

TOWNSHIP OF
—MIDDLETOWN—
B U C K S C O U N T Y

Voter Information for November 2nd Municipal Election

In the upcoming 2021 Municipal Election, voters will be voting for the offices of two Middletown Township Supervisors, the Middletown Township Tax Collector, one Middletown Township Auditor, and additional County and judicial offices.

October 26th is the last day for registered voters to apply for mail-in or absentee ballots. On November 2nd, all voter mail-in ballots and absentee ballots must be received by 8PM and polls will be open from 7AM to 8PM. If you are voting by mail, be sure to submit mail ballots as soon as possible.

As the election quickly approaches us, make sure to find your polling location or a drop box location near you for your ballot. A list of drop box locations can be found [here](#) and polling places are listed [here](#).

For more information regarding the election, please visit [the Bucks County election site here](#).



*Distinguished
Budget
Award*
PRESENTATION

2022 Preliminary Budget Presentation Set for November 15th

Middletown Township was recently awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers

Association (GFOA) for its 2021 Budget for the third consecutive year. This award represents a significant achievement reflective of a commitment by the Township to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The 2022 budget is being prepared in accordance with GFOA's criteria.

The first budget workshop for the 2022 budget was held on Monday, October 18th. The second workshop will be held on Monday, October 25th, at 6PM. Following the budget meetings, we will be presenting the budget at the Board of Supervisors

meeting on November 15th for preliminary approval.

The 2022 budget will be submitted upon final approval by the Board of Supervisors in December.

Massage Parlor Ordinance

On October 4th, at the Board of Supervisors meeting, an ordinance was passed to limit massage parlors used for criminal activity and human trafficking.

Over the past few years, the Township has seen an increase in the number of illegal massage establishments. Some establishments make issues such as human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and others worse. Having this ordinance in place will help be more proactive in addressing what is becoming a significant quality of life issue in the Township.

Chief Joe Bartorilla said, "Enacting this ordinance is taking a proactive approach rather than a traditional reactive approach, as it is much easier to prevent an illegal establishment from opening than it is to close an existing one."

Several surrounding municipalities in the region have enacted similar legislation and it has been, overall, successful for them. This ordinance will make a positive impact on the quality of life within the Township.



Recycling Best Practices

Often times we think that we are doing the right thing when we are disposing of our recyclables, but there are a few key things to keep in mind.

Paper, cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs are all recyclable as long as they are free of food and liquid. One dirty item can contaminate an entire truckload. Prior to disposing of your recyclables, all containers must be washed and have their labels removed.

Another tip before you dispose of your recyclables is to never put them in plastic bags or anything other than your regular recycling bin. Plastic bags and plastic wrap get jammed in recycling processing equipment.

When recycling make sure to keep these three rules in mind:

1. Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.
3. Avoid using bags to hold recyclables.

By utilizing a few recycling best practice tips, we can ensure the recycling process is efficient and effective!

Volunteer for Middletown Community Garden Fall Clean Up Day on Saturday, November 13th!

Middletown's Environmental Advisory Council is leading a cleanup of the community garden at the Senior Center.

The clean-up day is a fantastic way to meet people, be active, learn about the community garden, learn about getting a plot to grow fresh produce all summer or offer to help some seniors prepare their garden for winter.

Fall Clean Up Day is also a great opportunity for scouts and high school students to complete a volunteer project.

For more information and to sign up to volunteer, call Gerry Bender at 267-580-9617.



**National Prescription Drug
Take Back Day**

**Sat., Oct. 23
10 am - 2 pm**

Drive Up  Drop In 



Unused | Unneeded | Expired
#BucksCoTakeBack2021

October 23rd is Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Did you know over 50% of people who misuse prescription pain relievers get them from friends or relatives?

The Drug Enforcement Administration will host its 21st National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event offers free and anonymous disposal of unneeded medications nationwide.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of expired and unused medications in your house. Take Back Day has removed more than 7,000 tons of medication from circulation since its inception.

Drug Take Back Day in Bucks County is being held Saturday, October 23 from 10 AM to 2 PM. During business hours, the Township building will have a drop box available for unused and unwanted medications.

For a list of other locations, visit www.bcdac.org.

For more information about Take Back Day, visit www.dea.gov.

Halloween Safety Tips

As Halloween quickly approaches us, it's important to remember the holiday brings serious safety risks. We encourage you to share safety tips with

your kids to keep your family safe and have a fun and spooky Halloween!

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
2. Always walk on sidewalks or paths.
3. Don't approach any houses with their lights off.
4. If you can, it's best to trick or treat in a group and not alone
5. Make sure costumes can be seen. Carry around a glow stick or flashlight to ensure you are seen by drivers.
6. Inspect treats before indulging. Discard any treats that aren't sealed or are expired.



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