



MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWS

Holiday Issue 2017



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THANKSGIVING BANQUET

*Volunteer Appreciation
Dinner on November 17th*

Friday, November 17th the township celebrated the good works of its residents in a gathering of over 150 of the township's committee, commission and board members, as well as the Person of the Year finalists and the local organizations they represent.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

*At Echo Lake Park on
Saturday, November 25th*

Activate your Shop Local Discount Cards to win prizes, such as a wreath by Richards Tree Farm.

In the spirit of the season, please bring an unwrapped toy and/or non-perishable food to the tree lighting for Toys for Tots and Bushkill Outreach.

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WHAT'S GOIN ON

NOV 17 Person of the Year & Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

NOV 20 Shop Local Discount Cards available

NOV 25 5th annual Tree Lighting at Echo Lake Park

DEC 7 Presentation of the 2018 Budget to the Public

DEC 16 Wreaths Across America

Never miss another township event again! Sign up for Textcaster to receive text alerts and choose which events you want to know about! <http://www.middlesmithfieldtownship.com/1412/mst-text-alerts/>



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COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Parks & Recreation Board

6:30pm | 1st Monday of Every Month

Golf Course Committee

8:30am | 2nd Monday of Every Month

Economic Development Committee

6:00pm | 2nd Monday of Every Month

Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Composting Board

Call for Schedule

Regional Parks at Smithfield Township

7:45pm | 3rd Monday of Every Month

Historical Commission

9am | 1st Wednesday of Every Month

Board of Supervisors Meeting

7pm | 2nd & 4th Thursday of Every Month

Planning Commission

5:30pm | 3rd Thursday of Every Month

WE SINCERELY THANK ALL OF OUR COMMITTEES:

The Economic Development Advisory Committee advises the Board of Supervisors on matters dealing with the advancement and expansion of the local economy. A resource to the business community dedicated to the success of our businesses, the EDC strives to create a diverse business community that is prosperous and innovative while built on a stable economic foundation.

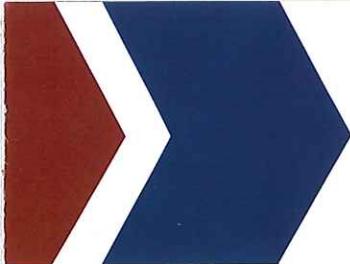
Recognizing the need to reduce costs and manage the golf course operation the current administration inherited, Township officials chartered the **Golf Course Advisory Committee**. This committee helps manage course operations by tending to endless details, and advise Supervisors on golf issues.

The Historical Commission is comprised of historical educators, local residents and committed volunteers that aim to foster and promote public knowledge and interest in Township history. Since its establishment in 2012, members host interactive, fun events such as Marshalls Creek Mastodon events, Memory Makers luncheons and work to procure historical markers for significant sites.

The Parks and Recreation Board's mission is to retain enough open space for our residents' use, maintain the beauty and character of the area, and maintain full functioning park equipment and facilities that will provide a number of recreational activities and events throughout the year. Since the beginning of 2013, the Parks and Recreation Committee have added playgrounds, a community garden, and re-invented the Bark Park. They conduct family friendly events such as the Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat ad Tree Lighting.

The Planning Commission serves as an advisory board that makes recommendations to the Supervisors, Zoning Hearing Board, and to the Zoning Officer. The Commission also reviews all major and minor subdivisions, land development plans and any new zoning changes such as variances or home occupations. The members of the Commission also work on new zoning changes and ordinances.

The Zoning Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body that renders decisions on specific types of land use appeals and applications. The primary purpose of the zoning hearing board is to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the zoning ordinance. The zoning hearing board hears appeals from the zoning officer's determinations and grants relief from literal enforcement of the zoning ordinance in certain hardship situations by means of a variance.



A WORD FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Mike Dwyer, Mark Oney, and Annette Atkinson

Now is the time of year when we pause to give thanks for all our blessings, as we prepare for holiday traditions, and a season especially set aside to cherish family and friends.

It is in this attitude of gratitude that the Supervisors and community came together November 10th to host a dinner honoring our Veterans, indebted for the sacrifice they have made.

We are grateful for our many volunteers and civic minded community members, and the Supervisors come together again on November 17th with our residents to give thanks at the annual Person of the Year award and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

Thank you all - your Supervisors are humbly thankful for all you do all year long to improve our community and make our township a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Your Township Supervisors
Mike, Mark and Annette

2016 PERSON OF THE YEAR UPDATE: WHAT THEY ARE UP TO



KATE NEWMAN, 2016 PERSON OF THE YEAR

The BUSHKILL CHRISTMAS SHOP is now OPEN until 12/23. Visit Rose and see all the great items she has there with really good deals for your Christmas shopping and decorating. All Proceeds to benefit the Bushkill Outreach Food Pantry. Tues, Wed, Thurs, ad Sat, 9a-1pm



ALBERT COMPOLY JR., 2016 PERSON OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Al has his Christmas Jars up again this year. Visit PoconoChristmasJars.com, or better yet, his display at 359 Lower Lakeview Drive. There you can pick up a FREE Christmas Jar that you can fill with your spare change to give to someone in need.



ANDREW ZASO, 2016 PERSON OF THE YEAR FINALIST

MADY'S KITCHEN
Andy is pooped, the Dinner for Veterans was a great success!

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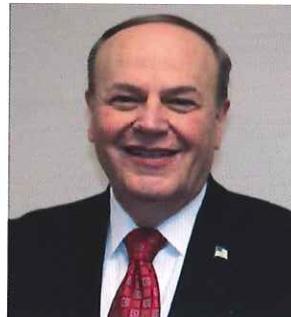
2018: NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE

The annual presentation of the budget to the public will be Monday, 7pm, December 4th at the township building, along with the 2017 Annual Report.

