

Middlesex

Connections

Winter 2025/2026

Welcome the Holidays with Two Township Events



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 5, 2025
7-8 pm, Township Park
50 Beagle Club Road

Join us at the park! The Greater Harrisburg Chorus will be there as well as crafts, treats and our special guest Santa Claus! Please make sure to dress according to the weather.

Santa Breakfast

Saturday, December 6, 2025
8-9am or 9:15-10:15am
Recreation Building
50 Beagle Club Road
Register by calling
717-249-4409

Come join us for breakfast and fun with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. We are asking families/groups to sign up for either 8am-9am or 9:15-10:15am at the Recreation Building.

We will serve bagels, donuts, muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is \$3/person for anyone (whether you are eating or not) attending over the age of 3 (children 2 and under are free). **Registration is required for this event.**

Call 717-249-4409 to register by December 3. You will need to reserve either the 8am time slot or the 9:15am time slot.

Nicholas Ryan Over Foundation Donates AED to Middlesex Township Police

The Nicholas Ryan Over Foundation generously donated an AED (automated external defibrillator) machine to the Middlesex Township Police Department. The Nicholas Ryan Over Foundation mission is to educate the public on sudden cardiac arrest in youth and to provide AED equipment to the community. Due to an undiagnosed heart condition, George & Cristal Over lost their seemingly healthy 20 year old son Nicholas suddenly in 2001. To keep Nick's memory alive, the Over's turned their tragic loss into a passion to possibly prevent others from losing their loved ones. More information on their organization can be found at www.nrofoundation.org



In the photo, the AED is presented by George "Skip" Over to Officer Dylan Kuhn. Ironically right after this picture was taken, Officer Kuhn received a call for a possible sudden cardiac arrest, so he left with the newly donated AED in hand.

Tree & Plant Trimming

Trees, bushes and plants need to be trimmed. Tree limbs and branches need to be at least nine feet above a side-walk and 13 feet above any township roadway. This will assure safe passage for walkers, motorists, emergency vehicles and snow plow equipment. Property owners or occupants must remove any tree, shrub or plant growth that interferes with the safety of pedestrians and vehicles or obstructs any public street sign or traffic control device. The Township will be performing tree trimming over the winter and any growth that has not been removed by home owners or occupants could be trimmed.

Tree Collection Times in January

(Excludes apartments and mobile home parks)

Christmas trees will be collected by Penn Waste Saturday, January 11, 2024. After January 11, Penn Waste will collect any remaining Christmas trees on your normal trash day 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, 8am-12noon.

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



Penn Waste Increase April 2026

Penn Waste will increase their price from \$90.48/quarter to \$94.11/quarter beginning April 2026. This previously announced increase is for the final year of our current contract. If you have any questions about your service or your billing, please contact Penn Waste at 717-767-4456.

'Tis the Season to be Alert to Potential Fire Hazards

The holidays bring joy and happiness to most, except to those who have to experience a fire. In preparation for winter now is the time to focus on making your home fire safe. Fires in the home account for 80% of all fire deaths in the United States. Heating equipment is the leading cause of home fires during the winter. Having working smoke alarms is a good place to start your fire safety plan. Once an alarm is sounded it takes less than 2 minutes to escape before smoke and fire can make you a fire victim. Fire doubles itself every 30 seconds. Children are the most vulnerable in becoming a fire victim-they are easily confused and fearful. Practicing an escape from a fire should be a part of your home fire safety plan. Remember to take pets with you when you escape. Remember a fire may have caused a power failure and confusion in escaping can occur inside a dark or dim lighted home. Designate a safe central meeting place to meet once outside and let the fire department know the status of each person residing in the home. Call 9-1-1 immediately.

Several fire safety tips:

Heating Devices should be checked and cleaned before being used each year. December through February are the peak months for fires involving home heating and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. Chimneys and flues should be checked and cleaned annually. A small crack in a chimney can allow flames into your home or attic.

Electric Heat Tapes should be inspected annually for signs of wear, cracks, deterioration, or charring. Heat tapes should be replaced every few years.

Burning candles drastically increases home fires over the months of December and January. Candles should not be left unattended, used only by adults and not left burning while going to sleep. Numerous fires have occurred locally by pets bumping burning candles and starting fires.

Electrical fires account for half of all home fires. Be careful not to overload circuits with modern appliances, A/C units, space heaters, micro-wave ovens and other electronic equipment.

Lithium-ion batteries have emerged as a popular power source for power tools, smart phones, iPad, scooters and cars. Overcharging and overheating a lithium-ion battery can lead to a fire. If you see a lithium-ion battery bulging, popping, gases venting, rising temperatures or damage from dropping or abuse, if possible remove device and battery to a safe location outside and call 9-1-1 because of the nature and complexity of battery fires.

