

Middlesex

Connections

Spring 2026

Middlesex Township Changes.....

Retirements

Middlesex Township is celebrating with some long time employees as they leave us to enjoy well deserved retirements.

Chief Steven Kingsborough— over 40 years of service

Karen Kiehl— over 30 years of service

Robin Rohrer— over 20 years of service

We thank them for their service and dedication to the community.



Steven Kingsborough receives an Honorary Citation from Rep. Barb Gleim

Thank You to former Supervisor Steve Larson for his many years of service and leadership to the township.

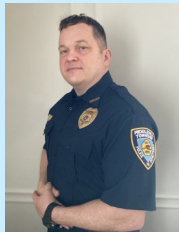
Pictured L-R: Steve Larson, Don Geistwhite, Jr and Bill Goodhart



Welcome

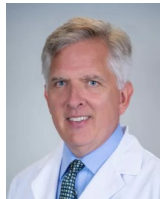
Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety Andrew Bassler

Andrew Bassler was appointed by the Township Board of Supervisors in November 2025 to fill the position of Chief of Police / Director of Public Safety. Chief Bassler is a Middlesex Township resident and previously worked for the Silver Spring Township Police Department where his 22-year career included assignments as the Criminal Investigations Unit Supervisor, Patrol Supervisor, Accreditation Manager, Major Case Team member and many other assignments throughout his tenure with Silver Spring Twp. Chief Bassler is a combat veteran of the United States Army, serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom campaigns. Chief Bassler looks forward to providing leadership, mentorship, and working with the Middlesex Police Officers to ensure quality police services, proper investigations, and service to the community members who live, work and travel within Middlesex Township. Chief Bassler can be contacted at abassler@middlesextwp.com or at 717-249-7191 Extension 103.



Welcome New Supervisor, Philip Neiderer

Philip Neiderer is a lifelong resident of Middlesex Township and a proud Alumni of Middlesex Elementary School. He has served the health care needs of local residents for over 32 years as a board-certified internal medicine physician. He resides in a nearly two hundred year old farmhouse with his wife, Cumberland County Commissioner Kelly Neiderer and their two sons. He is honored to serve the residents and taxpayers of Middlesex Township.



Tracy Heiter Joins the Township Office

Tracy Heiter began working with the Middlesex Township office staff in October 2025. She previously worked as a school counselor in Perry and Bedford counties. She graduated from Lock Haven University in 1993 and obtained a master's degree from Frostburg State University in 1997. Tracy resides in Middlesex with her husband and daughter.



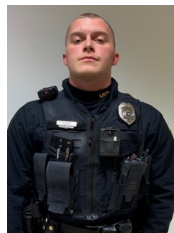
Welcome Deputy Fire Chief Horning

Robert Horning, Jr joins us as Deputy Fire Chief. He will work with Fire Chief Ed Beam. Robert's parents were both involved in Emergency Services, so he grew up serving the community. He started as a Junior Member of New Kingstown Fire Company in 1990. He served several roles until he became Deputy Chief in 1999 – a role he continues to serve. Robert enjoys golfing and spending time with his wife of 30 years, Gretchen, his son, Bailey, daughter in law, Brooke and 3 year old grandson, Kade.



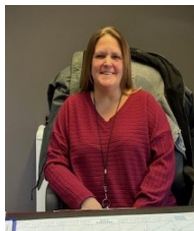
Overdue Welcome

Middlesex Police Officer Colton Sweeney
Officer Sweeney joined the Middlesex Township Police Department in June 2023. Officer Sweeney attended the HACC Police Academy. Officer Sweeney had previously worked at the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department and Cumberland County Prison before starting with Middlesex Township. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and going to the gym. Middlesex Police Department



Administrative Assistant Beth Beecher

Beth has been with the Township since November 2023, and is now full time with the Police Department. Beth worked for over 20 years at multiple school districts. In her spare time, Beth is busy going to many different sporting events involving her children and grandchildren.



Zach Zook Assumes Manager Duties

Zach Zook, Township Road Master, has also assumed the Township Manager duties. Zach has been with Middlesex for six years. Eileen Gault who has served as the Manager/Secretary/Treasurer of the Township since 2010, will be concentrating on the Secretary/Treasurer duties.

Highway Department

Whether it is plowing snow, paving roads, trimming brush, fixing signs or a variety of other tasks, the Middlesex Township Highway Department helps keep the Township safe.