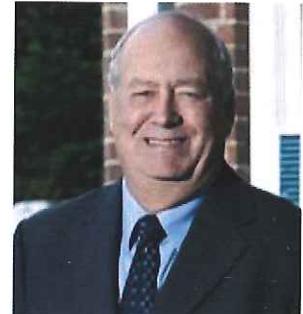
WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE EDC, BOB PHILLIPS

We would also like to welcome the newest member to the Middle Smithfield Economic Development Committee, Bob Phillips. Bob recently retired from his position as CEO of the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce, holding that position for the last 17 years. A Scranton native, Bob Phillips got involved in business very early, when he took over the family tire store at age 18, shortly after graduating from high school. He attended night school at the University of Scranton, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a concentration in accounting. Bob also served for six years on the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Board.

The Middle Smithfield Township Economic Development Committee meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm and, as always, the public is welcome to attend.



NEW BEGINNINGS FOR CARL WILGUS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SECRETARY



Carl Wilgus, recently retired from his position as President & CEO of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau which he held for the past decade, has been a vital member of the township's Economic Development Committee and served as Secretary since December 2012.

Carl has an extensive and impressive background in tourism, serving as head of the state of Idaho's tourism program for nearly 20 years and in 2005, was named the State Tourism Director of the Year by the Travel Industry Association of America. Carl's time in the Poconos hasn't been all work and no fun, however. In his down time, he enjoys skiing, golfing and a slew of other water-based recreational activities.

Carl will be relocating in the Fall of 2017 with his wife to Arizona. Throughout his time on the Committee Carl has been crucial in projects such as the annual MSTshoplocal holiday campaign and Restaurant Week, and policies such as Zoning (sign ordinance) and LERTA (tax abatement). We would like to thank Carl for everything he has done for the township and the Economic Development Committee. We wish him the best of luck in retirement and future!

SHOP LOCAL 2017 IS HERE!

The Shop local program is an exclusive program for local shoppers who want to save money and support their community.

Why Shop Local?

You can guess how shopping locally helps you: you save money on gas, and finish your shopping faster. But how does it help our community? Local dollars spent, local taxes paid, local jobs created. Local businesses that thrive create local jobs. Not only do independent businesses employ more people directly per dollar of revenue, they also are customers of

local printers, accountants, wholesalers, farms, attorneys, and are expanding opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

How do I participate?

1. Call 570-223-8920 to activate your Discount Card. This also qualifies you to win cool prizes!
2. Cut the discount card off, and keep in your wallet, and use it at the participating stores listed. (You may also want to keep a list of deals and discounts with you.)
3. Let the holiday shopping begin! The discounts will be effective until January 2, 2018.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Gina Bertucci | Vice Chairperson: Carrie E. Wetherbee | Secretary: Carl Wilgus |
Members: Beverly Brown, Joe Memoli | Economic Development Manager: Patrice Dume

SAW MILL FURNITURE

Saw Mill Furniture is celebrating their 30 year anniversary and they are spreading the cheer this holiday season! Residents can enjoy 30% off selected items in every category, and a FREE gift with every purchase. Residents can enter to win many prizes in the Sawmill Furniture Store 30th Anniversary sweepstakes: gift cards, recliners, mattress sets, and so much more. The Sweepstakes Grand Prize is a \$3,000 room makeover! Yes, \$3,000 and no purchase necessary! Residents can just visit the store and ask to sign up for the \$3,000 Room Make-Over Sweepstakes. Winners will be announced December 31st, 2017! Stay tuned for the township's recognition event in honor of Saw Mill Furniture for their years of service to the community. Sawmill Furniture is a family business, with Judson and Maureen Krinsky and their sons, Jesse, Brian and Jordan. The store started with the godfather of the boys, Harris Goldberg, who was from New Jersey and was in the furniture business. The first Sawmill Furniture building was actually right behind Scotty's Gas Station. The store moved to its current location in 1990. Over the years, the store has survived recessions and many changes, by focusing on customer service. Jesse Krinsky says, that "Anyone can sell



Judd Krinsky, Patrice Dume, and Jesse Krinsky invite you to visit Sawmill Furniture for their 30th anniversary!

furniture, but you have to make sure it's the right product, and make sure it's delivered with care. If a problem arises, make sure to take care of it promptly and with care. We've survived three recessions focusing on those concepts."

The store went in a new direction during the recession and started to sell more valuable products. These quality furniture pieces last longer, without breaking the bank. About 75% of products are made in the USA and they are available in custom orders with hundreds of fabrics and they come in fast! They also have a nice collection of products made by the Amish, who arguably make the best furniture in the world. In the 90's the store had a commercial that would play on the radio with the following slogan "Now more than ever we furnish the Poconos." This is what residents in the area can expect, Saw Mill Furniture will continue to offer quality products, with quality customer service!



The next time you need furniture, stop by and give Saw Mill a try. Interested in the sweepstakes? Make sure to stop by the store and sign-up, and remember no purchase is necessary. This holiday season, enjoy great deals and prizes, and do not forget to come in with your Shop local discount card for even more deals! Contact Saw Mill Furniture: at info@sawmillfurniture.com, find them on Facebook at facebook.com/SawMillFurniture/ or call (570) 223-9989 or just stop by 5160 Milford Rd, East Stroudsburg (right across from Perkins).

FINISH THE YEAR STRONG WITH RETRO FITNESS!

