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WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Developing a Comprehensive Plan helps a community identify a vision, guide land use decisions, and determine how best to allocate limited resources.

The typical timeframe for a municipal Comprehensive Plan update is approximately one and a half to two years. As we are launching the process, we would like to invite Middletown residents to come and provide their input about the future of Middletown Township. We will be hosting a Public Open House on September 4, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Middletown Township Building. We hope to see you there!

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) requires each municipality to have a comprehensive plan. The most current Middletown Township Comprehensive Plan was

adopted in 2001, Middletown 2020: A Smart Growth Initiative. The 2001 Comprehensive Plan upheld sound planning principles and lent support to much of the redevelopment and preservation actions since that time in Middletown Township.

As we approach the 2020 horizon, the Township is looking to undertake a full update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Plans include inventory information, analysis and, most importantly, recommendations to achieve the vision. While the comprehensive plan itself is not regulatory, it will discuss township policy that will inform potential regulatory changes and help define the Township's priorities over the next ten years.

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Parks & Recreation Events

For questions about any trips or events, please contact us:
Email: parkandrec@middletowndelcopa.gov **or Call:** 610-565-2700 Ext. 241
Middletowndelcopa.gov/parksandrecreation

19th Annual Golf Outing to be Held Tues., October 1 at Penn Oaks Golf Club

The 19th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at the Penn Oaks Golf Club. All are welcome to golf and have dinner, or just join us for dinner if you wish.

Go online: middletowndelcopa.gov/golf for more event information and to download a registration form.

This event serves as the only department fundraiser to support preservation of open space and increase availability of active recreational facilities for Township residents and businesses. Since the Outing's debut in 2001, it has returned over \$200,000 to the community.

Fall/Winter 2019 Day Trips

- Sept 13:** Hershey Hotel and Gardens
- Sept 21:** NYC Intrepid & Circle Line Cruise
- Sept 25:** NJ Grounds Sculpture & Roebling Village
- Oct 1:** River Lady Paddleboat & Smithville Village
- Oct 5:** Washington, DC on Own
- Oct 10:** Wolf Sanctuary of PA
- Oct 16:** Fantastic Fall Mystery Trip
- Oct 21:** Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
- Oct 29:** High Tea Washington National Cathedral
- Nov 2:** Washington, DC to "Museum of the Bible"
- Nov 7:** Dutch Apple Theatre "Will Rogers Follies"
- Nov 15:** Koziar's Christmas Village Display
- Nov 19:** Millennium Theatre "Miracle of Christmas"
- Nov 23:** NEW Fabulous Broadway Show "Tina"
- Dec 4:** American Music Christmas Show
- Dec 5:** Fairmount Park Houses and Christkindlmarkt
- Dec 6 & 10 :** Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show
- Dec 7:** New York City on Own

OTHER EVENTS

Family Movie Night at the Roosevelt School

Friday, October 4 at dusk (approx. 7PM)
 Come out to watch a fun Halloween movie with family and friends to get into the spooky spirit.
 Costumes are optional.
 The movie is *Monster House*

Free Lectures at Township Building (Registration required for all lectures)

All held 1:30-3PM
 Sept 12 — The 1876 Philadelphia Centennial
 Oct 15 — Philadelphia's Vidocq Society
 Nov 12 — Veterans Day Remembrance

Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 3
 2:30 - 7:30PM at the Township Building

Middletown Adult Social Club

Call 610-565-2700 ext. 243 to leave a message
 with your contact information
 Club resumes late fall with events/lectures

Book Club: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1PM

Bridge & Pinochle Card Players

Players meet every Monday AM. Call for details.

Discount Ski Resort Tickets will be sold starting mid-December. Check website for details!





2019 Leaf Collection will begin the week of October 21 and run through December 6, 2019

Leaves will only be collected in biodegradable paper bags, available for purchase at cost at the Township Building, Linvilla Orchards, or Wolff's Apple House at a price of \$2.50 for a bundle of 5 bags.

There is no need to call the Township for collection. Just place the bags at the curb by Tuesday of each week, and the Public Works staff will be making weekly sweeps of the Township. Please note that if a sweep of your neighborhood is done once during the week, the crew may not get back until the following week. The bags can be left out until the next collection.

Please keep the weight under 40 pounds per bag and simply fold the top of the bag down; do not tape or seal the bag shut. No sticks, stones, or grass clippings may be mixed with the bagged leaves. At its discretion, the Township may refuse to collect improperly bagged items.



Delco Alert

Delaware County, Pennsylvania
Emergency Notification System

Delaware County provides a Mass Notification service that allows all County residents to subscribe to receive specifically chosen notifications.

Access the Delco Alert portal at www.delcoalert.org. When the County issues a notification about a potential safety hazard or concern, a message will be sent on the voice or text communication methods that you have registered. Your contact information provided is protected and will not be used for any other purpose.

