

Middlesex

Connections

Fall 2026

31st Annual Fall Festival

The Township welcomes all to meet at Middlesex Township Park, 50 Beagle Club Road, Carlisle on Saturday, September 19, 2026, 12noon-4pm to celebrate the season and to visit with neighbors and friends. Middlesex Township Police Department will have give aways related to the "Get Out and Play" theme, and Police Officers will be sitting in a dunk tank, so bring some cash (small bills please!) with you so you can try to dunk the officers! All proceeds from the Dunk Tank will go to the Family of Mike McGeehan.

Other entertainment includes DJ Matrix, Cumberland County 4-H Horse & Pony rides, Bounce House, Destiny Dairy Bar, Bruster's Ice Cream, Members 1st activities, pumpkin decorating (supplies are limited), tractor hayrides, Bosler Library, crafts, cake walk, various vendors and Middlesex United Methodist Church food stand.

Trick or Treat

The Township does not schedule/cancel Trick or Treat, however the community standard has become Halloween, October 31.

Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7am-8pm. The Township building will be open for voting, however the township office will be closed. For more information regarding the township call 717-249-4409.

For information or questions about voting, please call the Cumberland County Election Bureau at 717-240-6385 or visit www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/1891/Voter-Services.

Upcoming Holiday Events

The Township will welcome the holidays with two annual holiday events. The Tree Lighting will take place Friday, December 4, 2026, 7-8pm. We will be celebrating the Tree Lighting outdoors at the Township Park & Pavilion - 50 Beagle Club Rd, Carlisle. This event is free to the public.

The Santa Breakfast will take place Saturday, December 5, 2026. Families/groups are asked to sign up for either 8am-9am or 9:15-10:15am at the Recreation Building at 50 Beagle Club Rd, Carlisle. The cost is \$3/person. Children under 2 are free. **Registration is required for Santa Breakfast.** Please call 717-249-4409 by December 1 to register and indicate which session you would like to attend (8-9am or 9:15-10:15am). Space is limited.

Remembering One of Our Own

Earlier in July, Middlesex Township Police announced the unexpected loss of Corporal Michael McGeehan, who faithfully served the Middlesex Township Police Department for the previous 11 years. Mike was a valued leader and member of the department who was always willing to lend a hand. He proudly spent time coaching his sons' track and football teams investing in the lives of young athletes both on and off the field. The police department and Middlesex Twp community will forever miss his dedication, kindness, and unwavering commitment to serving others.

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Volunteers Needed

The Board of Supervisors of Middlesex Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania will be accepting letters of interest from Township residents for volunteer positions on the Zoning Hearing Board (alternate) and the LeTort Regional Authority.

Any resident wishing to be considered for these volunteer positions should submit a resume with a letter of interest to Zachary Zook, Township Manager at zzook@middlesextwp.com.

Leaf Pick Up

Penn Waste will offer curbside leaf collection for township residents who have township residential service with Penn Waste. Pick up will be on Saturday October 17. Please have leaf bags/open containers by the curb the night before the collection date.

Leaves MUST be in open containers (no lids) and easily identified as leaf waste or PAPER leaf bags. DO NOT place them in plastic bags. No garbage, sticks, twigs, animal waste or paper should be included. Please do not place unacceptable items under the leaves. If any of these items are included, your container will be refused and you will be responsible to dispose of them yourself.

Remember Township Ordinance 13-2007 prohibits the burning of leaves. If you have any questions, please call the township office at 717-249-4409 or Penn Waste at 717-767-4456.

Join Us for Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun and fast paced game that is a combination of several classic games - badminton, tennis and table tennis. It is easy for beginners of all ages to learn and can develop into a quick, fast-paced competitive game for experienced players. Middlesex Twp will be hosting sessions that will focus on basic skills, strategies and scoring of pickleball. The sessions are open to participants ages 14 and up. **The Fall sessions are Tuesday & Wednesday, September 29-30, 6:00-7:30pm.**

We are fortunate that Vaughn Ludwig, IPTPA Certified Instructor has offered to teach these sessions. Pickleball 101 will take place at Middlesex Township Pickleball Courts, Middlesex Township Park, 50 Beagle Club Road, Carlisle. Please bring a paddle. Limited space available, please call 717-249-4409 by September 22, 2026 to register. There is a \$10 fee to be paid at Middlesex Township, 350 N. Middlesex Road.