If the egg nog and gingerbread has you jiggle more than jingle all the way this holiday season, fear not – your Shop Local Discount Card is here. Have you seen your Shop Local card? Did you see the awesome December Deal from Retro Fitness? Well, your eyes do not deceive you, it's true, Retro Fitness is giving a FREE ONE MONTH "STRONG ALL ACCESS PASS"! That's a \$100 value – FREE! With your December "strong access pass", you have unlimited retro strong small group training, access to daily hydro massage recovery beds, unlimited gym floor access, unlimited group classes, unlimited tanning, and unlimited child sitting for up to two children. The Retro



Strong small group training membership offer the next level of result driven training. Members are able to take advantage of the knowledge, expertise, and attention of a certified personal trainer while working in an exciting, challenging, comradery filled small group setting.

Residents using the one month strong all access pass can enjoy some of the following strong classes: Barre Strong, Retro Strike Strong, TRX Strong, TRX

Strong Yoga, Strong Form, Flow, and Firm, Strong Restorative Rolling, Bodyshock Strong, and so much more!! This Strong Membership is usually \$99.99/month, but if free for the month of December with your Shop Local card. This way you can see if this membership is right for you, whether you just want to discover the healthiest version of yourself or just have an energetic and fun experience, Retro Fitness STRONG ALL ACCESS PASS via your MST Shop Local Discount Card is just what you need. Give it a try! This is exclusive to the Marshalls Creek Retro Fitness, that is located just off of Milford Road/Route 209 at 900 Business Dr, Suite 106, East Stroudsburg (right by Perkins Bakery. LOL). Feel free to call at 570-369-5800!

PARKS & RECREATION



River's Edge Family Bike Park

REGIONAL PARKS:

RIVER'S EDGE FAMILY BIKE PARK: Dig to Ride: Local Students Earn Bikes for Volunteer Work at River's Edge

Wednesdays are maintenance days at River's Edge Family Bike Park. Every week, the park is closed and volunteers led by pump track designer Jim Dellavalle make repairs. A lot of these volunteers are student from our local high schools who participate though an all-volunteer program known as "Dig to Ride."

The program gets local kids involved in the community, encourages volunteerism, and gets them moving in an outdoor environment. Jim Dellavalle started the program at a bike track he designed in Philadelphia as a way to get kids involved in biking and to get them to invest in taking care of the park.

So far, programs with Stroudsburg and Bangor High Schools have been developed to allow students who maintain their grades and never miss a day of work to take time out of the school day to spend working at the bike park. After 20 volunteer hours, they are rewarded with a new bike, paid for by the schools and local contributors. Students who miss work days or let their grades slip cannot complete the program.

On Wednesday October 18, Kris Mortenson, 14, and Damien D'Avella, 16 – both students from Bangor High School – put in

their 20th hour and graduated from the program. At a special ceremony, they were awarded brand new 20 inch BMX bikes from Kent Bikes, custom built on site by Chad Kelly of Morpheus Bikes. It was a beautiful day, so Kris and Damien got to try out their new bikes on the track they work hard to maintain.



Photo, left to right:
Damian D'Avella, Dave
Holzer (Dellavalle
Designs), Dylan Jones,
Kris Mortenson, Jim
Dellavalle, Chad Kelly
(Morpheus Bikes)

"These kids installed the stone borders around all the rain gardens, installed a large portion of the amended soils for the rain gardens, and have helped beautify the area," said Dellavalle. "It's great to see them all working together with people from the area. This is a great start to the Bike Park program."

Bangor High School special education teachers Al Youst and Amy Bargiel worked with Dellavalle to set up Bangor's Dig to Ride participation and attended maintenance days with their students.

Middle Smithfield Township and Smithfield Township – who jointly own and administer the park – hope that this program can continue for years to come, bringing students out to get physical activity and introduce new generations of kids to biking.

River's Edge Family Bike Park is located on River Road in Smithfield Township, just over the river from Delaware Water Gap. The Park is open daily, weather permitting, until December 1 when it will close for the winter. For more information about the park, find us on Facebook or call 570-223-8920 x119.

DOG PARK: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: The MST Ice Rink is Back and Bigger than Ever

Get ready to skate! Starting in December, the small dog area of the MST Dog Park will once again be taken over by an ice rink! And this time, it's bigger than ever.

Last year, the MST Ice Rink was installed at the Dog Park for the first time. This year, the rink will more than triple in size from last year, from 24 by 44 feet, to 44 by 88 feet.

The ice rink will be installed in the Small Dog Area again this year. The Large Dog

Area will remain open for dog owners to use. The MST Dog Park is located at 108 Leroy's Lane.

The ice rink will be open to the public seven days a week from sun up to sun down starting in December until it is disassembled in March. Exact dates will be determined based on the weather. Usability will be dependent on winter temperatures. Users should provide their own skating

or hockey equipment and should bring brooms and plastic shovels to clear off any snow that may fall on the ice. There will not be staff on site, so skaters will use the rink at their own risk.

The MST Dog Park is open to the general public every day from sunrise to sunset. For more information about the ice rink, Dog Park, or any MST park, please contact Chris Rain at 570-223-8920 x119 or crain@mstownship.com.

RESICA PARK:

It was a Scary Good Time at the 4th Annual Trunk or Treat

On Saturday October 21, the Parks & Recreation Committee hosted its 4th Annual Trunk or Treat at Resica Park. With activities including balloon art, face painting, sand art, and spin art, a free pumpkin for every child, and 13 spooky cars to get candy from, over 1000 people came to enjoy the festivities.

Special thanks to our 2017 Trunk or Treat sponsors:

- **Golden Pumpkin:** Bushkill Group
- **Bronze Pumpkins:** Mignosi's Super Foodtown, Fernando's Antique Furniture, Mitchell Marcus, and Wayne Bank
- **Great Pumpkins:** Annette Atkinson, Shear ENVY Salon, Pocono Indian Museum, and Starting Gate Ski Shop.