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For Middletown, the primary implementing parties for future changes will be the Council, Planning Commission, and Township staff. As per the MPC, the Planning Commission is identified as the lead agency for developing a Comprehensive Plan in addition to a Task Force comprised of a representative from the Township Parks and Recreation Board, Township Council, and the Middletown Historical Society.

Tell Us...
Your Favorite Places? What You Think Needs Improvement?



Yard Waste Collection Upcoming Collection Dates

September 4 & 18

October 2 & 16

November 20

December 18

Yard waste refers to twigs, sticks, branches, tree and shrubbery clippings ONLY!

Middletown Summer Camp Wraps Up A Great Year

Middletown Township’s 2019 Summer Recreation Camp had an awesome six-week program that was held at Indian Lane Elementary School. Jackie Mitchell did a wonderful job for her second year as Camp Director. We had some returning counselors and many new counselors that brought so much fun and energy to camp this year. Campers ranged in age from 4-12 years old and there were fun activities planned for each age group. Activities included dance party, water slide, moon bounces, and a talent show! Arts and crafts also kept our campers busy making slime, tie dying t-shirts, and painting pictures. Every week a special guest entertained our campers like Magician Eddy Ray and personal trainer, Sydney Mitchell. One day each week our campers got to visit Sky Zone, Hidden Hollow Swim Club, Linvilla Orchards to pick peaches, AMC Marple 10 to see Toy Story 4, and arcade fun at Oasis Family Fun Center. These campers had a fun and busy summer!

Planning for next year’s summer camp will begin soon. Remember to register your children EARLY because most of this year’s weeks sold out! Sign-ups will begin in mid-April 2020. See you next year!



Parks & Rec Department Welcomes Heather Mitchell as New Assistant and Wishes a Happy Retirement to Janice Bullard

After working two years for the Sewer Authority followed by 20 years as Assistant to the Director for Parks & Rec, Janice Bullard has retired. Taking over for Janice is Heather Mitchell, who is not new to Middletown. Heather has worked for the Township for over 12 years. She worked part-time scanning and filing, helped plan day trips, chaperoned trips, etc. and then moved to full-time receptionist. Following Janice’s retirement, Heather has been promoted to Assistant to Pat McCoy. When asked about her favorite part of this position Heather said, “There is never a dull moment in P&R. We are always busy working on different programs and projects. I enjoy helping people plan a fun day out, meeting new friends, and seeing new places.” In her free time, she loves traveling and going to concerts and wineries with family and friends.

Township Welcomes New Staff Members Christopher Fantozzi and Jaime Jilozian

Christopher Fantozzi was recently hired as the Projects and Inspections Engineer. Chris holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies and a Master of Environmental Engineering. Chris is registered as a Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania. He has worked as a municipal water and wastewater engineer over the last 19 years in Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Florida. Prior to that, he worked as an industrial wastewater inspector for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



Chris’ duties include review of Erosion & Sedimentation (E&S) Control Permit applications, review of Road Opening Permits, field inspections of installed E&S control measures, stormwater control measures and paving restoration work. He will oversee the MS4 program and also provide engineering support to the Township. Chris says he enjoys the environmental protection work as it will help to improve the water quality within the Township’s creeks and streams.

When asked what he hopes to accomplish while working for Middletown he said, “I hope to help the Township meet its goal of reducing sediment pollution within the Township’s waterways by 10% by 2023.”



Jaime Jilozian was recently appointed as Planner for Middletown Township. Jaime holds a Bachelor of Historic Preservation & Planning from the College of Charleston and a Master in Community Planning from Auburn University. She worked six years at Chester County in planning and community development. Jaime’s typical responsibilities involve land development, plan reviews, and long-range planning. The newest project she will be undertaking is the Comprehensive Plan. When asked her favorite part of the job Jaime said , “It’s exciting to work at the municipal level in planning for a busy Township where there are a variety of land and trail development and preservation opportunities.” She hopes to produce a Comprehensive Plan that will layout a ten-year vision for the Township that

will help shape the family-oriented community while growth pressures bring opportunity for both progress and preservation.

In Jaime’s free time, she enjoys staying active by running, biking and swimming. She likes to spend time with her daughter and husband exploring the town.

Middletown Historical Society Lectures and Events

MIDDLETOWN MONDAYS LECTURES

We continue this Fall with our focus on World War I and the Delaware Valley. Lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. at Lima Estates, 411 North Middletown Road, Media, PA 19063. Lectures are free and open to the public; no registration is required. Please visit our website www.mthsdelco.org or call 610-316-5620 for more information.

