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Bids Received from Trash Contractors - We Want to Hear From You!



Middletown Township recently received bids from trash and recycling service providers to provide service to the community for the next five vears. The bids included an option to leave collection "as is" and several options

aimed at controlling costs, such as moving to once a week collection and incorporating automated collection.

<u>Currently</u>, Middletown Township residents pay \$401 per household per year to receive twice a week manual trash collection.

Bids were received from three companies—Waste Management is the lowest bidder for all options.

- To maintain the <u>existing level of service</u> (twice a week manual collection), residents would pay approximately **\$682-\$700 per household per year**, a 70-75% increase over the current rate.
- If the option for <u>twice a week automated collection</u> were selected, residents would pay approximately **\$644-\$660 per household per year**, a 60-65% increase over the current rate.

• If the option for <u>once a week automated collection</u> were selected, residents would pay approximately **\$476-\$512 per household per year**, a 19-28% increase over the current rate.

A change to bulk waste was also contemplated in the bids received—the cost for changing collection from one item per week (as-is) to two items per month would be on the lower end of the estimate cost ranges noted above.

Due to the compact streets and difficulty storing large trash carts, the neighborhoods of Tareyton, Hollybrooke, and the Villas at Middletown will remain with manual collection, however a change to once a week collection is possible.

Tell Us What You Think!

With this information in mind, the Board of Supervisors would like to know what you think—**please complete this survey to share your feedback**. The Board of Supervisors is tentatively expected to award a contract to Waste Management in August.

We'd like to hear from you! If you have any feedback, questions, or concerns please email trashfaq@middletownbucks.org.

June is Pride Month in Middletown Township

On Tuesday, June
11, the Board of
Supervisors
proclaimed June as
Pride Month,
promoting
acceptance,
inclusion, and the
development of
harmonious and
respectful
relationships within
our community.



The Human Relations Commission, established by the Board of Supervisors in 2020, advocated for this proclamation. This effort is part of their mission to defend the diversity of our gender and sexual minority communities and to express a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization and community.

As a symbol of this commitment, the Pride Flag is being displayed at the Middletown Township Municipal Center throughout June, demonstrating our dedication to inclusion, safety, and acceptance of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Did You Know About The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program?

Attention Middletown Township



DID YOU KNOW?

Older adults and people with disabilities 18 and older in Pennsylvania may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 in rebates.

Deadline - December 31, 2024

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM



Residents! Are you an older adult or a person with disabilities aged 18 and above? You might be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 in rebates through Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. This program is designed to provide financial relief to those who qualify. Whether you're a homeowner or renter, don't miss out on this opportunity to

lighten your financial burden.

To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, visit the <u>Pennsylvania</u>

<u>Department of Revenue's website</u> or contact their office for assistance.

<u>Don't let this opportunity pass you by – apply today!</u>

Upcoming Holiday Closure and Trash Collection



The Municipal Center will be closed on Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Trash Collection Adjustments:

- If your regular collection day is Thursday, your next collection day will be Monday, July 8. You may put out double amount of containers (20).
- Waste Management will collect bulk items on Thursday, July 11.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Enjoy a safe and happy Independence Day!

Celebrate Independence Day Safely in Middletown Township!

As we gear up to celebrate Independence Day, it is essential to remember that there are specific laws regulating the display of fireworks in Pennsylvania. While purchasing fireworks is legal, discharging them is highly restricted, especially in Middletown Township and the surrounding suburban Philadelphia areas.



Key Fireworks Regulations:

- 1. **Distance Restrictions:** Fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet (about half of a football field) of any structure, whether occupied or not.
- 2. **Prohibited Areas:** Discharging fireworks is prohibited on all public property, including streets, parks, schools, and open spaces.
- 3. **Vehicle Restrictions:** Fireworks cannot be discharged from or toward any motor vehicle or building.
- 4. **Private Property:** Fireworks can only be discharged on private property with the explicit permission of the property owner.
- 5. **Safety Concerns:** Fireworks cannot be used by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Although fireworks might seem fun and harmless, they pose significant dangers to yourself and others. Improper use can lead to severe injuries or even fatalities. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the broader community. Let's all contribute to making this Independence Day a safe and enjoyable holiday for everyone.

Stay safe, follow the laws, and have a fantastic Fourth of July!

Middletown Honors Juneteenth

At the June 11th Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board officially proclaimed June 19th as Juneteenth, recognizing this significant day which



marks the end of slavery in the United States and commemorates the freedom of enslaved African Americans.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

Middletown Township proudly recognizes and supports Juneteenth, honoring the importance of this day in our nation's history.

Stormwater Advisory Committee



Middletown Township is forming a new Stormwater Advisory Committee. This committee will help set priorities for stormwater improvements and make recommendations for dedicated funding to address stormwater issues.

The Board of Supervisors will appoint the committee at their next meeting on Monday, July 8th. The goal is to hold two public meetings on this topic in September and October.

Stay tuned for more information about the Stormwater Advisory Committee.

Mark Your Calendars for Family Movie Night at Community Park!

The Diane Loomis Team at Keller Williams Real Estate is thrilled to announce their annual Family Movie Night under the stars, taking place at Middletown Community Park.

Date: Thursday, August 1st **Time:** Fun starts at 6:30 PM,

Movie begins at dusk

Location: Middletown Community Park (2600 Langhorne Yardley Rd)

Join us for an unforgettable night featuring:

- Family-friendly fun games for all ages!
- A screening of the liveaction "The Little Mermaid" under the night sky!
- Good company and a chance to connect with your neighbors!

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and prepare for an evening filled with laughter, community spirit, and a cinematic adventure.

This is a FREE event!
We look forward to seeing you there!



MTGo!



MTGo is Middletown Township's citizen service request portal. Residents and community members can report issues to the Township faster than ever before, only a button-click away.

To make your request, visit MTGo.co!

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Thank you for reading this edition of the Middletown Township E-news. Feel free to share with friends, family, and neighbors!

We'd like to hear from you! If you have an idea for something that we can cover in the Enews, please let us know by emailing Liz Lawson at elawson@middletownbucks.org

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