Your sponsorships make our community events possible!

Congratulations to our car decoration winners, Shawn Van Why (1st place), Tom X Pub (2nd place), and Debbie Sasso (3rd place), who received prizes from the Parks Committee for their great



Shawn Van Why - 1st Place

decorating skills! Brad Campbell and Bill Bonsor also received honorable mentions in the contest.

Some attendees also brought non-perishable food to donate to the Bushkill Outreach Food Pantry. Over 30 pounds of food was collected and donated.

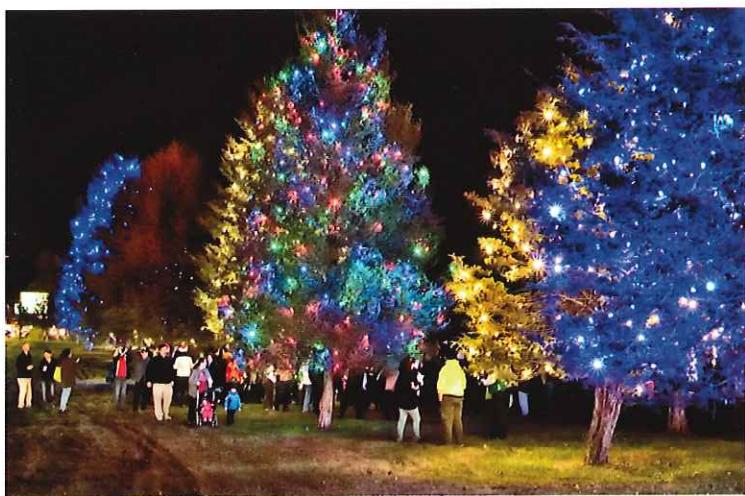
Resica Park is open to the general public every day outside of school hours. For more information about MST parks, or for information about renting a pavilion, please contact Chris Rain at 570-223-8920 x119 or crain@msttownship.com.



Tom X Pub - 2nd Place



Debbie Sasso - 3rd Place



ECHO LAKE PARK:

5th Annual Tree Lighting with an added bang!

On Saturday November 25, at 6pm, the 5th Annual Tree Lighting ceremony (always the Saturday after Thanksgiving) will be held

in Echo Lake Park, located at 5206 Milford Road. (Parking is at the mall next door, ad church across the street).

Celebrate the start of the season with Santa and Mrs. Claus transported by the Marshalls Creek Fire Company as we light the tree. Music will be provided by the High School North Choir (Thanks Keith Labar!) and the High School South Marching Band (Thanks Katye Clogg!). Cocoa and treats, as well as photos with Santa, will also be available. Parking is at the Marshall's Square shopping center next to the park and at the Presbyterian Church across the street. A special thank you to our Constables who will safely crosswalk the public.

The event begins at 6pm with music and treats, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 6:30 to light the tree. **This year, we are pleased to present some extra holiday magic for a special surprise!** Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures until 7:30.

The event is completely FREE to attend, and donations in the form of toys or non-perishable food items are always welcome for Toys For Tots and Bushkill Outreach; two organizations that help share the cheer for families in need every holiday season and throughout the year.

LITTER & BEAUTIFICATION

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THANK YOU TO LITTER CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of our 1000 Feet of Street and Adopt a Road volunteers!



Nancy Bittner, Susan Kulick, Scott Mortimer, Kelly Reeves & sons, & Carol Sumski of Werry's Pub, cleaned litter off of Milford Road / Route 209.



**To the 148 volunteers
& road adopters:**
Thank you for helping
us keep MST pretty
**1000 Feet of Street at
a time!**

Jennifer Bender	Rick Porvaznik
Nancy Bittner	Early Family
Boy Scout Pack 100	Jim Kintz
CRE Bushkill Group, LLC	James Meegan
Componovo Family	Kathy Mitchell
Michelle Dellavalle	Mountain Stream Baptist Church
Kathleen Dixon	PA Treatment & Healing
Jaime Frailey	Pocono Wild Haven Estates
Jim Hunter	Prutzman Family
Susan Kulick	Pohlman Family
Scott Mortimer	Robert & Bobby Post
Francis Oquendo	Reisca Falls Scout Reservation
Kelli Reeves	Stony Acres
Church of St. John Youth Group	Ann Vansulkema
Jill Sweeney & CCP	MC Meals on Wheels
Tammy Van Blarcom	MST Public Works
Danny Van Duyne	Annette Atkinson
George Vagelakos	Mike Dwyer
Jessica Santiago, Wayne Bank	Mark Oney
Carol Sumski, Werry's Pub	



Boy Scout Troop 100 on Marshalls Creek Rd

PA TREATMENT AND HEALING ADOPTS BARREN ROAD

PA Treatment and Healing, who adopted Brushy Mountain Road in 2016, has also recently adopted Barren Road. Thank you for helping to keep MST pretty! You can see what PA Treatment and Healing is all about here: <http://pathtochange.org/>

If you are interested in adopting a road to keep it litter free, please call Chris at 570-223-8920 x119 or email at crain@mstownship.com. Road adopters get a sign along their stretch of adopted road and commit to cleaning up litter along their road at least twice a year, but may clean up any time that is convenient for them. The Township can provide any necessary supplies for each clean up.



Oil painting by
Patti Ann Griffin



Church of St. John's Youth Group cleaned up the garden beds for Dr. Rayasam at the jughandle at Mignosi's Super FoodTown.