Monday, September 23

THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF 1926

by Thomas H. Keels, historian and author of Sesqui! Greed, Graft, and the Forgotten World’s Fair of 1926

Monday, October 21

THE BICENTENNIAL: THE BATTLE FOR AMERICA’S 200TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

by Edward W. Duffy, former City of Philadelphia employee and author of Philadelphia Celebrates: Three Great Anniversaries ~ 1876 ~ 1926 ~ 1976

Monday, November 18
USA250, INC: GETTING READY FOR AMERICA’S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

by Danielle DiLeo Kim, Executive Director, USA250

Thursday, September 26
DELAWARE COUNTY CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF THE MILL: MILLS OF DELAWARE VALLEY

by Daniel T. Campbell, AIA, architect and long-time officer of SPOOM (Society for the Preservation of Old Mills). This talk is part of a series of programs in DeCo focused on our milling history including a talk, exhibits and a guided bus tour along Chester Creek through Upland, Middletown, Aston, Chester Heights and Concord.. For the full schedule of events and sign-up information visit <https://delcohpn.wixsite.com/dchpn/year-of-mills-2019>

MTHS FALL EVENTS

Sunday, September 15 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Celebrate the 7th Annual Colonial Day at Middletown Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, October 9 at 4:30 p.m.
Middletown Township Business and Professional Association has invited us to participate in a paranormal walking tour at Cumberland Cemetery.

Regular meeting schedule resumes on Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt School. The museum will open at 6:00 p.m.

Only Rain in the Drain! Stormwater Protection Starts with You

The region has seen a substantial increase in rainfall over the past year, leading to an elevated potential for localized flooding with each storm.

The fall season brings its own special set of problems when leaves begin to cover the ground.

Clogged storm drains lead to street and yard flooding. The debris that enters the storm sewer system eventually makes its way to the creeks and streams and can cause flooding near streamways.

You can do your part this fall to help minimize the impact of stormwater on both roadways and nearby streams.

- Promptly bag leaves and ensure that they don’t accumulate on or near storm drains.
- Clear any debris that does accumulate near storm drains.



Middletown Sewer Authority Chester Creek Interceptor Phase 3 (CCIP3) Update

Since the last newsletter, the MTSA received all required Pennsylvania DEP and County permits for construction of the CCIP3 project. This is the third and final phase of MTSA's Chester Creek Interceptor project. This phase of the Chester Creek Interceptor project consists of a gravity sewer from Route 1 in the vicinity of the Franklin Mint property to the beginning of the existing CCIP1 sewer located across the street from the Kings Mill property. The contract to build this phase of the Chester Creek Interceptor was awarded to PACT One, the low bidder. The actual construction of the interceptor commenced in August 2019 and is anticipated to take approximately one year for completion. The sewer authority would like to thank everyone in advance for their understanding and cooperation during construction of this phase of the Interceptor.

A New Library For You

Middletown Township's Library is moving into a restored and renovated space that will allow it to better serve you and your neighbors!

Over 250 people visit the Middletown Free Library every day, and we host over 100 programs every month. Our new Library at the Roosevelt School on South Old Middletown Road will provide the space (and natural light!) we need in order to better serve your interests, curiosities, and life-enhancing opportunities.

Preliminary work has already begun on the Roosevelt School, and construction of your new Library will officially begin this November. We will open the doors to our new location in the spring of 2021.

Join us at the future home of your Library on Friday, October 18th as we host our annual Beer Fest fundraiser at the Roosevelt School. Please mark your calendar and call the Library at 610-566-7828 to sign up today!

New Website, Social Media, and Council Meeting Live Videos



In order to expand citizen engagement and offer more robust platforms for making information available to residents, Township Council authorized a comprehensive update of the Township website. Township staff worked with web vendor GovOffice to design the new site and have sought public feedback on the design and layout. The new site went live in June 2019.

The Township now has a greater presence on social media to keep residents informed with the latest news and updates. We have Facebook and Twitter pages for general township information and updates, in addition to a Facebook page for Parks and Recreation events and information. (Links posted below.) Residents can still sign up on the website for general alerts and to receive agendas and minutes for upcoming and recent Board and Council meetings.

Township Council Meetings are now recorded LIVE. On the second and fourth Monday of each month, Council meets to discuss issues around the township. Residents who cannot attend the meetings can watch from anywhere. The live video can be accessed through Facebook, Twitter, or the website at middletowndelcopa.gov/video. All meetings will be recorded and posted.

General Facebook: facebook.com/middletowndelco

Parks & Rec Facebook:
facebook.com/middletowndelcoparksandrec

Twitter: twitter.com/middletowndelco

Recycling Quick Tips

Co-mingle plastics 1-7, glass, steel, bi-metal, and aluminum cans. Newsprint, phone books, junk mail, and office paper may also be placed in the same container with the other co-mingled materials, provided that the paper is prevented from blowing away by the use of a lidded container.

If using a lidless container, paper should be bundled in paper bags or tied and placed in or near the container(s). Corrugated cardboard and gray cardboard (pizza and cereal boxes) are to be bundled or stacked in bags and placed in or near the recycling bin.

Non-Township issued containers must have yellow Recycling stickers affixed, available free at the Township Building, Wolff's Apple House and Linvilla Orchards.



Council Members

At Large

Mark Kirchgasser
Norman C. Shropshire
Susan Powell

First District

Scott D. Galloway

Second District

Walter 'Bok' Read

Third District

Russ Carlson

Fourth District

Stephen Byrne

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