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Supervisors Pass Balanced Preliminary 2022 Budget with No Tax Increase

The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors voted Monday, November 15, to preliminarily approve the 2022 Budget and advertise it for public inspection. The proposed plan includes a balanced General Fund with no proposed tax increase.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the final 2022 Budget on Monday, December 6th.

The overall 2022 budget is balanced and includes \$39,100,325 in operational expenditures with \$24,000,000 allocated from the General Fund. There are \$8,300,000 of capital improvements planned for 2022.

The budget takes into consideration the significant impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on township finances over the past 20 months. 2021 has proven to be a positive year financially, with strong rebounds in several key revenue sources and an unanticipated influx of state and federal funding related to pandemic recovery.

The 2022 budget is a valuable tool in making important decisions that will impact Middletown citizens and township government in the next year. It has been prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) criteria to be considered for this award for what will be the fourth consecutive year.

The 2022 Budget is available at the Municipal Center and online at www.middletownbucks.org/2022Budget.



Weatherization Webinar, Thursday, December 2nd

On Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30pm, there will be a weatherization webinar with Bahareh van Boekhold, Program Manager, Applied



Energy Group and Vice Chair of Green Building United; Kathy MacWilliams, Manager of Marketing Programs, PECO; and Kevin Deeny, P.E., Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council.

Weatherization or weatherproofing is the practice of protecting a building and its interior from the elements, particularly from sunlight, precipitation, and wind, and of modifying a building to reduce energy consumption and optimize energy efficiency.

A weatherized home uses less energy to heat and cool the home seasonally, which can save homeowners hundreds of dollars per year. Along with saving money, weatherization can also improve the comfort of your home.

Spread the word to friends and family if they would be interested in learning more about keeping your home weatherized for the winter!

[Click this link to join the webinar.](#)

6th Annual Shop With A Cop, December 5th

The 6th annual Shop With a Cop will be held on December 5th, 2021 at the Target Store Oxford Valley, sponsored by the Middletown Community Foundation and the Middletown Township Police Department.

Shop with a Cop pairs a deserving child with a police officer to shop for the holidays. Knowing the financial burden the holiday season can bring, the Police Department does their part to bring back that holiday magic. The shopping event is financed through generous donations and events that have been held throughout the year.

To donate to Shop with a Cop please make checks payable to Middletown Community Foundation with "SWAC" in the memo or send a donation on Venmo to @MCFBucks.

For families looking to participate, please submit an application and have it approved. Applications will be accepted until November 24, 2021. For more information and to apply, please email Office Melissa Robison at mrobison@mtpd.org.



**Join us December 9th For The Annual
Holiday Open House**

Save the date for Middletown's Holiday Open



House Event on Thursday, December 9th from 5:30-8:30 PM. This event is free and open to the public and will be held at the Middletown Municipal Center.

Come out for fun and festive activities including pictures with Santa, Neshaminy High School Orchestra, food trucks, a beer garden benefitting the Middletown Community Foundation, and carriage rides.

Non-perishable food donations will be accepted and will benefit the [Emergency Relief Association Food Pantry of Lower Bucks](#)

[County.](#)

Woof-A-Palooza 5K Race and 2 Mile Fun Walk, December 12th



The Middletown Community Foundation is hosting an in-person race at Core Creek Park on Sunday, December 12th, in order to raise money for the MTPD K9 unit.

Following the race, there will be a demonstration highlighting the K-9 Officers' skills.

Leashed pets are welcome to join on the 2 Mile Fun Walk!

To register for the 2021 Wolf-A-Palooza 5K Race and 2 Mile Fun Walk, [click here.](#)



Support Small Business This Small Business Saturday, November 27th

Middletown Township is home to a vibrant business community. The community is encouraged to shop at local businesses this Small Business Saturday. Local businesses are vital to the local and national economy, employing nearly half of all employees working in the private sector.

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

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

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.](#)

Thanksgiving Trash Schedule

There will be no trash collection on Thursday, November 25th, 2021, 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 29th. Double trash, up to 20 containers, may be put out for collection on Monday, November 29th.

Collection on any other day will not be interrupted.

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."



THANKSGIVING TRASH NOTICE November 25, 2021



Trash will not be collected on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, 2021.

If your normal collection day is Thursday...

Trash will be collected next on Monday, 11/29.

Residents may put out twice as many trash containers on Monday, 11/29.



Environmentally Friendly Winter De-icing

Winter weather often leaves us dealing with snow and ice on our sidewalks and driveways. Currently the most common substances used for this are salts. However, salts can be harmful for the environment.

Here are a few ways you can help keep our waterways and stormwater system safe from pollutants this winter:

- Track winter weather and only use salt and de-icers when a storm is about to come through. If a winter storm does not occur, sweep up any unused material, store, and reuse for the next big storm.
- Apply de-icing products intentionally on high use areas and slopes where traction is critical. Apply the least amount necessary to get the job done. This will save money in product costs and will also help minimize property damage to paved surfaces, vehicles, and vegetation.
- Reduce salt and other chemicals by adding sand for traction.
- Become familiar with various de-icing products and wetting agents such as magnesium chloride and calcium chloride, which can improve the effectiveness of salt and reduce the amount needed.
- Store salt and other products on an impervious (impenetrable) surface, such as a basement floor, to prevent ground contamination. Also store products in a dry, covered area to prevent stormwater runoff.

Levittown Footbridge Now Open!

The footbridge connecting Snowball Gate and Forsythia Gate in Levittown is now open. The footbridge closed in Spring 2020 and plans to replace it have been underway since.

A new asphalt path connects the bridge to both neighborhoods.

Thank you to the Department of Public Works for the hard work installing the bridge.

We hope you enjoy the new bridge!



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