middletown Community Foundation Scholarship Program. Since 2002, the Middletown Community Foundation has awarded 172 scholarships totaling \$176,000 to Middletown Township High School Seniors in recognition of their service to improve our communities.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Eligible students must reside in Middletown Township, have participated in community service throughout their high school careers and be attending a college, university or trade/vocational school to further their education.

Applications must be submitted and postmarked by May 7, 2021 and must include the application form (click on links below for form) and a 250-500 word essay detailing the student's community service. More submission details are on the form.

Completed applications and essays should be mailed by May 7, 2021 to:

Middletown Community Foundation
PO Box 1128
Langhorne, PA 19047

The application is available [here](#). For more information, please visit

Redevelopment Authority Awards More Than \$450,000 in Grants to Township for Public Safety



Middletown Township received four grants from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (RDA) Municipal Grant Program to purchase public safety vehicles, equipment, and improve a fire station. The Township received grants for police and public works vehicles totaling \$274,093. Two additional grants submitted by the Township were awarded to the Parkland Fire Company and the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company in the amount of \$194,883 for a fire station generator and breathing equipment. The Township's applications brought in a total of \$468,976 to our local first responder agencies.

The Municipal Grant Program provides funding to communities in lower Bucks County each year for projects to improve public safety and infrastructure. Funds from the grant program are generated by the Parx Casino in Bensalem Township. The 2021 Municipal Grant Program awarded a total of \$2,780,361 to Middletown Township and the surrounding communities.

Middletown Township thanks the Bucks County RDA for their continued support of the Township and to improving public safety and infrastructure in the community.

Remembering Detective Christopher Jones

On January 29, we remembered Detective Christopher Jones on the 12th anniversary of his passing. He served in the Middletown Township Police Department for 10 years. He

spent his last moments with us doing what he loved - protecting his community.

Route 1 in southeastern Pennsylvania is named Detective Christopher Jones Memorial Highway in his honor and memory. Our thoughts are with his family and the community today as we continue to celebrate his life and legacy.



A small memorial was held last month by his fellow officers of the Middletown Township Police Department.

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