Middlessex Connections

Winter 2026-27

MIDDLESEX WELCOMES NEW SUPERVISOR

Joe Vancosky was appointed by the Middlesex Township Board of Supervisors during the September Supervisor's Workshop. He replaces William Goodhart who resigned in August.

Joe is a veteran with 21 years of active service in the U.S. Army. He has lived in Middlesex Township for the last 18 years with his wife, Meredith. Joe currently works as the Business Manager for the Dunham military health system headquartered at Carlisle Barracks.

Joe graduated from Kutztown University and received his Army commission from Lehigh University. Joe later obtained his master's degree from Baylor University.



Welcome New Supervisor, Joe Vancosky

Joe has served on the Board of Directors of numerous not-for-profit organizations in Central Pennsylvania. He is the past Chairman of the Board of Directors for both Leadership Cumberland and the Partnership for Better Health.

Upon Joe's appointment, he stated to those present at the public meeting "it is an absolute honor and privilege to serve Middlesex Township as a Supervisor and to represent the residents that live and work here."

Joe looks forward to meeting as many residents who would like to have a conversation and share their thoughts, opinions, and ideas as we continue to strive in making Middlesex Township a great place to live.

New Roadmaster and Highway Department Staff



Chad Davis assumed the role of Township Roadmaster in November. Chad has been with the Township Highway Department since November 2020. We wish Chad much success in his new role.



WELCOME John Gsell to the Middlesex Township Highway Department Team. John was previously employed at North Middletown Township. He is also the hotel manager at AmVets and a local volunteer firefighter.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 4, 2026
7-8pm, Township Park
50 Beagle Club Rd

Join us at the Park for a magical evening filled with holiday cheer! Enjoy festive caroling, fun take home crafts, and delicious sweet treats as we gather beneath the twinkling holiday lights to welcome Santa Claus and kick off the holiday season. Bring your holiday spirit and make wonderful memories with family and friends! Please note: This is an outdoor event, so dress warmly and come ready to celebrate!

Santa Breakfast

Saturday, December 5, 2026
8-9am or 9:15-10:15am
Recreation Building
50 Beagle Club Road

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a festive morning of food and fun. ***Registration is required for this event by calling 717-249-4409 by November 30. At registration please indicate the 8am or 9:15 seating.*** Breakfast will include bagels, pastries, fresh fruit, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is $3/person for anyone attending (whether you are eating or not), children 2 and under are free. *Space is limited.*

Volunteers Needed

The Board of Supervisors of Middlesex Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania is accepting letters of interest from Township residents for volunteer positions on 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.

Christmas Tree Collection

Penn Waste will be collecting Christmas trees on Saturday, January 9, 2027. After January 9, Penn Waste will collect all remaining Christmas trees on normal trash days thru January 31. No tags will be needed. If you would prefer to take your tree to our compost site, you can drop it off any Saturday in January, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

For holiday trash collection schedules, please contact Penn Waste at 717-767-4456 or visit pennwaste.com

Township Trash Contract Update

The Township's current trash and recycling contract with Penn Waste will be complete at the end of March 2027. The Township has requested bids for a new contract that will begin April 1, 2027.

Residents will receive information regarding possible changes in the Spring Newsletter which should be in mailboxes early March 2027. Before March, you may find updates on our website www.middlesextwp.com

Joint Composting Site

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

October 17 - December 12
The site will only be open Saturdays, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
December 13 - January 1
Closed
January 2027
Saturdays 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
February 2027
Closed
March 1 - October 16, 2027
Mondays 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturdays 8:00 AM - 12:00 pm
Please note: The facility is closed on holidays and during snowy/icy weather.

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.

Reducing Pollution in the Stormwater Drain This Winter

- **Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas.** This will allow the snow to infiltrate instead of becoming runoff.
- **Use de-icing chemicals and salts sparingly.** Focus on making your walkways and driveways safe, but avoid overuse or spreading in vegetated areas or near water.
- **Start shoveling early!** The more snow you remove, the less salt you will need.
- **Make sure your nearest storm drains are clear.** Do not pile snow on storm drains and make sure your neighborhood plow is not piling snow over the drain.

Winter Yoga

Carlisle Family YMCA instructor, Bob Romanoski leads Yoga classes at the Recreation Building, 50 Beagle Club Rd, Carlisle.
Tuesdays, 10-11am: Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 2, 9
$35 for 5 classes
Thursdays, 6:15-7:15pm: Jan 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11; $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 January 5.

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 November 25, December 23, and December 30.



Comprehensive Plan

The Township is wrapping up the first phase of community engagement for the new Comprehensive Plan. Feedback has been gathered through the Community Survey, conversations with residents at Fall Fest, and interviews with key stakeholders, including Township staff, county planners, service providers, public safety organizations, and environmental and preservation groups.

