# **TOWNSHIP E-NEWS**

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#### **EV Ribbon Cutting**



Middletown Township is proud to announce the grand opening of four (4) DC-Fast Charging (DCFC) Level 3 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations, making history as the first municipality in Pennsylvania to implement fast charging stations. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on March 19, 2024, at 4:30 PM at the Middletown Township Municipal Center.

This significant milestone marks a step forward in the Township's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. The Level 3 Charging Stations

signify a critical investment in clean energy infrastructure, promoting the adoption of electric vehicles and reducing the community's carbon footprint.

"We are thrilled to introduce Middletown Township's Level 3 Charging Stations, further solidifying our position as a leader in sustainable initiatives within the state," said Michael Ksiazek, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. "These stations represent our dedication to providing residents and visitors with accessible, convenient, and efficient charging options, supporting the transition to cleaner transportation alternatives."

# Spring Stormwater Tips to Keep the Environment Safe

With the arrival of spring, many of us are looking forward to warmer temperatures, blooming flowers, and longer days. But with the change in seasons also comes an increased risk of stormwater runoff. As snow and ice melt and the rains of spring arrive, it's important to take steps to manage stormwater and prevent flooding and erosion in our community.



Here are some stormwater management tips for the springtime:

- Clean out gutters and downspouts. Clear any debris from gutters and downspouts to ensure that rainwater can flow freely away from your home.
- Inspect your yard for erosion. As the ground thaws and rain falls, it's important to look for any signs of erosion in your yard. If you notice any areas where soil is washing away, consider installing a rain garden or other form of erosion control to prevent further damage.
- Plant native vegetation. Adding native plants to your yard can help soak up excess water and prevent runoff. Consider planting trees, shrubs, and flowers that are native to our area.
- Limit the use of pesticides and fertilizers. Chemicals used to fertilize lawns and gardens can be carried by rainwater into nearby streams and waterways, causing pollution. Limit the use of these products or consider using organic alternatives.

By taking these simple steps, you can help to manage stormwater and prevent flooding and erosion in our community. Remember, we all have a role to play in protecting our local waterways, and by working together, we can keep our community clean, safe, and healthy.



## **Scholarship Available**

Are you a high school senior or parent of one? The Middletown Community Foundation (MCF) has a Scholarship Opportunity for you! A non-profit organization that has been serving the Middletown community for over 20 years, the MCF is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in the community. One of the key ways that MCF provides support to the community is through its Annual Scholarship Program. This program provides financial assistance to local students who are pursuing higher education. Each year, the foundation awards several scholarships to deserving students who demonstrate academic excellence, community involvement, and a commitment to their chosen field of study. The deadline to apply for the Annual Scholarship Program is Saturday, April 6th. Eligible students must be high school seniors who reside in Middletown Township, have participated in community service throughout their high school careers, and be attending a college, university, or trade/vocational school to further their education. More details about the scholarship are on the MCF website or you can apply here.

#### Click here to apply.



Save the Date - Earth Day 2024

Middletown Township's yearly Earth Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Core Creek Park! This gathering serves as a reminder that we all play a role as stewards of our environment. The day features live entertainment, local organizations, and businesses showcasing eco-friendly practices, along with giveaways, kidfriendly activities, and more! If you're interested in securing a vendor table for the 2024 event click here and fill out the form. For any inquiries, reach out to Middletown Parks & Recreation at 215-

750-3890. Join us in fostering a stronger connection to our environment and promoting sustainable practices at this vibrant Earth Day Celebration!

## **Developmental Disabilities Month**

The Board of Supervisors also officially proclaimed March as National Developmental Disabilities Month, at the accommodation of the Human Relations Commission (HRC).

National Developmental Disabilities Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of the issues



faced by individuals with disabilities and to advocate for their rights. The HRC spearheaded this movement, recognizing the need to bring attention to the issue of developmental disabilities and the importance of creating an inclusive society where

people of all abilities are welcomed and valued.

"We are proud to proclaim March as National Developmental Disabilities Month," said Chairperson Mike Ksiazek, "Middletown Township Board of Supervisors value what is important to people with disabilities and their families and encourages residents to support those with a developmental disability and express support for inclusion and acceptance in our community."

#### **Colon Cancer Awareness Month**



The Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed March as National Colon Cancer Month, bringing awareness to one of the deadliest and most preventable forms of cancer. Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined. However, with early detection and proper screening, it is also one of the most preventable types of cancer. Colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030. Observing Colorectal Cancer

Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer. <u>Click here to read additional resources</u> <u>regarding colon cancer.</u>

## Garden Day Cleanup

Join Middletown Township Parks and Recreation for the Spring Community Garden Cleanup on April 6th! The cleanup day is a fantastic way to meet people, be active, and learn about getting a plot to grow fresh produce all summer or offer help to seniors as they prepare their gardens for winter. This is a great opportunity for scouts and high school students to get their volunteer hours!



<u>Pre-Registration is required.</u>

# **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence**

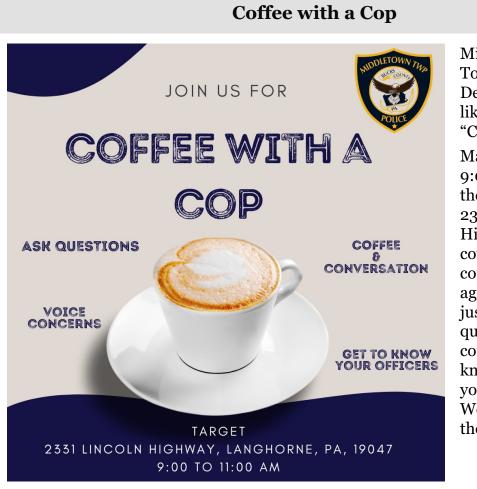
The Township of Middletown is proud to announce that it has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from



the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This prestigious award recognizes our annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. This year's recognition marks the 20<sup>th</sup> time Middletown received this award.

Our report has been carefully evaluated by an impartial panel and deemed to meet the rigorous standards set by the GFOA program. These standards include demonstrating a commitment to transparent financial communication and a dedication to providing a clear and comprehensive financial story. By achieving this recognition, we have shown our commitment to promoting transparency and accountability in our financial practices.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest honor in governmental accounting and financial reporting, highlighting our dedication to excellence in financial management. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our team and underscores our ongoing commitment to serving our community with integrity and transparency.



#### Middletown **Township Police** Department would like to invite you to "Coffee with a Cop" on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Target located at 2331 Lincoln Highway. Join us for coffee and conversation! No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. We hope to see 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 **<u>MTGo.co</u>**!

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