Joint Composting Site

Middlesex Twp/North Middleton Twp

Located on Windy Lane (at the intersection of Beagle Club Rd and W Middlesex Dr)

Hours: Thru October 14, 2026

Mondays, 8am-12noon

Wednesdays, 2pm-7pm

Saturdays, 8am-12noon (Closed on Holidays)

October 17 - December 12

The site will only be open Saturdays, 8am-12noon

Acceptable Items:

Leaves, shrubs (no roots), shrubbery clippings, branches cut into 6 foot lengths and no larger than 12 inches in diameter

Not Acceptable Items:

Stumps, bamboo, ornamental grasses, grass clippings, rose bushes, flowers & bulbs, vines, roots of any kind, garbage, bulk items, dirt, stones, bricks, construction debris, concrete, hazardous materials, charcoal, fruits and/or vegetables, bags or containers

BRING your ID!

Please see our website www.middlesextwp.com for more information.



Fall Yoga

Carlisle Family YMCA instructor, Bob Romanoski leads Yoga classes at the Recreation Building, 50 Beagle Club Rd, Carlisle.

Tuesdays, 10-11am: Oct 6, 13, 20; Nov 3 & 10
\$35 for 5 classes

Thursdays, 6:15-7:15pm: Oct 8, 15, 22; Nov 5 & 12; \$35 for 5 classes

We do not offer a pay as you go system.

Classes take place at Middlesex Township Recreation Building, 50 Beagle Club Road, Carlisle. Call 717-249-4409 to register for class or stop by the Township office at 350 N. Middlesex Road, Carlisle. Please register by October 1.

Zumba Classes Continue

Zumba classes are held every Wednesday 6-7pm at Middlesex United Methodist Church, 118 N. Middlesex Road, Carlisle. The class is only \$6 and is pay as you go! Join the class at any time, no pre-registration required. This class is for women only (14yrs and older). Questions? Email instructor Lisa Lynch at lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com. No class September 30, October 7, November 25, December 23, and December 30.

Comprehensive Plan

We need your input! Middlesex Township is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan. Our current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2003 and in the 23 years since, Middlesex has changed substantially. A new plan is needed to serve as a community-driven blueprint for the next generation, one that promotes orderly, diverse development, safeguards our unique environmental assets, enhances livability, and supports sustainable economic growth and transportation connectivity.

We are working with HRG consultants to help us prepare the Plan. Your input will be vital in creating our vision for the future. Please check the Township's website for updates to the Plan. We will be posting a survey for community input in early

Miss Meg's Studio is Back!

Miss Meg's Studio is offering music classes for ages 1-11. Thursday mornings from Sept 17 to Nov 19, Middlesex Township Recreation Building will be full of music making and friends playing!

9:15-9:45	1-3 year olds
9:50-10:20	4-5 year olds
10:30-11:15	beginner elementary
11:15-12:00	advanced elementary

The early childhood classes lay the foundation for music understanding. Through singing, dancing, playing instruments, playing games, connecting with caregiver and one another, children can enjoy the wonder of music in a laid back and casual atmosphere. Classes are \$8/class, with a discount for new members. The elementary homeschool classes will be playing handbells, as well as boomwhackers and drums. They will learn how to read music and play together as an ensemble. With lots of games interspersed, and the park outside to stay and play, it is also a wonderful way to make friends! This is a great way to fulfill their music requirement for the year. Classes are \$10/class, with a discount for new members.

More information and registration can be found at MissMegStudio.com

What is MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) are collection systems designed to transport rainwater and snow melt through a series of drains, pipes, ditches and open channels to our streams and rivers. The water that flows into the storm sewer system is called stormwater runoff. Before entering the system, it becomes contaminated by oil and grease from roadways, pesticides from lawns, sediment from construction sites, and carelessly discarded trash, such as cigarette butts, paper wrappers and plastic bottles. In a separate storm sewer system, stormwater runoff is not treated; therefore, all of the pollutants it carries flow directly into our waterways, where they can contaminate drinking water supplies and interfere with the habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms.

