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BUCKS COUNTY

Halloween is ON in Middletown!

2020 has taken a lot from us, but we are excited to share that Halloween is ON in Middletown!

We're sharing [useful tips and ideas](#) to make sure trick-or-treaters, families, and homeowners are able to celebrate Halloween Safe.

The CDC has shared [guidance on safe Halloween practices](#), which we are recommending in our community.



Supervisor Anna Payne shared in [this video](#) fun ideas and explanations of safety protocols for families to consider this Halloween.

We have also issued specific Halloween Safe guidance [for trick-or-treaters](#), [for parents](#), and [for homeowners](#).

Anyone participating in Halloween this year should wear a facemask over their nose and mouth and maintain a six-foot distance from others. Anyone who feels sick should stay home.

Thank you for doing your part to Middletown Safe, and we wish you a Happy Halloween!

DATE CHANGE: Drive-Thru Halloween

Event on Wednesday, October 28!



The Drive-Thru Trick or Treat Extravaganza will be held on WEDNESDAY, October 28th, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Dress up your family and join us for this FREE, Halloween Safe event!

The event was moved ahead one day to avoid rain expected on Thursday.

Families are encouraged to dress up and decorate their vehicles.

Cars will be directed to the Shoppes at Flowers Mill shopping center and will receive candy from local businesses and first responders.

"This has been a difficult year for everyone, especially kids," said Board of Supervisors Chairperson Mike Ksiazek. "Dressing up for and celebrating Halloween will hopefully bring a welcome sense of normalcy."

In observance of safety protocol, all participants will be wearing masks and practicing social distancing. We ask that in addition to your costumes, everyone attending the event also wear a facemask covering the nose and mouth.

2020 Election Information

The 2020 General Election is coming soon - Tuesday, November 3!



Most voters who have requested a mail-in or absentee ballot already received them. If voting by mail, voters must carefully follow the included instructions to enclose your ballot in the secrecy envelope, followed by the mailing envelope. **Anyone voting by mail is strongly encouraged to complete and return their ballot as soon as possible.**

Bucks County has made three ballot drop-off locations available for residents to utilize in addition to the mail. These locations are in Levittown, Doylestown, and Quakertown. Addresses and hours of operation are available on the [Bucks County voter website](#).

In Bucks County, all registered voters are assigned to vote at a specific polling place based upon their address. To find this list, please [visit the Bucks County Board of Elections website](#). Voters of the Upper 1 precinct have been moved to the Middletown Township Municipal Center.

More information about this and future elections is available on our website at www.middletownbucks.org/vote.

October is National Fire Prevention Month



October is Fire Prevention Month! The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness, and help ensure your home and family has a plan and is ready for the unexpected. We celebrate Fire Prevention Month by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, students, and communities across the United States. During this month, fire departments provide

education to their communities, and encourage parents and loved ones to practice fire safety and whole home safety.

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA's) 2020 campaign for Fire Safety Month is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen." We are proud to support their mission and this year's theme to ['Be Ready for the Unexpected'](#), especially while cooking. We are urging families to [improve their home's safety](#). Be ready at home by installing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, as well as having fire extinguishers at home. 3 of every 5 home fire deaths occurred in homes without working smoke alarms.

How to Prevent Stormwater Contamination When Fertilizing Your Yard

Water that runs off your property heads directly into the Township's stormwater system. This water can easily become contaminated by anything on the ground, especially yard fertilizer used on grass and plants. When fertilizer is not correctly applied or lands on an impervious surface, it can dissolve into our stormwater system.



Fertilizers are used by homeowners to maintain and improve the quality and beauty of their landscapes. However, the ever-increasing use of home lawn and garden fertilizers has caused concern about the harmful effects these fertilizers have on groundwater and aquatic ecosystems.

Most commonly used fertilizers contain three basic plant nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Some fertilizers also contain certain micro-nutrients necessary for plant growth such as zinc and other metals. Increased amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and these micro-nutrients have negative impacts on water quality and aquatic life. They can also cause health issues for humans and animals when they infiltrate our drinking water sources.

Using the correct amounts of fertilizer and taking the time to apply it carefully so it won't wash into storm drains from driveways and sidewalks can enhance plant growth without polluting the environment. When watering the lawn after fertilizing, don't allow the water to run into the street. Always clean up any spilled fertilizer and dispose of it properly.

Municipal Center Closures in the Month of November



The Middletown Township Municipal Center will be closed on Election Day (November 3), Veterans Day (November 11), Thanksgiving Day (November 26), and the day after Thanksgiving Day (November 27) in the month of November. Please plan

accordingly if you plan to visit the Municipal Center.

The Municipal Center will be open all other days from 10 AM until 2 PM. Services at the Municipal Center are available remotely by phone or email between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

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