

TOWNSHIP OF  
— MIDDLETOWN —  
BUCKS COUNTY

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## Celebrate Safe this Holiday Season!

As cases of COVID-19 are surging in our area, Middletown Township residents are advised to take extra precautions this holiday season amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued [guidance](#)

[to the public about holiday gatherings](#). Please review these guidelines and discuss with your family about alternative ways to Celebrate Safe this holiday season.



Key guidelines to follow this Thanksgiving include limiting gatherings of people from multiple households, avoiding gatherings in crowded or poorly ventilated areas, and wearing facemasks at all times.

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## Shop Middletown This Holiday Season!

Support local businesses this holiday season by Shopping Middletown! A list of businesses in Middletown Township is available in the [Business Directory on our website](#).

"Buying local supports your friends, neighbors, and community," said Middletown



Township Supervisor Anna Payne. "When you buy from a local business, your neighbor's kids can go to camp, your friend has a job, and your money gets reinvested in the community."

Businesses can join the business directory by filling out [this form](#). Only businesses located in Middletown Township will be added.

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## Thanksgiving Trash Schedule

There will be no trash collection on Thursday, November 26, 2020, in observance of Thanksgiving. For residents whose trash is regularly collected on Thursdays, trash will be collected on your next scheduled collection day, Monday, November 30th. Double trash, up to 20 containers, may be put out for collection on Monday, November 30th. Collection on any other day will not be interrupted.



Trash will not be collected on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2020.

*If your normal collection day is Thursday...*

**Trash will be collected next on Monday, 11/30.**

**Residents may put out twice as many trash containers on Monday, 11/30.**



If you experience any issues with your trash collection, please call Waste Management at 1-800-255-8479. When calling, say you are from "Middletown Township, Bucks County."

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## Supervisors Pass Preliminary 2021 Budget with No Tax Increase



**2021  
Budget**

Now Available for Public Inspection



The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors voted Monday, November 16, to preliminarily approve the 2021 Budget and to advertise it for public inspection. The 2021 Budget is available at the Municipal Center and online at

[www.middletonbucks.org/2021Budget](http://www.middletonbucks.org/2021Budget). The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the final 2021 Budget on Monday, December 7.

Middletown Township is pleased to present a balanced budget with no proposed tax increases for 2021. 0.20 mills of Real Estate Tax are proposed to be shifted from the Street Lighting Fund to the General Fund to offset anticipated lean revenues in 2021. This shift will not change the overall tax rate to residents. Middletown Township has not raised Real Estate Taxes in 10 years.

"We are proud to deliver a balanced budget with no tax increase this year," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Mike Ksiazek. "For those among us who have struggled financially in 2020, a tax increase is a big deal. Holding the line on taxes is a welcome point of stability."

The 2021 Budget proposes \$36.7 million in expenditures and \$6.4 million in capital improvements.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, staff and the Board of Supervisors have carefully been monitoring revenues and cutting expenditures. Despite nearly \$3 million in lost revenue, the Township's efforts minimized the impact to \$1.9 million. In 2021, a transfer of \$1.1 million from the Investment Fund to the General Fund will balance the 2021 Budget.

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## Middletown Township Earns Second Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Middletown Township for its 2020 Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. The Township is one of 15 governmental bodies in Pennsylvania to earn this achievement.



In addition to this award, Middletown Township also receives the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Middletown Township is one of 11 governmental bodies, less than 1%, in

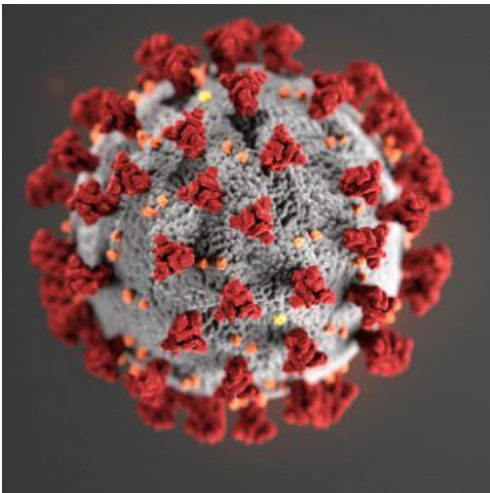
Pennsylvania to earn both budget and audit awards.

"Middletown Township is takes great pride in its financial management and transparency with the community," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Mike Ksiazek. "We prepare our budget so staff, the Supervisors, and the public are better informed and can make better decisions."

Middletown Township is receiving this award for the second consecutive year. The 2021 Budget has been prepared in accordance with GFOA's criteria and will be submitted upon final adoption by the Board of Supervisors in December.

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## COVID-19 Testing Locations in Our Area



Cases of COVID-19 are on the rise in Pennsylvania. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, contact your doctor to schedule a COVID-19 test. Testing is available in Middletown Township at St. Mary Medical Center (Langhorne-Newtown Road) and Genesis Diagnostics (Town Center Drive near the Oxford Valley Mall). A full list of testing locations in Pennsylvania is available on the [Pennsylvania Department of Health's](#)

[website](#).

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, chills, repeated shaking, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or loss of taste or smell.

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## Keystone Collections Sending Notices to 2019 EIT Delinquent Taxpayers

Residents who requested an extension from Keystone Collections to file their 2019 Local Annual Earned Income Tax Return were



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required to file by October 15, 2020. Keystone identified residents in our

community who failed to file a local return and/or pay their 2019 taxes. Keystone is currently mailing Failure-to-File notices to affected residents along with a 2019 tax return for completion.

Please refer any taxpayers who may contact your office to Keystone at 1-866-539-1100.

Taxpayers may file online at [KeystoneCollects.com](http://KeystoneCollects.com). On the website, taxpayers can also learn more about Pennsylvania's filing requirements, deadlines, calculation of penalty, interest and costs by visiting the "Frequently Asked Questions" link.

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