Comprehensive Plan continued

fall. We will also have a stand at the Fall Festival on September 19, 2026.

Subdivision & Land Development Plans

Current Residential in Progress

• **Cumberland Preserve (Neighborhood Design)**

Location: Country Club Road, about 0.7 mile north of Harrisburg Pike.

Description: Three phases, total 153 homes (111 detached, 42 duplex), on about 70 acres

Status: 80% complete, 28 vacant lots for detached homes

• **Cumberland Range Estates (Conservation Design)**

Location: North Middlesex Road, about 1.9 miles north of Harrisburg Pike

Description: Six phases, 48 detached homes, on about 81 acres

Status: 62% complete, 17 vacant lots for detached homes

• **Grange (Mixed Use Neighborhood Design)**

Location: Army Heritage Drive, about 0.4 mile north of West Trindle Road

Description: Five phases, 1,300 homes and 32,000 commercial, on about 169 acres

Status: Phases 1-4 approved, Phases 1 & 2 under construction

• **Hickory Ridge**

Location: Near intersection of Hickorytown Road & Ridge Drive

Description: One phase, 8 detached homes, on 34 acres

Status: 63% complete, 3 vacant lots for detached homes

• **Meadowbrook Farms Phase 10**

Location: West Middlesex Drive, about 0.3 mile east of Spring Road

Description: One phase, 24 detached homes, on about 15 acres

Status: 92% complete, 0 vacant lots for detached homes

Future Residential Development

• **South Middlesex Road Residential Development**

Location: Near intersection of South Middlesex & Claremont Roads

Description: Total 766 homes (48 detached, 696 townhome, 22 duplex), on about 123 acres

Status: Sketch Plan submitted for Township Staff review 01/2026, background studies underway
Preliminary Plans not submitted and no homes approved for construction.

• **Wolfs Bridge Road Properties**

Location: Near intersection Wolfs Bridge Road and West Middlesex Drive

Description: Total 313 homes (255 detached, 58 duplex), on about 204 acres

Status: Conditional Use approval in 2022. Preliminary Plans not submitted and no homes approved for construction

Current Non-Residential Construction

• **Carlisle Convention Center**

Location: 151 Wolfs Bridge Road, about 0.6 mile north of Harrisburg Pike.

Description: Recreation & Special Event Facility, on about 57 acres (3,600 sf building for indoor events, outdoor pavilion, horseshoe throwing facility)

Status: Special Exception approval 07/2025. Occupancy issued 07/2026

• **Wawa Food Market #8236**

Location: Near northwest intersection of Harrisburg Pike and Sunday Boulevard

Description: 6,049 sf convenience store & 16 fueling spaces, on about 1.7 acres

Status: Plan approved 09/2024, Permit issued 03/2026, project under construction

Future Non-Residential Development

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Cold Winters Have Little Effect on Tick Populations

Tick populations are not generally affected by cold weather. They do the same thing that we do on a day when the temperatures drop below 40 degrees, they stay where it is warm. If the temperatures outside reach below 40 degrees, instead of dying like many people believe, ticks just travel underground to a location that stays above freezing.

What this means for us is that even during the winter, in temperatures above 40 degrees ticks may be out looking for a meal. Also, a mild winter doesn't mean a higher number of ticks come spring, just like a colder winter doesn't mean we can let our guard down.

When you're outside the old saying, 'better safe than sorry' is a good motto when dealing with ticks. Do tick checks when coming indoors, be quick to action and removal when a tick is found, avoid taller grass and leaf litter when possible, and wear light colored clothing and permethrin when frequenting areas ticks may be.



Middlesex Elementary News

The first day of school is September 1st & we are so excited to begin a new year with our Mountain Lions! Our PTO is planning numerous family events and ways to support Middlesex staff. If you are interested in volunteering on the Middlesex PTO, please contact cvmiddlesexpto@gmail.com.