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY™ & 2ND ANNUAL MARSHALLS CREEK MASTODON EVENT

“May All Your Days Be Days of Discovery”



National Fossil Day was established in the United States by the National Park Service to promote the scientific and educational values of fossils -- such as the discovery of our very own Marshalls Creek Mastodon! Generally, National Fossil Day is commemorated by the education and stewardship of fossils through enabling children to better understand the history of life, science of paleontology and other educational objectives. National Fossil Day is every October, and this autumn we celebrated on the evening of Thursday, October 12th.

This year Middle Smithfield Township residents (big & small) gathered at the township building for an educational and fun night featuring Dinosaur Exploration 2017 presented by Mike & Roberta Straka. Mike & Roberta are field paleontologists who have been conducting and managing paleontological digs since 1978. Each year, they teach paleontology and geology in elementary schools and libraries throughout the tristate area. Future Junior Paleontologist and first grader at Resica Elementary, AnnMarie Digiocomo, said “Well, I really liked seeing the dinosaur bones and knowing they were alive once was really cool.”

The Straka's presentation included show & tell with rare and unusual fossils. In addition, Mike & Roberta brought along fossils of a Mastodon they worked on in the 1980s. Very similar to our own Marshalls Creek Mastodon! Also in attendance was “Mr. Nixon”, the skull of an eight foot triceratops they discovered on a dig in 1996. Longtime resident Joe Memoli said “It was a wonderful event. I learned so much about my community that I did not know. It was interesting to hear the people [the Treibles] who owned the land [of the Marshalls Creek Mastodon] speak and of course the presentation by the paleontologist just brought this all to life. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children in attendance and I'm sure they went home with fond memories of the presentation.”

After the presentation, residents were treated to a short film featuring Russel & Nancy Treible and Jeanine (Treible) Lamothe, relatives of John & Claire Leap. On July 5th 1965, along with their employee Paul Strausser, the Leap's unearthed one of the most complete mastodon skeleton's ever found in Pennsylvania. Residents were able to hear the firsthand experiences of the Treible's with the Marshalls Creek Mastodon discovery, listen to incredible

stories about the process of getting the remains to Harrisburg, and about the connection the family has with this massive beast from long ago.

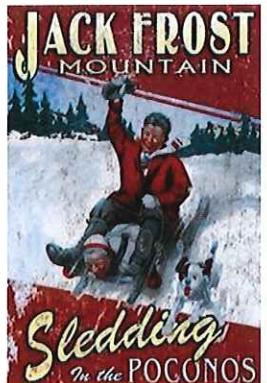
Residents can visit a Historical Marker issued by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for the Marshalls Creek Mastodon near the discovery site (right in front of Wendy's on Rt. 209). And for more information on the Marshalls Creek Mastodon or the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MSTHISTORY> or call (570) 223-8920 x121

The Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission **2018 CALENDAR IS ON ITS WAY!**

Filled with pictures of “Poconos Past”, this issue celebrates the old ways of transportation in the Poconos.

The calendar also includes dates important to our history, as well as helpful events to remember (like Township Cleanup).

Call Dana to reserve your copy now!



PUBLIC WORKS

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NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Middle Smithfield Township Public Works Department strives to work together to provide many of the fundamental services required to keep a community running smoothly.

Street Maintenance/Fleet Maintenance are two of the biggest, and costliest, responsibilities of municipal government.

An important function of Street Maintenance is to provide snow and ice removal to ensure a safe and accessible transportation system during winter months.

We are excited and thrilled to welcome you to our new centrally located additional public works building, which is located at 792 Dancing Ridge Road.

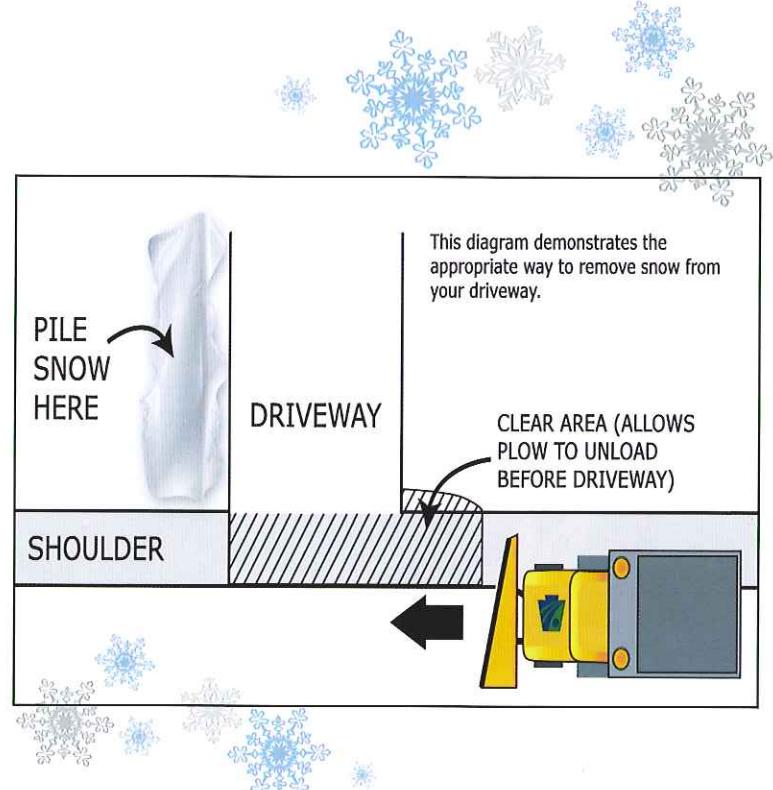
The new site will feature a main building for Public Works Department operations staff, and a large storage facility for the equipment, materials and trucks used by Public Works Department crews during the winter months. When the first snowstorm hits this winter, plow drivers will find themselves in a whole new world of efficiency.