There's still time to share your input! Scan the QR code below, complete the survey on the Township website, or pick up and return a printed copy at the Township office.

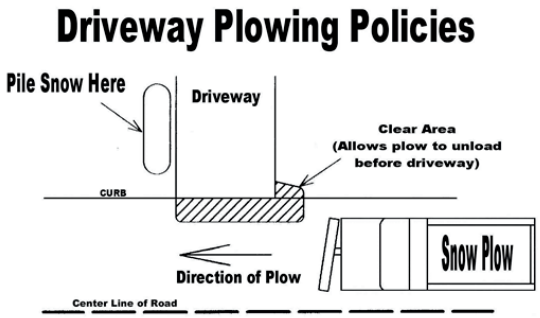
The next phase is underway, with the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting monthly to guide development of the Plan. The Committee includes Township officials, residents, business owners, and community representatives working with HRG, the Township's planning consultant, to develop draft chapters. The Township will continue to share updates and use community feedback to shape the Plan's vision, goals, and recommendations for the future.

Participate in the Community Survey by scanning the QR code below.

www.middlesextwp.com

Annual Township Winter Reminders

- Snow should be placed or shoveled to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the public street. This will prevent the bulk of the snow from being pushed back in your driveway.
- Eliminate snow piles at entrance to the driveway whenever possible.
- Residents are asked to clear snow away from fire hydrants.
- Middlesex Twp Ordinance #2-94 makes it unlawful for any person or entity to place any snow or ice (whether by shoveling, sweeping, plowing, blowing, pushing, dumping or otherwise) on the cleared and/or treated portion of a public street or road.
- Recycle bins, trash containers and basketball hoops should be in your driveway (not the road) so that they do not become hazards for moving vehicles and snow plows.
- Middlesex Township will not replace mailboxes if snow from the plow damages them.
- No parking is permitted in cul de sacs November 1-April 15.



Snow and Your Mailbox

Occasionally during the winter season, mailboxes are damaged. Please remember that a mailbox damaged by snow and ice thrown by a snow plow are the responsibility of the resident. Drivers do their best to avoid damage. Here are a few suggestions to help prevent mailbox damage:

- Place reflective tape on the mailbox so that it can be easily seen during snow plowing.
- Remove snow around the mailbox.
- If possible, reposition a mailbox that is located too close to the road - making sure that it is still accessible to the mail carrier.

Please contact the Post Office for more information on how to correctly position a mailbox.

Winter Fire Safety

More fires occur during winter than any other time of year. Prepare your home by following these basic fire safety tips.

Heating Devices

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from bedding, clothing, curtains, and other flammable materials. Use heaters with automatic shut-off features.
- Inspect heating devices for dust or damage before use.
- Store fuel in approved containers and install and test carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.

Fireplaces

- Have chimneys inspected and cleaned regularly to prevent blockages and carbon monoxide buildup.
- Use a proper fireplace screen or heat-resistant covering.

Kitchen and Cooking

- Never leave cooking grease unattended.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, paper, plastic, and curtains away from the stovetop.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby. Baking soda can help smother small grease fires. Never use water on a grease fire.

Holiday Safety

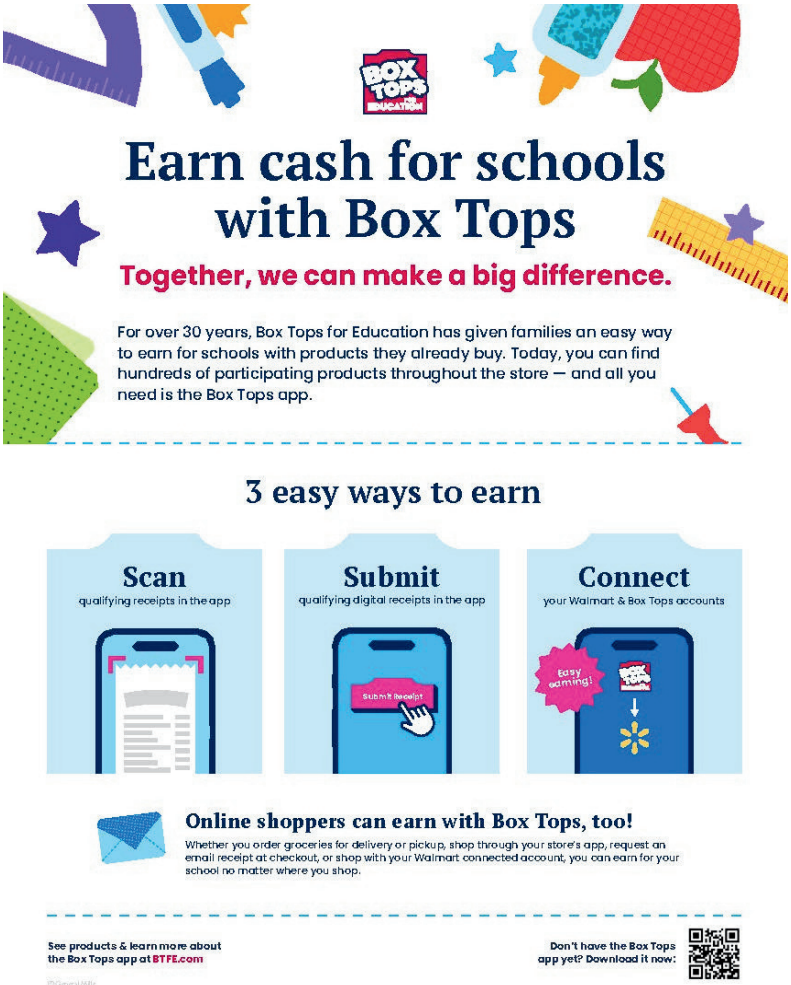
- Keep trees and decorations at least 3 feet from heat sources.
- Replace damaged or cracked electrical cords.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials, children, and pets. Never leave burning candles unattended.