Registration for 26-27

Online enrollment forms for grades K-12 for the 2026-27 school year are now available at

<https://www.cvschools.org/o/cvs/page/central-registration>

Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1st to enroll in school.

Students must be 6 years old on or before September 1st to enroll in 1st grade.

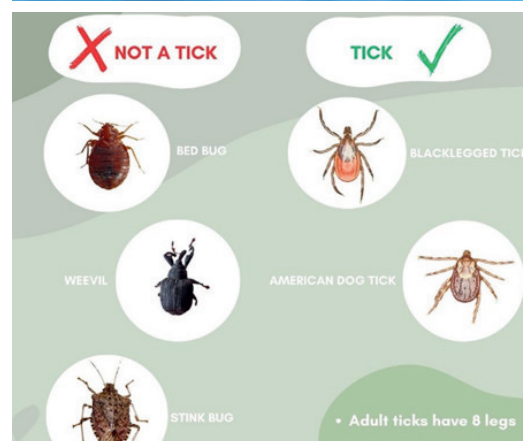
Questions? Contact Central Registration at 717-506-3399 or registrar@cvschools.org

Before and After School Care + Kindergarten Wrap Programming for 26-27

Information can be found at DiscoverChampions.com

Contact Sabrina Salvati: Sabrina.salvati@Discoverchampions.com or 835-261-7776

If you have school-related questions, please reach out to Middlesex Elementary Principal, Dr. Amy Miller: 717-249-5586.



Erin Havens
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Carlisle, PA 17013
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Important: Tax Collector Office Relocation

Due to the growing staff at the Middlesex Township complex, the Tax Collector's office has moved to a new location.

New Address: 300 B Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Where to Find Us: We are located in the parking lot directly across the street from **Mad Roast Coffee**.

Building Description: Look for the tan sided building with hunter green trim located in the parking lot.

Navigation Tip: For the most accurate directions, please use Google Maps or Waze and search for "300 B Street, Carlisle."

Important 2026 Real Estate Tax Updates & Reminders

Second Notice & Final Payment Deadlines - Property owners are reminded that if 2026 County taxes (issued March 1st) or School taxes (issued July 1st) are not paid by October 31, 2026 a Second Notice will be mailed directly to the property owner. Please note that the original bills issued earlier in the year serve as the official First Notice.

For properties receiving a Second Notice, payments may be made using personal checks, cashier's checks, money orders, or credit cards through December 14, 2026. However, from December 15th through December 31, 2026 personal checks will no longer be accepted under any circumstances. All year-end tax payments must be remitted strictly via cashier's check, money order, or credit card. Unpaid tax bills as of January 1, 2027 will be turned over the Cumberland County Tax Claim Bureau for further collection.

Understanding Credit Card Processing Fees - Taxpayers electing to pay via credit card should note that standard third-party processing fees apply and are paid directly by the cardholder. By law, the Tax Collector must collect and remit 100% of the assessed tax amount listed on the bill to the tax authority. Because credit card processors deduct transaction fees prior to depositing funds, charging a processing fee ensures that the full tax balance is remitted to the taxing authority without short-paying the account.

Property Owner Obligations & Address Updates - Under Pennsylvania law, receiving a physical tax bill in the mail is not a prerequisite to owing property taxes. The responsibility to ensure taxes are paid on time rests solely with the property owner, regardless of whether a bill was received in the mail. If you have misplaced or did not receive a copy of your 2026 Real Estate Tax bill, please contact Erin Havens promptly at ehavenstax@gmail.com to request a duplicate.

Additionally, residents needing to update the mailing address on their tax records must process that change directly through the Cumberland County Tax Assessment Office, which serves as the official repository for property records. Address changes can be submitted conveniently online using the county's web portal at

lfforms.ccpa.net/Forms/MailingAddressChange.

Property Tax Relief: The Homestead Credit Act - Middlesex Township homeowners who occupy their property as a primary personal residence should watch their mailboxes later this year for an important postcard from the Cumberland County Tax Assessment Office regarding the Homestead Credit Act.