Residents may not notice it when it happens, but a new additional public works facility will provide much-needed relief to the town employees who help things run smoothly.

It's going to make us much more efficient, cost-effective and be able to do our jobs in a more professional style!

We want to make something that not only public works is proud of but the township is proud of, as well!

**THE EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDE THE
BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE TO OUR TAXPAYERS.
"EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO" AND
"SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC" ARE
OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES.**



IT'S SNOW LAUGHING MATTER

We are always concerned about our roads and make every effort to have them cleared in winter as quickly as possible. As portions of our liquid fuels funds are used to pay for salt, cinders, etc. for winter maintenance.

Our township is one of the few that uses a treated salt product that works faster and lasts longer. Compliments are often received about the conditions of our roads, compared to State and other township roads.

When plowing is being done, there is no place to put the snow other than the road shoulder. Residents often ask us to avoid their lawn or driveway which is impossible. The maintenance of our roads is necessary to allow for emergency vehicles and motorists to drive safely. One consideration is that when plowing or shoveling you driveway, put as much of the snow to the left of you driveway (looking at your house) so that when plows come down the road, large piles of snow are not pushed back.

For any comments, concerns or questions, please contact Karen Stapleton @570-223-8920x118.



OAK GROVE & RECYCLING

www.ogmmcpb.com

Chairperson | Mike Dwyer

TEXTCASTER: HURRY & SIGN UP NOW (and you could win later!)

Get text or short email alerts about local things you care about. Like a reminder for the Tree Lighting event -- or anything you choose that is important to YOU! (don't worry, you can opt out at anytime.)

Visit MiddleSmithfieldTownship.com/1412/mst-text-alerts/ and sign up.

Sign up by November 30th and automatically be entered for a drawing to win 2 Tickets to Pocono Tree Ventures. Questions? Need help? Call Patrice at 570-223-8920 ext. 130.

2017 ROAD PROJECTS

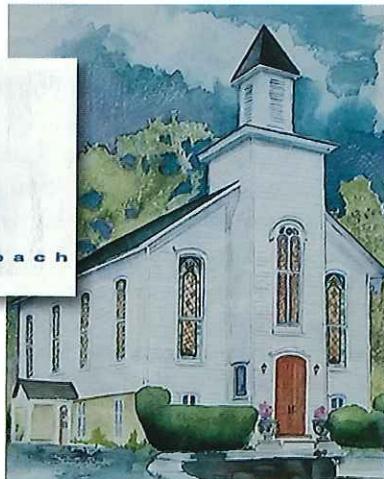
ROAD	ACTION
✓ Cold Springs Road	Pave Done
✓ Coolbaugh Road / Rte. 402	Intersection Realignment Done
✓ Coolbaugh Road to Tego Lake Road	Realignment Done
✓ Dancing Ridge Road	Tar/Chip/Pave Done
✓ Hidden Lake Road	Tar/Chip Spot Patching Done
✓ Marjorie Court	Right Pave Done
✓ Reservoir Road	Tar/Chip/Pave Done
✓ River Road	Tar/Chip/Pave Done
✓ Timber Mountain Drive	Pave Done
✓ Timothy Lake Road	Tar/Chip/Pave Done
Zion Church Hill Road (Delayed by DSA till Spring 2018)	Road Improvements (Dirt/Gravel Road Grant from DRBC)



Treecycle

After the holiday season this year, we encourage residents to take advantage of the free Tree-Cycle at the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing facility located at 3305 Oak Grove Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302. Hours of operation are Monday - Saturday 7am-2pm.

BUSHKILL OUTREACH CHRISTMAS COTTAGE SHOPPE IS NOW OPEN



Visit Rose Capitelli at the Shoppe for stocking stuffers, ornaments, and great gifts.

*All proceeds to benefit
Bushkill Outreach Food Pantry.*
**Open November 1 - December 23
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
9am-1pm**

Bushkill Outreach, 3222 Route 209, Bushkill

ZONING

Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer: Shawn McGlynn | zoning@mstowndship.com | 570-223-8920 x126 | Zoning Department Administrator: Judith Acosta | jacosta@mstowndship.com | 570-223-8920 x128

Zoning Hearing Board: Mal Law – chairperson, Josephine Ferro – vice chairperson, Frank Primrose, Art Jenkins, Jeff Senholzi, Melonie Schmid - alternate

MS4 – WHAT'S THAT? (AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?)

You might hear the acronym "MS4" used often in storm water discussions.

But what exactly does that mean? And how does it apply to storm water permitting?

An MS4 is an acronym for a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. It's a system owned or operated by a public agency, such as a city, town, county, flood control district, state, or federal agency that does not connect to the sanitary sewer system and does not lead to a wastewater treatment plant. (You can read more about MS4's on the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) website.)

Since the passage of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the quality of our Nation's waters has improved dramatically. Despite this progress, however, degraded waterbodies still exist. Polluted storm water runoff is often transported to municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and ultimately discharged into local rivers and streams without treatment. EPA's Stormwater Phase II Rule establishes an MS4 stormwater management program that is intended to improve the Nation's waterways by reducing the quantity of pollutants that stormwater picks up and carries into storm sewer systems during storm events.

Middle Smithfield Township, among others, have been mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency to produce a Pollution Reduction Program. The plan will be administered through the National Discharge Elimination Permit program, and must adhere to certain requirements and standards. According to the EPA, the program expects to improve waterways by eliminating pollution gathered by storm water run-off, which then proceeds to flow into sewer water and then streams and creeks. These pollutants consist of oil from roadways, pesticides from lawns, and other debris. The area of concern is the Sambo Creek, which drains into Michael's Creek consisting of a total of 274 acres. The existing load of pollutants was calculated to be 102,095 pounds. The Township is mandated to reduce that total by a minimum of 10% of pollutions, and that is planned to be 44.88 pounds per square foot per year.

