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Remembering Supervisor Anna Payne:
A Legacy of Strength and Service



Middletown Township mourns the loss of Supervisor Anna Payne, who passed away on February 3, 2025, at the age of 37. Born with cystic fibrosis and diagnosed with stage four colon cancer in 2021, Payne exemplified resilience and dedication throughout her life.

A lifelong resident of Bucks County, Payne graduated from Neshaminy High School and earned an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Bucks County Community College. She founded the Bucks County Cystic Fibrosis Alliance and served on the Pennsylvania Rare Disease Advisory Council, advocating tirelessly for healthcare access and support for those with chronic illnesses.

Elected to the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors in 2019, Payne's passion for her community was evident in her service. Despite her health challenges, she remained committed to her role, inspiring colleagues and residents alike with her positive attitude and unwavering dedication.

In 2024, Payne campaigned for a seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, emphasizing bipartisan solutions and drawing from her personal experiences to advocate for improved healthcare policies. Her efforts garnered respect from both sides of the political aisle.

Anna was remembered at the February 18, 2025, Middletown Township Board of Supervisors meeting. Chairperson Mike Ksiazek remarked, "Her passion for Middletown Township and her advocacy for the community will not be forgotten." Following Ksiazek, Bernette Hannah added, "Anna's unwavering spirit and dedication to others serve as a beacon of hope for us all."

Supervisor Anna Payne's legacy of strength, service, and compassion will continue to inspire the Middletown Township community. Her kindness and dedication have left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

**Become a Local Hero:
Volunteer Firefighters Needed**

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Firefighters Are Needed



Join one of our volunteer companies today

FIRE COMPANIES:

- Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company
- Parkland Fire Company
- Penndel Fire Company
- William Penn Fire Company

To find out more information: <https://middletownbucks.org/volunteerfirefighter>

Are you ready to make a significant impact on your community and be a hero in times of need? Volunteer firefighters are needed at each of the four dedicated local volunteer fire companies that serve Middletown Township: Langhorne Middletown, Parkland, Penndel, and William Penn. These organizations play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of our community. They are comprised of brave individuals who selflessly dedicate their time and energy to protect their neighbors in times of emergencies.

Why Volunteer? Volunteering as a firefighter is not just a commitment; it's an opportunity to be part of a close-knit community that values service, courage, and teamwork. By joining one of our local fire companies, you'll be contributing to the greater good and making a tangible difference right in your own backyard. [Click here to learn more about contributing to the safety and well-being of Middletown Township.](#)



Current Land Development in Middletown

All land development proposals are reviewed during publicly advertised meetings of both the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Agendas for the Planning Commission can be found [here](#) and agendas for Board of Supervisors can be found [here](#).

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Stay Safe This Winter: Essential Tips for Cold Weather Preparedness

As winter continues, Middletown Township reminds residents to stay prepared for snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. The Department of Public Works crew works hard to keep roads safe, and by following these reminders, you

can help make winter weather easier and safer for everyone:

- Be patient as crews work to clear roads.
- Remove vehicles from the streets within one hour of snowfall beginning until 12 hours after it ends to avoid fines.
- Take down basketball nets from the street.
- Do not push shoveled snow into the street as it creates hazards for drivers.
- Keep at least 200 feet of distance when driving behind a snowplow.

In addition to road safety, it's important to take precautions against the cold. Whether you're at home, on the road, or enjoying outdoor activities, staying warm and prepared can help prevent accidents and emergencies.

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Benefits of Meadows Educational Seminar

Come out to the Middletown Township Municipal Center on Tuesday, March 18th, for an inspiring and informative evening! Join us for the *Benefits of Meadows Educational Seminar* with Landscape Architect Robert Gladfelter as he delves into the value of meadows in public spaces and the importance of gardening with native plants.

Learn how these sustainable practices can transform your lawn into a vibrant, environmentally friendly haven while improving habitats, managing stormwater, and reducing pollution. Mr. Gladfelter brings a wealth of experience from his years in landscaping and his work maintaining the gardens at the Arboretum on Temple Ambler's campus.

Save the Date - Earth Day 2025



Middletown Township's yearly Earth Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 26th 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! If you're interested in securing a vendor table for the 2025 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!

Black History Month

The Board of Supervisors recently declared February as Black History Month in Middletown Township, underscoring the importance of recognizing and celebrating the profound contributions and achievements of Black individuals throughout history. This dedicated month provides an opportunity for our community to reflect on the rich cultural heritage, resilience, and remarkable milestones that have shaped the narrative of the Black community. It is a time to honor the countless leaders, visionaries, and unsung heroes who have left an indelible mark on the world, contributing to the progress and inclusivity we cherish today. By



acknowledging Black History Month, we collectively affirm our commitment to fostering understanding, appreciation, and unity within Middletown Township.

Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award



Middletown Township is proud to announce that the Teen Talent Show has been honored with the **Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award**! Recipients of this prestigious award demonstrate outstanding quality, innovation, value of appeal, community support, efficient use of funding, delivery, and use of programs, special events, publications, and promotions.

This year's Teen Talent Show, marking its 20th annual celebration, exemplified these qualities, bringing together the community for an unforgettable evening of entertainment and local talent. Middletown resident **Rebecca Gutierrez** was crowned the 20th champion, captivating both the audience and judges with her outstanding rendition of *"The Girl in 14G."* Her undeniable talent truly shined on stage, making her performance a highlight of the award-winning event.

Heartfelt congratulations to Rebecca and to all the participants who showcased their incredible talents in this year's Teen Talent Show! To watch the full Teen Talent Show, [click here](#).



PARK & REC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

MARCH 27, 2025 | 7:00 PM | PUBLIC HALL

Help Shape Middletown's Parks & Recreation Future!

Middletown Parks & Recreation & Simone Collins are in the process of developing a new Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways & Trails plan. This plan will update a previous 2005 plan, and help to guide the township's decision making on everything related to our parks system over the next 15 years. Your Input is Needed!

[Please click here to take the survey.](#)

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