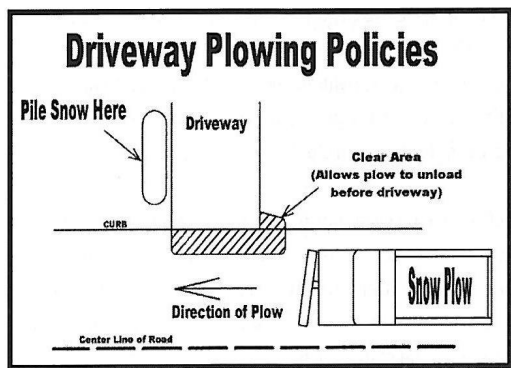
Carbon Monoxide (CO) although not a fire related incident, it is a colorless, odorless gas that can cause death in larger amounts. CO occurs when fuels (natural gas, propane, wood, coal, kerosene or running a vehicle in a closed garage) do not completely burn and displaces oxygen. A CO detector is a must if you use any of the above in your home.

Having a working smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide detector will make your home safer. A smoke detector/alarm should be in each bedroom, one in each level of living area, one in each hallway leading to bedrooms, and one in basement area. Batteries in smoke detectors should be changed once a year. Newer smoke detectors have a battery encapsulated and have a ten-year warranty. Don't give fire a reason to start.



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 snowplows.
- 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.

Reducing Pollution in the Stormwater Drains This Winter

- Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas. This will allow the snow to infiltrate instead of becoming runoff.
- Use de-icing and salts sparingly. Focus on making your walkways and driveways safe but avoid overusing or spreading in vegetated areas or near waterways.
- 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.



Stretch and Decrease Stress with Yoga

Yoga class can help physically and mentally. It can help reduce your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoporosis and diabetes. It can also keep your joints, tendons and ligaments flexible. Yoga can contribute to mental well being by decreasing stress and anxiety and improving sleep. Our classes are suitable for all ages and levels. Give it a try!

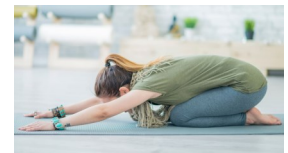
Carlisle Family YMCA Instructor, Bob Romanoski, leads our Yoga classes at the Recreation Building, 50 Beagle Club Road, Carlisle. Participants pay \$35 for each 5 week session even though participants may not be able to attend all 5 classes. We are not able to provide a “pay as you go” option. Classes may be cancelled and rescheduled due to weather or illness. Please provide a contact phone number when registering.

We have two five week sessions from which to choose:
 Tuesday mornings, 10-11am
 January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 17 (no class 2/10)
 \$35 for this 5 week session.

Thursday evenings, 6:15-7:15pm
 January 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 19 (no class 2/12)
 \$35 for this 5 week session.

Please bring your own yoga mat.

Please call the Township at 717-249-4409 to register by January 15 2026. We must have at least 8 participants in each session or the class may be cancelled



Zumba in the New Year

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

(No class 11/26/25, 12/24/25 or 12/31/25)

Board Positions Available

The Board of Supervisors of Middlesex Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania will be accepting letters of interest from Township Residents for volunteer positions on the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and LeTort Regional Authority. Any resident wishing to be considered for these volunteer positions should submit a resume with a letter of interest to Middlesex Township, 350 North Middlesex Road, Suite 1, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 17013 to attention Eileen Gault, Twp. Manager.

From Middlesex Elementary....

Fall Fun is underway at Middlesex Elementary! Families enjoyed "Trunk-or-Treat" as part of the annual PTO Fall Fest. Our librarian, Mrs. Lauren Rausch, also led efforts to celebrate literacy with Title I Family Night during the Scholastic Book Fair this November. We are incredibly appreciative of the many ways our staff, parents, and community support our students! If you are interested in supporting Middlesex Elementary, one of the easiest ways is to participate 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!

Middlesex Township & North Middleton Township Joint Compost Facility

Located on Windy Lane (at the intersection of Beagle Club Road and West Middlesex Drive)

2025 Hours of operation :

November– December 13

Saturdays, 8am-12noon

2026 Hours of operation:

January: Saturdays, 8am-noon

February: Closed

March 2– October 17:

Mondays, 8am– noon;

Wednesdays, 2pm-7pm and

Saturdays, 8am—noon

October 24– December 12: Saturdays, 8am-noon

* The site is closed on holidays and during snowy/icy weather.

Our compost material is very popular. By having the site monitored, we are able to avoid having garbage/trash dumped in the site. Look for mulch to be available again this spring.

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

****Identification is REQUIRED:** In order to ensure that our site is not overwhelmed by materials from outside of Middlesex & North Middleton Townships, compost users will be asked for a picture ID with a current address when using the compost facility. Please see our website www.middlesextwp.com for more information.

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TAX COLLECTOR NOTES

Erin Havens

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Please pay close attention to the deadlines and restrictions below to avoid penalties and ensure your 2025 payment is accepted.

Date	Action	Payment Methods Accepted
By December 14, 2025	Pay without restriction.	Personal Check , Money Order, Cashier's Check, Cash, or Credit Card (online).
December 15–31, 2025	Personal Checks will NOT be accepted.	Cashier's Check, Money Order, Credit Card (online at www.ehavenstax.com), or Cash (exact amount only).
January 1, 2026	Unpaid 2025 taxes will be turned over to the Tax Claim Bureau . The Tax Collector can no longer accept any 2025 payments.	

