

TOWNSHIP OF
—MIDDLETOWN—
BUCKS COUNTY

Report Potholes to MTGo!

As we thaw out from winter, potholes will begin to appear on roadways. If you see a road issue, report it to our crews to address, report it to [MTGo!](#)

Potholes are caused by loosened chunks of pavement. During the wintertime, continual freezing and defrosting of water causes cracks to form



and worsen, leading to potholes. Potholes can pose dangerous driving conditions for motorists.

The Middletown Township Department of Public Works repairs all Township-owned roads (primarily residential roads). The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is responsible for repairing potholes on state roads (through roads and highways). [A list of state roads is available on our website.](#) To report an issue on a state road to PennDOT, please visit the [PennDOT Customer Care Center website](#), or call 1-800-FIX-ROAD.

COVID-19 Vaccines 100% Effective Against Death and Hospitalization

As more Pennsylvanians become eligible to receive the COVID-19



vaccine in the coming weeks, it is important to be equipped with the vax-facts. **The most important fact:** COVID-19 vaccines approved in the United States are 100% effective at preventing hospitalization and death from

COVID-19.

Currently, Bucks County is working to vaccinate residents eligible in the "1A" category. This category includes healthcare workers, individuals with select pre-existing conditions, and those over the age of 65. This is subject to change at any time by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Bucks County is currently accepting pre-registrations for individuals in the 1A, 1B, and 1C vaccination categories. To read more about which category you qualify for, a comprehensive list of categories in each vaccination group is available [here](#). To sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine, please click [here](#).

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

Middletown Community Foundation Sponsors Fourth Police K-9

The [Middletown Community Foundation](#) has been able to provide a grant for the Middletown Township Police Department to purchase, train, and equip a new police K-9 dog. K-9 Jax will join the force in the fall with Officer Kevin Eckenrode. Jax will be trained as an explosive detection dog.



Officer Eckenrode's current longtime K-9 partner Nyxx will be retiring as Jax completes training.

Middletown Community Foundation President Jim Merrill, a township resident and CEO of Inspire Federal Credit Union, presented the police department with the \$10,000 donation for Jax at Monday evening's Middletown Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

Police and Township officials celebrated the nonprofit organization's donation and welcomed the new patrol dog.



"The things that the foundation does in this community doesn't go unnoticed by this board," Supervisors Chairperson Tom Tosti said, adding the Middletown Community Foundation has supported a number of programs for the community, including the popular Shop with a Cop program, a scholarship, and other community service work.

"We are made up of a volunteer board of directors who fulfill the task and the mission of the foundation. Our goal is very simple: Improve the quality of life in Middletown Township, the community we're proud to call home," Merrill said.

K-9 Jax is the fourth police dog the Middletown Community Foundation has helped fund.

Officer Mary Alice Felt's K-9 Fitz, Officer Troy Clawson's K-9 Kratos, and Officer Steve Andrew's K-9 Jester came to the township with support from the foundation.

Take the Climate Action Survey!



Middletown Township and the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) are preparing the Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP), and we want to hear from you! Your feedback will help us build the LCAP, a strategic plan for climate excellence in the coming years. 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!

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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 (GHG) 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](#).

Summer Recreation Registration Now Available

With many vacation options being cancelled over the past year due to COVID-19 restrictions, recreational vehicle (RV) sales and first-time RV buyers have increased dramatically. In order to help those who are new to RVing, as well as long time RV'ers, MTPD will be offering several RV inspection and education opportunities.



Traffic Safety and Commercial Vehicle Inspection Officers will inspect RVs and towing vehicles for any safety concerns including weighing the camping units to ensure they are following weight requirements and provide advice and guidance on how to correct any safety concerns discovered. MTPD will not be issuing citations for any violations noted, but rather will educate and inform RV'ers of potential safety concerns so they may remedy them.

The inspections will be held in the front parking lot of the Middletown Township Police Department building at 5 Municipal Way on Saturday, April 10th, from 8am until 4pm. Inspections will take about 30 minutes and will be scheduled by appointment in order to minimize wait times. If you have any questions about this program or would like to schedule an inspection time for April 10th, please contact Captain Pete Feeney at 215-750-3879 or pfeeney@mtpd.org.

Township Changes Rental Inspection Program

The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors recently amended its ordinance on inspections for



rental units. The new ordinance requires apartment units or any rental dwelling to be inspected every two years, or before a new tenant moves in. These inspections will check assure that all rented living spaces meet the livable standards identified in the

Township's ordinances.

This change merges two existing apartment inspection programs into one streamlined effort. These inspections will be performed on the Township's more than 3,700 apartment units and any other rented dwelling space.

The ordinance also requires owners, landlords, property managers to obtain an inspection and Certificate of Approval prior to the rental of a Rental Dwelling to a new or initial tenant. All inspections will be conducted by the Department of Building & Zoning, or the Department of Fire & Emergency Management. This inspection program will begin in April 2021.

Chickens & Bees Not Allowed on Most Residential Properties

In Middletown Township, chickens are not allowed on most properties. [Chapter 500 of the Middletown Township Code of Ordinances](#) states that chickens (as well as bee boxes) are only permitted on properties larger than 10 acres in the Residence Agriculture zoning district, or zones RA-1, RA-2, and RA-3.



To report chickens or bee boxes in other zones of the Township, please [contact Code Enforcement Officer Sandy Morgan](#).

For assistance in relocating chickens, please [contact Animal Control Officer Cheyenne Keen](#).

Shred Event on Saturday, April 17th



The Middletown Township Shred Event will be returning on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at the Oxford Valley Mall from 9AM to Noon. Each vehicle will be allowed to bring papers to be shred on site. A limit of two (2) file boxes of papers will be accepted. This event is sponsored by Inspire Federal Credit Union, and shredding will be free for

all Middletown Township residents as well as people in the Inspire Federal Credit Union service area.

Participants are instructed to stay inside their vehicle and wear a facemask throughout the event. Papers are to be placed in boxes in the vehicle's trunk. Event staff will handle the boxes and return the empty boxes to your vehicle.

Interested participants are instructed to enter the Oxford Valley Mall property at the 4th Street entrance off of Woodbourne Road. Please follow all posted directional signage and the instruction of event staff. Residents with questions are instructed to contact [Middletown Township Parks & Recreation Director Paul Kopera](#).

Bucks County Hosts Household Hazardous Waste Event

Bucks County will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event on Saturday, April 3, 2021. The event will be held at Bucks County Community College (275 Swamp Road) in Newtown. The event will be held from 9 AM to 3 PM and is free for all Bucks County residents.



[Pre-registration is required. Click here to sign up.](#)

Household hazardous waste can include chemical-based products used in the home, such as drain cleaners, polishes, oil-based paints, and aerosols. A full list of acceptable items can be found [here](#).

Please visit the [Bucks County HHW webpage](#) to learn more about safety measures in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More household hazardous waste events are planned in 2021. To learn more, please [check this flyer](#).

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