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Celebrate National Pickleball Month in Middletown Township!



April is here, and with it comes National Pickleball Month, a time to celebrate the exciting and growing sport of pickleball. Middletown Township is proud to be a part of this nationwide celebration, boasting 11 pickleball courts across two convenient locations: eight courts at Firefighters Park and three courts at the Middletown Senior Center.

For those eager to jump into the action, signing up to play

pickleball in Middletown Township has never been easier. Simply visit www.middletownbucks.org/pickleball to create your Middletown Township Pickleball Club account through Court Reserve. This streamlined process allows participants to register for scheduled play times based on their skill level, making it convenient to enjoy this popular sport with friends and fellow community members in an organized structure.

But what exactly makes pickleball so beloved by enthusiasts of all ages? Let's explore some of the pros and benefits of this engaging game:

1. **Accessible for All Ages and Skill Levels:** One of the greatest advantages of pickleball is its accessibility. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or a newcomer to sports, pickleball offers a welcoming environment for players of all ages and skill levels to participate and enjoy.
2. **Social Connection:** Pickleball is not just a game; it's a social activity that brings people together. Whether you're playing doubles or singles, pickleball provides opportunities to meet new friends, build camaraderie, and strengthen community bonds.
3. **Physical Fitness:** Engaging in pickleball offers a fantastic workout. With its fast-paced rallies and quick movements, pickleball provides cardiovascular benefits, improves agility, and enhances hand-eye coordination. It's a fun way

- to stay active and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
4. **Strategic Thinking:** While pickleball may seem simple on the surface, it requires strategic thinking and skillful execution. Players must anticipate their opponent's moves, employ tactics, and make split-second decisions, making pickleball both mentally stimulating and rewarding.
 5. **Family-Friendly Fun:** Pickleball is a sport that families can enjoy together. Whether you're playing a casual game with your children or participating in a friendly tournament with relatives, pickleball offers quality family time and creates lasting memories.

Whether you're a seasoned pickleball pro or a curious newcomer, Middletown Township invites you to grab a paddle, hit the court, and experience the joy of pickleball firsthand!

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) Promotes Unity and Understanding at Middletown Township Municipal Center

Join the Middletown Human Relations Commission on April 30th from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Middletown Township Municipal Center for "PHRC On The Road: Building Pennsylvania's Beloved Community." Presented by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC), this event introduces the Beloved Community framework, fostering peace and understanding in a diverse world. Attendees will engage in discussions and learn about PHRC services.

PHRC ON THE ROAD
presented by:
MIDDLETOWN **hrc**
human relations commission

Building Pennsylvania's Beloved Community

Chad Dion Lassitter, MSW
PHRC Executive Director

REGISTER NOW

WHAT IS A BELOVED COMMUNITY?
A group of resident, usually within one geographic area, that work together across racial, gender, and ethnic lines through the guiding principals of unity and love for humanity.

Middletown Township
• Tuesday, April 30, 2024
• 5:30- 7:00 P.M.
• Middletown Township Municipal Center
3 Municipal Way
Langhorne, PA, 19047

"We are thrilled to partner with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission to bring this important event to our community," said Alexander Kaback, Chairperson of the Middletown Human Relations Commission. "Building a Beloved Community is a shared endeavor that requires collective effort and understanding. This event serves as a platform for us to come together, learn, and collaborate towards creating a more inclusive and harmonious Middletown Township."

All interested community members are encouraged to attend either in person at the Middletown Township Municipal Center or via Zoom. Registration information and further details can be found on the [Middletown Human Relations Commission's website](#).

Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to a more inclusive Middletown!

Celebrating Local Government Month in Middletown Township



In a continuation of its dedication to community engagement and civic pride, the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors has once again proclaimed April as Local Government Month. This annual recognition underscores the vital role that local governments play in the daily lives of residents and businesses alike,

providing essential services and fostering a sense of unity within the community.

Middletown Township residents are served by a dedicated team of employees and volunteers, who work tirelessly across various departments to ensure the well-being and prosperity of the community. Here's a glimpse into the vital functions of some of these departments:

- **Police Department:** Committed to ensuring public safety and security, the Middletown Township Police Department exemplifies professionalism and dedication in its service to the community.
- **Fire and Emergency Services Department:** Working hand in hand with volunteer fire companies, this department provides round-the-clock emergency services, safeguarding lives and property within the township.
- **Public Works Department:** Behind the scenes, the Public Works team keeps the township running smoothly by maintaining roads, sidewalks, and utilities, ensuring safe and efficient infrastructure year-round.
- **Parks and Recreation Department:** From maintaining pristine parks to offering a wide array of recreational programs and summer camps, this department enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.
- **Building and Zoning Department:** Ensuring compliance with regulations and overseeing construction projects, this department upholds safety and aesthetic standards in Middletown Township. From permits to inspections, their expertise ensures the integrity of structures, contributing to community well-being.
- **Administrative Departments:** Including the Township Manager's Office, and Finance, these departments play crucial roles in overseeing the efficient operation of township affairs, from regulatory compliance to fiscal responsibility.