Pictured L-R: Zach Zook, Jordan Hurley, Josh Travitz, Chad Davis, Scott Shepler, John Hackman and Kevin Sheriff

2026 Summer Playground Registration

Summer Playground will take place June 8– July 16, 9am-1pm, Monday – Thursdays. Children ages 4(must be entering kindergarten in the fall) thru age 12 are welcome to join us at the park for games, art, exercise and free time with friends. Sign up for all 6 weeks or just a few. The cost is \$60/week for residents and \$100/week for non-residents. A \$10 deposit is required with your registration packet for each week that you register your child. This is a non refundable deposit. (The \$10 will be applied to the balance for the week enrolled). **Limited space is available.**

Completed registration packets and deposit required to be enrolled in Playground. Registration forms are posted at www.middlesextwp.com. **Resident registration will take place Thursday, April 2, 2026, 8am** (first come first serve) at the Township Office, 350 N. Middlesex Road, Carlisle. Beginning April 6, 2026 registration is open to all. If your child is new to Playground, a short meeting with parent/guardian is required upon registration form drop off.

Yard/Garage Sale Permits Needed

The Township requires a permit for Garage/Yard Sales. No fee for application . Must submit application 7 days prior to event. More details listed on the permit. Permits must be picked up and approved at the Township Office, 350 N. Middlesex Road, Carlisle.

Appreciation for Help at Township Tree Lighting and Santa Breakfast Events

Our holiday events were well attended in December and a lot of fun! Many thanks to generous community members who made the Tree Lighting and Santa Breakfast a wonderful start to the holiday season. Special thanks to Greater Harrisburg Chorus– Sweet Adelines, Jeff Swope with Bosler Library, Tammy Eberts, Marian Smyser, Linda Eckenrode, Kimber Rohrer, Tracy & Sara Heiter, Ellen & Maura Van Weelden and Bill Gillingham.

We appreciate the help of Middlesex Highway Department and Middlesex Township Police.



Penn Waste Will Collect Leaves

Penn Waste will offer curbside leaf collection for township residents on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Leaves **MUST** be in open containers (no lids) and easily identified as leaf waste or leaves can be placed in PAPER leaf 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.

Middlesex Township/ North Middleton Township Joint Composting Site

Windy Lane (intersection of Beagle Club Rd
and W. Middlesex Dr)

Dates and Hours of Operation:
March 2—October 14 (Will not be open if snow covered)
Mondays, 8am– 12noon
Wednesdays, 2pm-7pm
Saturdays, 8am—12noon
*Closed holidays

Acceptable Items: leaves, shrubs (no roots), shrubbery clippings, branches cut into 6 foot lengths and no larger than 12 inches in diameter. There should be **NO FRUIT** on the branches.

Not Acceptable Items: stumps, bamboo, grass clippings, ornamental grasses, 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.

****Don't forget– Identification is required**

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



Erin Havens, Tax Collector

300 B Street
Carlisle, PA 17013
717-902-9893

ehavenstax@gmail.com

Important 2026 Office Relocation

Please be aware that your **2026 tax bills** will list the new official office address where office hours will be held. **Effective January 1, 2026**, the Tax Collector's office is located at 300 B Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. It is directly across the street from Mad Roast Coffee.

Tax Office Hours: Typically Tuesdays from 12:00 to 3:00pm throughout the year. (*Occasionally I may be out of town and these hours will not be valid.*) For up to the date office hours information, and tons of other great information check the website specific to real estate taxes in Middlesex Township: www.ehavenstax.com

Regular Tax Billing Schedule

Typically there are two tax bills per year:

County/Township Bill (Full Assessed Value of Land and House)

- o **Mailed:** First week of March
- o **Covers Tax Period:** January 1 to December 31 of the current year
- o **Discount Period:** received 2% discount if paid before April 30
- o **Face Period:** normal amount due if pay between May 1 and June 30
- o **Penalty Period:** 10% penalty added if paid on or after July 1.

School Tax Bill (Full Assessed Value of Land and House)

- o **Mailed:** First week of July
- o **Covers Tax Period:** July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year
- o **Discount Period:** received 2% discount if paid before August 31
- o **Face Period:** normal amount due if pay between September 1 and October 31
- o **Penalty Period:** 10% penalty added if paid on or after November 1.

If you do not receive these bills by the second week of March or July, please contact Erin via email for a copy.

Acceptable Payments: Payment can be made with check, money order, or cashier's check. If paying by cash, the exact amount is due, no change will be given. Credit card payments are accepted only online at www.ehavenstax.com, and additional processing fees apply. Payments made after December 14 must be cashier's check, money order, credit card or cash. No personal checks accepted after December 14th. Unpaid 2026 taxes will be turned over to the Tax Claim Bureau on 1/1/2026. The tax collector must physically receive payment by December 31, 2026. Post marks will not be accepted at year end.