Authorized by Pennsylvania state law, the Homestead Exclusion offers meaningful tax relief by exempting a portion of a primary home's assessed value from local school property taxes. Residents who receive this notice are strongly encouraged to complete and return the simple application. If approved, the credit will result in a direct reduction on the July 1, 2027 School Tax bill. Homeowners who have previously applied and been approved for the Homestead Exclusion do not need to reapply.

Future Non-Residential Development continued

• **Pennsylvania Digital One (PAX-1), Data Center Project**

Location: Country Club Road, about 1 mile North of Harrisburg Pike

Description: Five phases, 16 two-story Data Center buildings, about 65 feet tall, for computer equipment to store digital data, on about 693 acres

Status:

Phase 1-A (electrical infrastructure), final plan approved 05/2026, site grading underway

Phase 1-B (Campus 1), 6 Data Center buildings, final plan under review, site grading underway

Phase 1-C, (temporary trailer storage yard), final plan under review

Phase 2, (Campus 2), 5 Data Center buildings, final plan under review

Phase 3, (Campus 3), 5 Data Center buildings, final plan under review

• **PPL Electric Utilities, Stonehouse Substation Project**

Location: On east side of South Middlesex Road, north of railroad, on about 7 acres

Description: New 69/12.47 kilovolt (kV) electrical substation and new service line to connect to existing 69 kV electric lines along railroad; Needed due to customer demand to increase electricity grid capacity and reliability.

Status: No township approval needed. Construction schedule up to PPL.

• **Sheetz Store #191 Rebuild Project**

Location: Near intersection of Wolfs Bridge Road and Harrisburg Pike

Description: Demolish & rebuild new, 6,132 sf store & 1,484 sf car wash & 14 fueling spaces, on about 2.9 acres

Status: Under review

Township Office Hours

Beginning September 7 the Township office will resume regular business hours, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00pm.

Want to know more?

Join Us for a Meeting.

Attending a township meeting allows you to be informed about local issues, participate in decision-making, and express opinions on matters that directly affect the Middlesex Township community.

All meetings are listed on the back page of each quarterly newsletter. Meeting dates and times may also be found on our website www.middlesextwp.com.

Township Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:



Labor Day

Monday, September 7, 2026

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Friday, November 27, 2026

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 2026

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 2026

New Years

Friday, January 1, 2027

Middlesex Township
350 N. Middlesex Rd. Carlisle, PA 17013
Telephone: 717-249-4409 or 844-256-7024
Fax: 717-249-8564
Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Supervisors

Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr., Chairman
Philip Neiderer, Vice Chairman
Vacant, Supervisor

Administrative Staff

Andrew Bassler, Director of Public Safety
Zachary Zook, Manager/Road Master
Eileen Gault, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark D. Carpenter, Zoning Officer
Gerald Steigleman, Asst Codes Officer
Gerald "Bud" Grove, Engineer
Denise Jumper, Recreation Director
Tracy Heiter, Recreation Specialist

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TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

2 Board of Supervisors.....6:00 PM
8 Recreation Advisory Board.....6:00 PM
14 Planning Workshop.....7:00 PM
17 Municipal Authority.....7:00 PM
25 Supervisor's Workshop.....7:30 AM
28 Planning Commission.....7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

4 Board of Supervisors.....6:00 PM
9 Planning Workshop.....7:00 PM
10 Recreation Advisory Board.....6:00 PM
19 Municipal Authority.....7:00 PM
20 Supervisor's Workshop.....7:30 AM
23 Planning Commission.....7:00 PM

OCTOBER

7 Board of Supervisors.....6:00 PM
12 Planning Workshop.....7:00 PM
13 Recreation Advisory Board.....6:00 PM
15 Municipal Authority.....7:00 PM
26 Planning Commission.....7:00 PM
30 Supervisor's Workshop.....7:30 AM

DECEMBER

2 Board of Supervisors.....6:00 PM
14 Planning Workshop.....7:00 PM
17 Municipal Authority.....7:00 PM
18 Supervisor's Workshop.....7:30 AM
28 Planning Commission.....7:00 PM

Zoning Hearings are scheduled as necessary, usually on the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM.

Meetings are held at Middlesex Township Municipal Building, 350 N Middlesex Road, Carlisle, PA 17013