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Supervisors Tosti, Payne, and Quirple to Lead Board in 2021

During the reorganization meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors held on Monday, January 4, Supervisor Tom Tosti was appointed to lead the Board of Supervisors as Chairperson in 2021.



Supervisor Tosti returns to the leadership role having served previously as Chairperson in 2019.

"I am excited to return as Chairperson in 2021," said Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Chairperson Tom Tosti. "I look forward to continuing the great work we do for the community."

Supervisor Tosti was also recently appointed as Chairman of the Bucks County Planning Commission for 2021.

Elected in 2019, Supervisor Anna Payne will serve as Vice Chairperson and Supervisor Dawn Quirple will serve as Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

During the reorganization meeting, several residents were appointed to serve on advisory boards and commissions. The <u>2021 Board of Supervisors meeting schedule</u> was also approved.

We congratulate the supervisors and the residents appointed to advisory board positions for their new roles. We would also like to thank the outgoing resident advisory board members, as well as Supervisor Mike Ksiazek for his leadership as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors in 2020.

"There is an incredible amount of coordination and collaboration that goes on behind the scenes," said Supervisor Amy Strouse. "What Mike was able to accomplish as Board Chair allowed us not only to survive, but thrive; Middletown was lucky to have you."

"Looking back, it was an incredible, positive year for Middletown Township," said Supervisor Mike Ksaizek. "I've never been prouder of the Township than I was this year."

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, January 19. This meeting will be held virtually. For information on how to view or participate in this meeting, and to stay informed about future meetings of the Board of Supervisors during the pandemic, please visit www.middletownbucks.org/TownshipSafe.

NOTE: The photo in this article was taken in January 2020.

Yard Waste, Christmas Tree Collection Ends January 27th



Wednesday, January 27, 2021, will be the last eligible day to dispose of yard waste for the winter. Yard waste will resume on Wednesdays in April.

Christmas trees can be placed at the curb for collection on Wednesdays throughout the month of January. The last day

Christmas trees will be collected is on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Christmas trees should not be placed in a bag or box, and cannot contain any lights or decorations.

For more information about our sanitation services, please visit https://www.middletownbucks.org/Trash.

Parks & Recreation Launches New Program Registration Software

Register for Parks & Recreation programs in the new year using our brand-new system! This new user-friendly platform allows you to sign

you and your family up quickly and easily for our programs. To access this new program, please click here.

Winter exercise programs are available five days per week. These programs include Tai Chi, Yoga, and Zumba. All sessions will run for seven (7) weeks and will be \$35 to register.



For information on how to sign up in our new system, please visit https://www.middletownbucks.org/Programs.

NOTE: The photo in this article was taken in 2018.

Renovating Your Home? Here's What You Need to Know



Are you planning on finally getting a new deck or updating your kitchen? Don't forget these tips as you get your project started.

PERMITS

Most large renovation and construction projects require a permit before starting. Obtaining a permit assures the work being

performed is safe and up to code. A list of projects typically requiring permits is available on our website. When in doubt, it is always best to call the Department of Building & Zoning to see what is required before beginning your project.

DUMPSTERS

If you plan to get a dumpster as you begin your next home project, remember that dumpsters cannot be placed on public streets, and must be placed in your driveway. Not only does this assure adequate street parking, but it allows emergency vehicles to navigate during their response.

INSPECTIONS

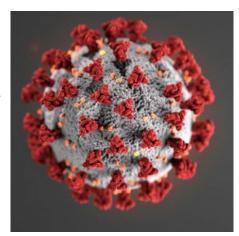
If a permit is required for your project, you may be required to have an inspection completed. Inspections assure that the work complete is safe and in line with building codes. Be sure to ask about inspections

during the permit application process.

New Free COVID-19 Testing Locations Opening in Newtown, Bristol

Bucks County has launched three new free, drive-thru COVID-19 testing locations available through the month of January. The testing sites will be held at the Bucks County Community College campuses in Newtown, Bristol, and Perkasie. Testing sites will be open now through January 31, 2021.

At these new testing sites, prescriptions and insurance will not be required.



The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, dry cough, and fatigue. Less common symptoms that may affect some patients include loss of taste or smell, aches and pains, headache, sore throat, nasal congestion, red eyes, diarrhea or skin rash.

A full list of COVID-19 testing locations in our area is available through the County's website.

Winter Weather Reminders



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 by homeowners within 24 hours after a winter storm ends.

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.

Sign Up for Woofapalooza 2021!

The <u>Middletown Community Foundation</u> is hosting Woofapalooza 2021 to sponsor a new K-9 office for the Middletown Township Police Department.

Throughout the month of January, racers can accumulate their race miles all while supporting this great cause.

Funds generated by this event may also be used to support local students attending summer camp.



For more information and to sign up for Woofapalooza 2021, please visit the <u>Woofapalooza event page</u>.

Stay Informed About the Changes Coming to Route 1



Learn More About the Changes Coming to Route 1

Construction by PennDOT on the Route 1 Superhighway continues just across the Middletown Township border in Bensalem Township. Updates on upcoming road closures related to this project are available from the <u>Bucks County Transportation Management Association (TMA)</u>.

The US-1 improvements in Route 1 are expected to continue for several

years. For more information about the current and future construction coming to Route 1, please visit <u>us1bucks.com</u>.

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