Interim Tax bills for New Construction

For newly constructed homes, additional tax bills may be issued during the first year.

County/Township Interim Bill (New Construction)

- Covers the period from the closing date to December 31.
- Mailed shortly after the occupancy permit is processed by the tax assessment office.

School Interim Bill (New Construction)

- Covers the period from the closing date to June 30.
- Mailed shortly after the occupancy permit is processed by the tax assessment office.

Please visit www.ehavenstax.com for additional important information regarding tax bills on new construction.

Escrowed taxes

All tax bills are mailed directly to property owners. Tax bills are NOT mailed to mortgage companies. If you have a mortgage, it is your responsibility to provide your mortgage company with a copy of the bill and ensure timely payment.

Mobile Home Ownership Change

To change the ownership of a mobile home on a tax bill, a copy of the title reflecting the new owner's name or a bill of sale must be provided to the Cumberland County Tax Assessment office at 1 Courthouse Square, Carlisle, PA 17013 or emailed to cswaters@cumberlandcountypa.gov.

News from Middlesex Elementary School



- New Student Registration Instructions for 2026/27 School Year
Information regarding Student Registration can be found on CV's website: www.cvschools.org/registration
 - * Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1st to enroll in Kindergarten
 - * Students must be 6 years old on or before September 1st to enroll in 1st Grade
- We would like to thank Bobby Rahal Toyota whose partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods has ensured that our students have warm coats and shoes this winter season!
- Huge shout-out to our Middlesex students and families who supported our Four Diamonds fundraising efforts. We raised over \$10,000 for Mini-THON!

Free Medical Transportation for Veterans

Rabbitcares, the charitable arm of rabbittransit, focuses on helping community members access public transportation by understanding their needs. For many people in our community, especially our veterans, a ride is more than getting from one place to another. It helps them stay independent, get to important appointments, and feel connected. Veterans served our country, and we want to ensure our community can serve them.

This is why rabbitcares offers free medical transportation for eligible veterans across Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Franklin, Montour, Northumberland, and York Counties. By applying to rabbittransit's Paratransit/Shared Ride program, eligible veterans can schedule medical trips to regional VA medical centers and outpatient clinics throughout Central Pennsylvania and beyond. These trips are made possible through partnerships with county Veterans Affairs offices and local agencies.

Veterans are encouraged to apply before they need a ride. Being approved ahead of time helps ensure that a reliable transportation option is already in place when plans change or additional support is needed. All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. Veterans can schedule a trip by calling 1-800-632-9063 and selecting option 3. Reservations for medical appointments may be made in advance, and all vehicles are ADA-accessible. Escorts may ride with riders when needed.

Applications can be downloaded and mailed to rabbittransit at 415 N. Zarfoss Drive, York, PA 17404; or 901 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. For more information, visit <https://www.rabbittransit.org/services/veterans-transportation/>.

This program helps veterans get the care they need without worrying about how they will get there. It is one way our community can give back to the people who have already given so much. If you would like to help support this cause, you can donate at <https://www.rabbittransit.org/product/veterans-transportation-fund/>.



MS-4 Springtime Tips:

Pick up Trash: Sometimes someone will inadvertently drop a piece of trash on the ground. If you see trash that you can safely pick up, collect it up and put it in the nearest garbage or recycling bin. It's that simple. If it's too large, or you think it may be hazardous, contact your municipality. Improperly controlled trash can enter the storm drain system, which can then reach a water body such as Letort Spring Run and or the Conodoguinet Creek.

Never pollute drains. Our storm inlets lead to creeks/streams and can carry pollutants. They are not garbage receptacles. These untreated pollutants can kill fish and other aquatic life. Additionally, because we live in a karst environment, many storm inlets go directly to sinkholes or other recharge areas where pollutants can impair our groundwater.

Lawn Care: Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly as required, and don't forget to pick up pet waste. Lawns should be tested for nutrients to ensure the correct amount is applied, or if fertilizer is even needed.



MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) is a publicly-owned, regulated system of conveyances—such as storm drains, pipes, ditches, and curbs—designed to collect or transport untreated stormwater runoff into local water bodies.

Pickleball 101

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. Sessions will focus on basic skills, strategies and scoring of pickleball. Open to Ages 14 and up.