Middletown Township Receives Governors Award



During Local Government week, Middletown Township was honored with a Governor's Award for Excellence in Local Government for Technology Advancement. This award was in recognition of the Township's 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. The township continues to lead the way in leveraging technology to enhance efficiency and improve services for residents.

Pictured left to right: Kelly Robertson, Executive Director Governor's Center for Local Government Services | Bernadette Hannah, Vice Chairperson | Nick Valla, Assistant Township Manager | Anna Payne, Board of Supervisor | Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Manager | Mike Ksiazek, Chairperson | Richard Vilello Jr., Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs & Development

Lieutenant Ken Mellus Retires After 38 Years of Dedicated Service

At the recent Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 8th, Lieutenant Ken Mellus bid farewell to the Middletown Township Police Department after an impressive 38-year career.

Joining the force in 1985, Lt. Mellus swiftly rose through the ranks, leaving a lasting impact on the department and the community. Starting as a patrol officer, he later became a K-9 handler, serving alongside his K-9 partner, "Snowball" for eight years.

In 1995, Mellus was promoted to sergeant, where he spearheaded various community policing initiatives, fostering stronger ties between law enforcement and the community. Notably, he championed programs like the Citizens Police Academy and crime prevention seminars.

Elevated to the rank of lieutenant in 2011, Mellus played a pivotal role in modernizing the department's IT infrastructure, implementing crucial technological advancements that are integral to its operations today. Additionally, he oversaw administrative tasks and personnel management within the department.



Beyond his professional accomplishments, Lt. Mellus is cherished as a devoted family man, deeply committed to his wife, Theresa, and their six children. As Lieutenant Ken Mellus embarks on his well-deserved retirement, the Middletown Township community extends its heartfelt gratitude for his unwavering dedication and service. Congratulations, Lt. Mellus, on an exemplary career!

Save the Date - Earth Day 2024



Middletown Township's yearly Earth Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 27th 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, kid-friendly activities, and more! 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!

Garden Cleanup

Join Middletown Township Parks and Recreation for the Spring Garden Cleanup on April 20th! 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!



Pre-Registration is required.

National Volunteer Week



As National Volunteer Week approaches, Middletown Township extends a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who generously give their time and talents to make our community a better place. From dedicated individuals lending a helping hand to the various boards and commissions shaping the future of our township, we recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions of each and every volunteer.

From April 21 to April 27, we celebrate National Volunteer Week, a time to honor the selfless dedication and tireless efforts of volunteers

across the nation. Here in Middletown Township, our volunteers play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for our residents and fostering a strong sense of community.

Whether it's serving on advisory boards, participating in community clean-up initiatives, or lending a helping hand during times of need, our volunteers embody the spirit of service and generosity. Their commitment to Middletown Township enriches the lives of countless individuals and leaves a lasting impact on our community.

Exciting Land Development Updates in Middletown Township



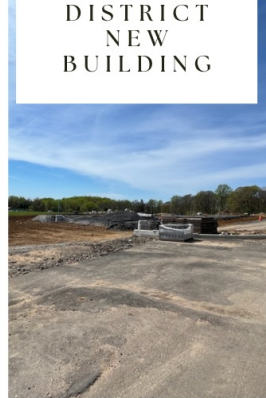
OXFORD VALLEY MALL APARTMENTS



WAREHOUSES ON OLD LINCOLN HIGHWAY



NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEW BUILDING



Curious about what's happening in our community? Here are some updates on the latest land development projects currently under construction:

- 1. Phase One of Oxford Valley Mall Apartments:** Get ready for new living spaces. Phase one of the Oxford Valley Mall Apartments is well underway, bringing 391 luxury apartment units to our area. Once completed, these modern living spaces will include a five-story parking garage for

added convenience. Keep an eye on this development, located near the former Boscov's area of the Oxford Valley Mall property, as it transforms our neighborhood.

- 2. Two Warehouses on Old Lincoln Highway:** Big changes are coming to the north and south sides of Old Lincoln Highway, at sites once owned by Reedman Toll. On the Northern Site, a massive 360,000 square foot building is set to rise on 34.3 acres of land. Meanwhile, the Southern Site will see the construction of a sprawling 451,250 square foot building on 43.9 acres. These warehouses are poised to bring new opportunities and economic growth to our community.
- 3. Neshaminy School District Constructing a New Building:** A new 133,034-square-foot elementary school building on an 87.56-acre site is underway. The site currently includes the Maple Point Middle School, accessory buildings, and athletic fields and facilities. The construction also includes new parking areas, play areas, tennis courts, relocated athletic fields, and parent and bus dropoff loops.

These developments promise to enhance our township's landscape and provide exciting new amenities for residents. Stay tuned for further updates as these projects progress, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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.



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