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Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Appoint Mike Ksiazek as Chairperson in 2024



The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors held its Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Mike Ksiasek was sworn in by Honorable Judge Brian McGuffin for another 6-year term on the Board of Supervisors and will be returning to the role of Chairperson. Supervisor Bernadette Hannah was elected Vice Chairperson and Supervisor Dawn Quirple will serve as Secretary. Chairperson Mike Ksiazek said, "I would like to thank my fellow board members for their confidence in me and allowing me to serve another term as Chairperson."

Police Earn Accreditation

Middletown Township Police Department has once again achieved accreditation from Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) for another three years.

The Police Department had an on-site assessment visit in December and was informed that the department achieved re-accreditation for being in full compliance with all the PLEAC standards during the three-year period of December 2020 to December 2023. Middletown's next re-accreditation will be in December 2026. The

police department has been accredited since 2008, and this was their 5th reaccreditation. The Police Department is required to submit 2 proofs annually for 137 standards. There are many benefits to being an accredited police agency. Some include;

- Develops improved methods for providing services to the community
- Encourages problem-solving activities within the agency
- Improves law enforcement community relations
- Establishes a credible framework for evaluating agency practices and procedures

Chief Bartorilla said, "Captain Pete Feeney and Lieutenant Ken Mellus did an outstanding job in helping the Police Department achieve this re-accreditation. The majority of the credit goes to Lieutenant Aileen Parker. Lieutenant Parker worked endlessly on top of her other duties to see the department to the finish line for the reaccreditation process."



summer rec

Get ready for an amazing summer filled with fun and adventure as registration opens for the highly anticipated summer recreation program!

Summer programs in Middletown are designed to keep young residents active, foster new skills, and strengthen community bonds.

Act fast to seize an exclusive offer! Secure your spot and enjoy a fantastic 10% early bird discount when you register before January 31st. It's not just about saving money; it's about ensuring your spot in the program that suits you best.

Residents can register online at www.middletownbucks.org.



Join Us For The 19th Annual Teen Talent Show!

The 19th Annual Teen Talent Show will be held on Saturday, January 27th at the Oxford Valley Mall! Join us from 4pm to 6pm to witness talented teens showcase their skills!

This competition is open to teens who can sing, dance, or play an instrument. Finalists perform on the stage at the Center Court in the Oxford Valley Mall.

Parks and Recreation Program Specialist, Joanna Morelli said, "It's really something to be proud of when you watch our teens do great things. We've had singers, dancers, musicians and even talents as unusual as a balancing act." Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this exciting event at the Oxford Valley Mall.

Multimodal Improvement Plan



In December, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Middletown Township Multimodal Improvement Plan (MIP), a major step forward toward making the Township a more pedestrian-friendly community.

The MIP identifies opportunities to enhance pedestrian facilities (sidewalks, trails, bike lanes) and will improve access to public transportation. This plan was fully funded by a Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and was developed by consultant Simone Collins. The MIP is a critical step in helping the Township implement the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

The MIP will serve as a guide for capital investment in the community and for future development. The MIP breaks the Township down into 12 sections and corridors to depict specific improvements in every corner of the community. Special attention was given to Woodbourne Road and Business Route 1 near the Oxford Valley Mall where long-range infrastructure improvement options were evaluated and recommended. The Township will begin to move into the implementation phase as projects will be submitted for grant funding opportunities. If you have any questions please email Nick Valla, at nvalla@middletownbucks.org.

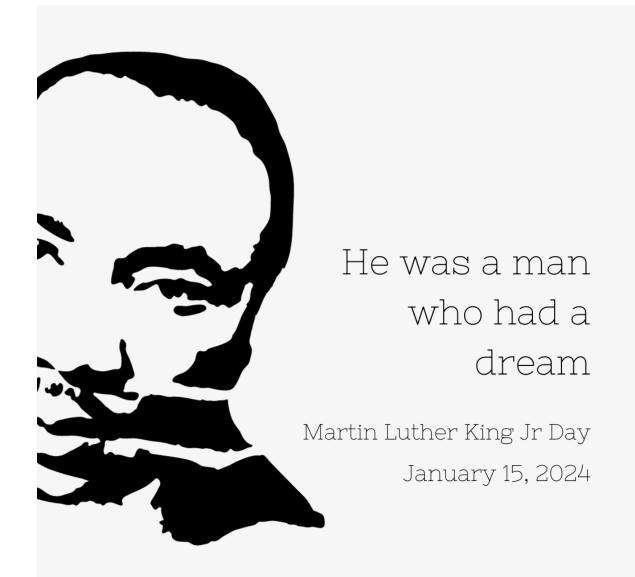
Welcome Aboard to New Township Employee

Program Specialist, Parks and Recreation - Nicole Tener

Nicole grew up in Langhorne and proudly calls Neshaminy High School her alma mater. Her journey with Middletown Township began in 2011 when she embraced the role of a camp counselor with Middletown Township Parks and Recreation. Over the years, her dedication and hard work earned her the position of Site Supervisor in 2020, showcasing her commitment to fostering positive experiences within the community.

Venturing into higher education, Nicole pursued her passion for teaching at Kutztown University, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Following her graduation from the university in 2019, she dedicated three years to educating students in the city of Philadelphia. Seeking a new challenge and a career change, Nicole joined the Middletown family as a Parks and Recreation Program Specialist in early January.

Currently pursuing a master's degree in Multicultural Education from Eastern University, Nicole is enthusiastic about merging her educational background with her role in Parks and Recreation. Excited for this new journey, she looks forward to contributing her skills and creativity to the community she calls home.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Middletown Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King, JR Day.

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Martin Luther King Jr

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