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 19 & 20

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

We are fortunate that Vaughn Ludwig, ITPA Certified Instructor has offered to teach these sessions for free.

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 May 8, 2026 to register.



Yoga For All

Carlisle Family YMCA Instructor, Bob Romanoski is great with beginners. Don't be afraid to try yoga thinking you are not flexible or you are not at your goal weight. Using the positive energy yoga brings to you, you can build your own personal goals, and you will be doing something healthy for yourself. Instructor Bob offers gentle yoga classes suitable for all levels and ages. Simply come with a mat, comfortable clothes and an open mind. You will feel the difference the first time.

* At this time we do not offer a pay as you attend option.

Two sessions are available this spring:

Tuesdays, 10-11am: March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 21, 28. The cost is \$42 for the 6 class session.

Thursdays, 6:15-7:15pm:

March 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 23, 30. The cost is \$42 for this 6 class session.

The classes take place at 50 Beagle Club Road, Carlisle, PA.

Call 717-249-4409 to register.

***Please call before March 13, 2026 to register.** If we do not have enough participants, we may have to cancel the session/s.

Zumba Classes Continues

Zumba classes are being held every Wednesday 6-7pm at Middlesex United Methodist Church, 118 N. Middlesex Road, Carlisle. Zumba is a Latin inspired dance fitness program that incorporates easy to learn dance steps and international music for a great overall workout.

It is exercise in disguise! 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 (14 yrs and older). Questions? Email instructor Lisa Lynch at lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com

CUMBERLAND COUNTY TIRE RECYCLING EVENTS

Pre-registration Required; \$0.15/lb. Disposal Fee

- **Friday, May 15** | 9 am - 3 pm
- **Friday, Sept. 18** | 9 am - 3 pm



Cumberland County Recycling Center
1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

First 25 lbs. FREE; \$0.15 per lb. after

Thursday, April 23

10 am - 2 pm

Pre-registration Required



Cumberland County Recycling Center
1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle

CUMBERLAND COUNTY 2026 RECYCLING EVENTS

Pre-registration is required and all events are held at the Cumberland County Recycling Center located at 1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle.

Paper Shredding

First 25 lbs. FREE; \$0.15 per lb. after
Thursday, April 23 | 10 am - 2 pm

Tire Recycling

\$0.15 per lb. disposal fee
Friday, May 15 | 9 am - 3 pm
Friday, September 18 | 9 am - 3 pm

Household Hazardous Waste

\$0.75 per lb. disposal fee
Thursday, April 9 | 11 am - 5 pm
Saturday, May 30 | 9 am - 3 pm
Saturday, August 15 | 9 am - 3 pm
Thursday, October 29 | 11 am - 5 pm



cumberlandcountypa.gov/recycling

Middlesex Township Egg Hunt

Join us **Saturday, March 28, 2026, 10am** for a traditional Egg Hunt at the Township Park, 50 Beagle Club Road, Carlisle. Children ages 1-10 are invited to search for treat filled eggs (the plastic eggs are yours to keep). A few prize eggs will be scattered in the mix as well.

Remember to bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs. The Hunt starts at 10am sharp. If your kids are not at the park and with their age group before 10am, the eggs may be gone, so come early! The Egg Hunt will take place rain, snow or shine.



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

MARCH 2026

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

APRIL 2026

- 1 Board of Supervisors 6PM
- 13 Planning Workshop 7PM
- 16 Municipal Authority 7PM
- 24 Supervisor's Workshop 7:30AM
- 27 Planning Commission 7PM

MAY 2026

- 6 Board of Supervisors 6PM
- 11 Planning Workshop 7PM
- 21 Municipal Authority 7PM
- 26 Planning Commission 7PM
- 29 Supervisor's Workshop 7:30AM

JUNE 2026

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

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

Penn Waste Rate Increase April 2026

As noted in previous newsletters, Penn Waste will increase their price to \$94.11/quarter beginning April 2026. If you have any questions about your service or billing, contact Penn Waste at 717-767-4456 or check www.pennwaste.com

Township Office Hours Change for Summer

May 26 thru September 4, 2026 the Township Office will be open 7am-4pm, Monday– Thursday and 8am-12noon on Fridays. Regular hours will resume September 8, 2026 (Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm)



The Township Offices will be closed the following days:

Good Friday, Friday, April 3, 2026
Election Day, Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026
Independence Day, Friday, July 3, 2026

Remember to vote on
Election Day
Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
Polls are open
7AM-8PM



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
William H. Goodhart, Supervisor

Administrative Staff

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

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