Important 2026 Office Relocation

Effective January 1, 2026, the Tax Collector's office will **no longer be located at the Township complex**.

Due to the growing Township staff, there is no longer capacity at the Township building for the Tax Collector. Once a new location is secured, the updated address will be immediately published at www.ehavenstax.com. Please be aware that your **2026 tax bills** will list the new official office address where office hours will be held.

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.

Thank you to Fall Festival Contributors & Volunteers

Big thanks to Miller & Sam's Towing, Amazon, Marcello's Ristorante, Middlesex Diner, Amici Pizza and Sports Emporium for donating items to give away at the Middlesex Township Police Tent.

In addition, special thanks to American Trauma Society of PA/South Central PA Highway Safety, Bosler Memorial Library, Bruster's Ice Cream, Mrs. Guy Calaman, Cumberland County 4-H Horse & Pony Club, Destiny Dairy Bar, Dogtopia, Barb & Tracy Gleim, Author Ann Marie Knorr, Members 1st, Middlesex United Methodist Church, Middlesex Police and Highway Departments, Miss Meg's Music, New Kingstown Fire Company, Steigleman Farms, Summit

Search and Rescue, Sunday's Mill, Shermans Dale Ambulance, Union Fire Company, Recreation Advisory Board Members and Family Members.



Cumberland County Vector Control: Mosquito Season

The mosquito season has wrapped up and this year had one of the highest positive trap numbers for Cumberland county and the State of Pennsylvania as a whole. Cumberland County collected a total of 710 traps and 741 larval collections. Out of the traps collected 234 of them tested positive. 316 larval treatments were completed and 22 adult treatments. The season was front loaded with a large amount of rain followed by high temperatures leading to a perfect storm for mosquitos to thrive.

Vector Control attended 10 community outreach events including Carlisle Earth Day, Silver Spring Open House, Penn State Plant Fest, Public Safety Summer Fair, the County's first Bring Your Child to Work Day, Camp Hill's Storm Fest, Hampden and Carlisle's National Night Out, the Sherrif Office's end of Summer Fair, Farmland Preservation event.

Vector Control in conjunction with Cumberland County recycling host two tire collections, one in May and one in September. For the first event we collected 20.02 tons of tires, equaling about 1,691 tires. For the second event we collected 6.33 tons of tires, equaling about 574 tires.



Township Offices Holiday Closures

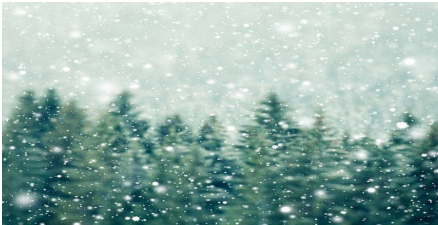
The Township Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Thanksgiving- Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28, 2025
Christmas- Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Friday, December 26, 2025

New Year's Day- Thursday, January 1, 2026

Martin Luther King, Jr Day- Monday, January 19, 2026

President's Day- Monday, February 16, 2026



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS (2026 dates tentative until approved by Supervisors at December Meeting)

- DECEMBER 2025**
- 3 Board of Supervisors 7PM
 - 8 Planning Workshop 7PM
 - 18 Municipal Authority 7PM
 - 19 Supervisor's Workshop 7:30AM
 - 22 Planning Commission 7PM

- FEBRUARY 2026**
- 4 Board of Supervisors 6PM
 - 9 Planning Workshop TBD
 - 10 Recreation Board 6PM
 - 19 Municipal Authority 7PM
 - 23 Planning Commission TBD
 - 27 Supervisor's Workshop 7:30AM

- JANUARY 2026**
- 5 Reorganizational Meeting 6PM
 - 12 Planning Workshop TBD
 - 15 Municipal Authority 7PM
 - 26 Planning Commission TBD
 - 30 Supervisor's Workshop 7:30AM

- MARCH 2025**
- 4 Board of Supervisors 6PM
 - 9 Planning Workshop TBD
 - 10 Recreation Board, 6PM
 - 19 Municipal Authority 7PM
 - 23 Planning Commission TBD
 - 27 Supervisor's Workshop 7:30AM

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

January 5, 2026 (time TBD) is the Annual Auditor's Meeting.

Annual schedule is subject to change.

Meetings may be canceled, and notice will be posted on meeting room door.

You are welcome to call the office at 717-249-4409 for confirmation.

Township e-mail:

Steven Kingsborough, Director of Public Safety
Eileen M. Gault, Township Manager
Zachary Zook, Road Master
Mark D. Carpenter, Zoning Officer
Gerald Steigleman, Asst. Building Codes Officer
Gerald "Bud" Grove, Engineer
Denise Jumper, Recreation Director
Robin Rohrer Admin. Assistant
Tracy Heiter, Rec Specialist/Admin. Assistant

Administrative Staff

Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr., Chairman
Steven L. Larson, Vice Chairman
William H. Goodhart, Supervisor

Supervisors

Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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