Middle Smithfield Township is determined to do this through what is called MS4 Pollutant Reduction Program. The plan must first be analyzed by the PA DEP prior to approving the project. The plan is to implement swales, or ditches, that are intended to trap water impeding its speed. In doing so, it will permit the sediments and pollutants to settle out. This will prevent unwanted substances from traveling into the sewer water.

The benefit is to remain a high quality watershed and the goals is to maintain the pristine waters of the Pconos.

WOW, YOU DON'T WANT TO FIND SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON YOUR WINDSHIELD!

WARNING



ORDNANCE NO. 54 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE SMITHFIELD, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDED FOR THE REGULATION OF PARKING OF VEHICLES ON TOWNSHIP ROADS AND FOR THE TOWING OF VEHICLES PARKED ON TOWNSHIP ROADS DURING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

During any emergency condition, including inclement weather, parking within the cart way or shoulder area of any road lying and situate in the Township is prohibited at any time.

This warning is being served as a notice to remove the vehicle (s) or the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense. No further warning will be given.

Middle Smithfield
Township
Board of Supervisors

Snow is quickly approaching. It is important, especially at this time of year, to be aware of Chapter 138 of the Township Code of Ordinances which regulates parking as well as snow removal and the penalties that can be applied for non-compliance.

If a snow emergency is declared by the Township, or if more than 4 inches of snow has fallen, it shall be unlawful to park a vehicle on any public road and right of way in the Township. Doing so could result in a fine of \$50.00. If a vehicle is found unattended and in violation of a provision of Chapter 138, the Township may have that vehicle removed. In addition, it shall be unlawful to throw, shovel or otherwise move, pile or dump snow or ice removed from sidewalks, driveways or other areas onto any public road. This also could result in a fine of \$50.00.

These provisions are for the safety of our residents and our Public Works Department employees who work tirelessly during winter storms to ensure our roads are clear.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman: Bob Early | **Vice Chairman:** Parin Shah

Members: Wayne Bolt, Dr. William W. Suriano, Mark Oney

Engineer: Gilmore & Associates | **PE Solicitor/ Solicitor Firm:** Weitzmann, Weitzmann, and Huffman | **Recording Secretary:** Michele Clewell

Alternate: Carrie Wetherbee

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: SALDO REVISED PART 2

In the last issue of the newsletter, we reported that the ("SALDO") Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance had undergone a revision. The last time the "SALDO" was amended was 1994 and it was overdue! The board of supervisors has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7pm and you are encouraged to attend.

Are you wondering, what is "SALDO"? The Subdivision and Land Development

Ordinance is actually a smart thing (hear me out first), that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Middle Smithfield Township implemented.

Every property that is subdivided regardless if it's a minor (one to four lots) or a major five lots or more) falls under the "SALDO". Some of the items required to be shown are: street right of way widths, street names, traffic impact, street grades, wetland accurately shown

on a plan, floodplain areas, speed limits within a community, area of land to be disturbed, sewage placement, soil protection, stormwater management, building area and what is to be included in that particular building area.

The "SALDO" is the foundation to the "Zoning" Ordinance. Both of them are equally important.

SEWER

Joan Woisin | **Sewer Department Manager** | jwoisin@mstowship.com
570-223-892 x115

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

- ✓ • Steel Bridge Pump Station in Winona Lakes – Completed
- Rehabilitation of Pump Station #1: This project involves providing and installing all equipment, materials and labor to replace the existing 150,000 gallon Steel Equalization Tank/Pumping Station at the Fernwood Wastewater Treatment Plant. Project was awarded to Blooming Glen, with an estimated cost of \$678,200. Excavation work is complete. Installation of new tank will be complete by December 2017

Upgrades to Pump stations:

- Bids were opened at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 8th, 2017. See award for Pump Station #6; bids for the other pump stations are still under review.
- Pump Station 3 – McCole and Route 209
- Pump Station 4 – Maple Lane
- Pump Station 5 – Rte 209 & Municipal Dr
- Pump Station 6 – Route 209 and Sellersville (CVS) Rehabilitation of Pump Station: Bids were opened on June 8th and the project awarded to Pioneer Construction. The estimated cost is \$39,264. Work to be completed by December 2017.
- Pump Station 8 – Lake of the Pines Pump Station

HOW SHOPPING LOCALLY HELPS OUR COMMUNITY:

Local Dollars Spent = Local Jobs Created

Local businesses that thrive create local jobs. It's that simple! Not only do independent businesses employ more people directly per dollar of revenue, they also are the customers of local printers, accountants, wholesalers, farms, attorneys, etc., expanding opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

What's Spent Here, Stays Here

Also, when you spend your dollars at locally owned independent stores, most of your dollars are recirculated within the community (the Local Multiplier Effect). ALL our local business owners pay local taxes just like you do, and employ local people – who in turn, pay local taxes. They contribute to our local charities and causes, providing their products as prizes for tricky trays, sponsorships for golf tournaments and donations to community events.

We Stand Out from the Crowd

Where we shop, where we eat and have fun — all of it makes our community our home. Our unique businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of our place.

It's the Ultimate Offline Social Network

Shopping within the community brings all residents closer and brings shop owners, families, and friends together to share some holiday cheer. Bring a friend to a local restaurant or attraction, then go on a surprise shopping spree at a local gift shop! It's amazing how quickly a local bond can grow.