Mobile Home Fire Safety

- Fire can spread quickly in mobile homes, where escape routes may be limited.
- Inspect heat tapes for cracks, deterioration, or exposed wires. Follow manufacturer recommendations and replace heat tapes every three years.
- Avoid overloading electrical circuits.
- Check heating and cooking equipment for gas leaks, blocked vents, and other hazards.
- Ensure smoke alarms are working, have fresh batteries, and are not outdated.

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Support **Middlesex Elementary** by participating in the Box Tops for Education Program. Simply download the Box Tops app, scan receipts and select Middlesex Elementary. Your receipts earn cash for the school.



The Eagle Foundation is a nonprofit organization that partners with the Cumberland Valley School District to provide opportunities and resources that go beyond what the District's regular budget can provide. Through community support, we help fund programs that enrich learning, encourage student growth, and expand opportunities for Cumberland Valley students.

We invite the community to join us for a SLAMTASTIC family night of basketball and school spirit!

🏀 Harlem Wizards vs. CV Dream Team

The Harlem Wizards are coming to the High School Dome for an entertaining night of basketball, tricks, laughs, and plenty of audience participation as they take on our very own CV Dream Team of Teachers!

Thursday, December 3, 2026

Game: 6:30 p.m. | Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Cumberland Valley High School Dome Gym

Tickets & Event Information: https://tinyurl.com/EFWizardsgame

Thank you to the following for helping to make the Fall Festival & Community Day happen!

Miller & Sam's Towing
Marcello's Ristorante
Bosler Library
4-H Horse & Pony Club
Bruster's Ice Cream
Members 1st
BRP Entertainment
Middlesex United Methodist Church
Mrs. Calaman
Fire Chief Ed Beam
Summit Search & Rescue
Destiny Dairy Bar
Tracy & Barb Gleim
Carlisle Barracks Fire Dept,
New Kingstown Fire Co
North Middleton Twp Fire Co,
Shermans Dale Fire Co
Miss Meg's Music
Middlesex Elementary School Staff
PA State Police Helicopter
Middlesex Diner
Sports Emporium
Penn Waste
Moments Magnetic Art
Messick's
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Carlisle Boro PD K9 Officer & Rambo

Special thanks to: Middlesex Township Supervisors, Middlesex Township Highway Department, Middlesex Township Police Department, Recreation Advisory Board, Playground Counselors and all the friends and family who donated their time.

We couldn't do it without you!

EAGLE FOUNDATION CUMBERLAND VALLEY

Erin Havens
300 B Street - Carlisle, PA 17013 - 717-902-9893
ehavenstax@gmail.com

Why Did the Tax Office Move?

In late 2025, Middlesex Township notified the Tax Collector's office that space in the municipal building was needed to accommodate expanding township employees effective January 1, 2026.

Under Pennsylvania's Local Tax Collection Law, an elected Tax Collector operates as an independent official. Operating costs-commercial rent, utilities, computers, phone/internet, and snow removal—are paid 100% out of Tax Collector's personal funds, with zero municipal subsidy.

Here is a quick look behind the relocation and how the new site was selected:

- Ground-Level ADA Accessibility: The facility features step-free, fully ADA-accessible ground-level entry for all residents.
- Enhanced Payment Security: Payments dropped off or mailed pass directly through an interior wall drop into a locked, secure building, eliminating outdoor mailbox vulnerabilities.
- Operational Stability: To protect taxpayers from mid-year or sudden lease cancellations, space was secured in a stable property to ensure administrative continuity throughout the Tax Collector's tenure.

Every operational decision regarding this location was made with the security of your tax dollars, full physical accessibility, and administrative continuity at the forefront.

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 to the Cumberland County Tax Claim Bureau for further collection.

Why Credit Card Payments Are Online Only

To provide more flexibility, credit card payments are accepted, but they must be processed online through my tax collector website.

Because the Tax Collector is an independently elected official—not a Township employee—I process administrative work on a private computer. Standard computers do not meet the strict, legal security criteria required to manually handle, type, or store your credit card information.

To ensure your financial data remains 100% secure and compliant with data protection laws, I cannot take credit card information over the phone or swipe cards in person. Property owners must use their own secure personal devices to enter their payment information directly into the encrypted online portal. This guarantees that your private card details are never exposed, written down, or stored on the Tax Collector's private computer.

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.

Land Development Plans Under Current Review

Residential Development

No plans under review by Planning Commission

Check also on www.middlesextwp.com for development information

Commercial Development

PAX-1 Data Center

Plan to develop sixteen data center buildings to store computer equipment. Buildings are two-story and about 65 feet tall. Plan for 693 acres along Country Club Road, 1 mile north of Harrisburg Pike.

Phase 1A – Plan for electrical power infrastructure. Construction underway on PPL main substation. Three smaller substations for each Data Center Campus are planned for construction soon. Final Plan approved. Site work underway.

Phase1B – Plan for campus 1 will consist of six data center buildings. Final Plan approved. Site work underway.

Phase 1C – Plan for Data Center temporary construction laydown area. Final Plan under review by Planning Commission.

Phase 2 – Plan for campus 2 will consist of five data center buildings. Final Plan under review by Planning Commission. Site work expected to begin soon.

Phase 3 – Plan for campus 3 will consist of five data center buildings and administration building. Preliminary Plan approved. Final Plan expected to be submitted soon.

Sheetz Store #191 Rebuild Project

Project located at northeast intersection of Harrisburg Pike and Wolfs Bridge Road

Plan to demolish existing Sheetz and rebuild new, 6,132 sq. ft. convenience store, 1,484 sq. ft, car wash and 14 fueling spaces, on about 2.9 acres. Plan under review by Planning Commission. Sheetz expects to begin work in 2027.

Winter Fire Safety continued

Be Prepared

- You may have as little as two minutes to escape a fire. Get out immediately and never stop to collect belongings. Establish a family meeting place outside.
- Smoke alarms save lives. Township building code requires alarms in occupied dwellings: inside each bedroom, outside bedroom areas, and on every level, including the basement. An alarm in the garage is also recommended.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are strongly recommended, especially in homes with gas appliances, furnaces, space heaters, wood stoves, fireplaces, clothes dryers, or other fuel-burning equipment.

Questions?

Contact your township fire officials:

- Fire Chief Edwin Beam: (717) 580-8306
- Deputy Fire Chief Robert Horning: (717) 884-1979



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

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

Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Monday, January 18, 2027

President's Day
Monday, February 15, 2027

Good Friday
Friday, March 26, 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

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Joe Vancosky, Supervisor

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TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

(2027 dates are tentative until approved by Supervisors at December meeting)

DECEMBER 2026

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

JANUARY 2027

4 Board of Supervisors.....6:00 PM
11 Planning Workshop.....7:00 PM
21 Municipal Authority.....7:00 PM
25 Planning Commission.....7:00 PM
29 Supervisor's Workshop.....7:30 AM

FEBRUARY 2027

3 Board of Supervisors.....6:00 PM
8 Planning Workshop.....7:00 PM
9 Recreation Advisory Board.....6:00 PM
18 Municipal Authority.....7:00 PM
22 Planning Commission .....7:00 PM
26 Supervisor's Workshop.....7:30 AM

MARCH 2027

3 Board of Supervisors.....6:00 PM
8 Planning Workshop.....7:00 PM
9 Recreation Advisory Board.....6:00 PM
18 Municipal Authority.....7:00 PM
19 Supervisor's Workshop..... 7:30 AM
22 Planning Commission.....7:00 PM

Zoning Hearings are scheduled as necessary, usually on the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM.
January 5, 2027 at 6:00 PM is the Annual Auditor's Meeting.
Annual schedule is subject to change. Meetings may be canceled and notice will be posted on the website and meeting room door.
Meetings are held at Middlesex Township Municipal Building, 350 N Middlesex Road, Carlisle, PA 17013