GOLF

COUNTRY CLUB OF THE POCONOS

Chairman: Ray White | Vice Chair: Craig Weatherbee
Secretary: Mike Sweeney | Members: John Smith, Mike Yesunas
Member and Pro Shop Manager: Kevin Dixon | 570-223-8099
Golf Committee Liaison: Holly Freese | 570-223-8920 x132



While the Fall scenery wasn't as beautiful as in years past our Fall outings were a huge success. Both the Marshall's Creek Fire Company Outing and the Wounded Warrior 8" Cup Outing drew over 100 golfers each and raised thousands of dollars for their organizations.

Our \$25 golf special that runs from mid-October until the end of the season continues to be a big success, especially when the weather cooperates.

We are already getting a jump on the 2018 golf season by getting renewal commitments from this year's outings and by booking a number of large groups for return play. Please see below for the following outings already booked for next year:

- Tall Cedars Charity Outing
Saturday, April 21st
- Lambda Iota Sorority Outing
Sunday, April 22nd
- Mady's Angels Charity Outing
Sunday, Mat 20th
- Wounded Warrior 8" Cup Charity Outing
Friday, September 8th
- Marshall's Creek Fire Company Charity Outing
Saturday, September 29th

Now is the time to sign up for next year. Our \$850 membership plan is a great offer especially with our monthly payment plans. As we wind down 2017 we anxiously look forward to the start of 2018 in April.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

**Merry Christmas
and Happy Hannukah
from CCP!**

**Pay just \$35 and get a gift certificate
worth \$60! Makes a great gift!**

**No time for snail mailed gift certificates?
No problem! Get it in email!
Just call Kevin at 570-223-8099,
or email him at kdixon@mstowtnship.com**

HELP BUILD THE BRODHEAD CREEK HERITAGE CENTER:

**Buy a box of Holiday
Cards (or just donate)**



Any card sales or donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous Santa until December 31, 2017!



The Brodhead Watershed Association and Pocono Heritage Land Trust are partnering with Stroud Township in a campaign to build the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.

Why should you care? We're all in this together – we share the same water. It's all about keeping our water pristine and plentiful; we are lucky enough to live in a high quality watershed, and the Brodhead Creek supplies drinking water to thousands.

Why else should you care? Tourism! Did you know the Brodhead Creek is the birthplace of fly fishing in America? Not just office space for PHLT and BWA, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center will house things tourists visit: EAGLE CAMS! (yup, there's an eagle's nest there); educational displays of native animals, hands-on science programs, and public and private talks, shows and events including the life cycle of Pocono brook trout (the state fish), and fly-tying and fly fishing lessons offered. Kid-friendly displays of how water "recycles" will be installed, including the chance to get wet!



Donation Details are on the website and Facebook page below: The simplest thing you can do is click to donate: <http://tinyurl.com/BuildTheBCHC>. The next simplest thing is to order a box or two or three of note cards with images from the Evergreen Nature Preserve. They make great gifts and stocking stuffers! Just call Annette at 570-223-8920, x124 <http://brodheadwatershed.org/bchc/> <https://www.facebook.com/bchc/>

PERSON
OF THE YEAR
MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP
AWARD
2017

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR FINALISTS!

An independent panel of judges selected 3 finalists from all those nominated for Middle Smithfield Township's annual Person of the Year award. The judges will hand over a sealed envelope announcing who will be the next MST Person of the Year at the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on November 17.

The Person of the Year will receive \$2,000 toward their cause and the two finalists will receive \$750 toward their cause. If the township code doesn't permit a selected cause, the finalist may suggest another cause.

The banquet will be held on November 17 from 7 pm- 11 pm at the Whispering Pines Banquet Hall at Country Club of the Poconos.

About the Finalists:



Thomas Gansel
Reformed Church of Bushkill

Thomas Gansel was nominated for his work with the Reformed Church of Bushkill Community Dinner. He volunteers for the dinner every Thursday from 2-7 pm, which includes set up, serving food and clean up.

About Reformed Church of Bushkill Community Dinner: The Reformed Church of Bushkill serves a weekly community dinner on Thursdays from 5:00-7:00 PM at 5969 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302. The old Reformed Church building is also now home to Bushkill Outreach which is a Pennsylvania state registered food pantry serving people in need in Middle Smithfield and Lehman Townships, supporting over 1,000 individuals every month with a monthly Food Pantry for emergency distributions. They also have donated clothing for children and adults.



Diane Jiorle
Angel's Closet

Diane Jiorle was nominated for her work as Vice President of the Angel's Closet. She goes above and beyond to not only collect clothing and give it to people in need, but personally contacting the families the Angel's Closet is helping to make sure they get what they need. She also takes the time to direct families to resources that can help them if the Angel's Closet can't.

About the Angel's Closet: The Angel's Closet is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization established in January 2001. The goal of the Angel's Closet is to provide baby layette bundles to mothers in need in Monroe County, PA. They collect new and gently used baby clothing and distribute our bundles to families and other organizations that help families in need in our community.



Jan Korb
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Jan Korb was nominated for his work at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Jan not only gives his own money towards the food pantry, but also used his own money to purchase a truck to help transport food. The food pantry has provided approximately 10,000 meals a year for the last 5 years.

About Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry: Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is a food pantry located at 332 McCole Road in Middle Smithfield Township. The pantry provides food items and some clothing to people in need, with no residency restrictions. They are open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 1-6 pm.

BANQUET HALL AT WHISPERING PINES

Banquet Hall Liaison: Christopher Rain | 570-223-892 x119

SHOP LOCAL: HALF-OFF BANQUET HALL RESERVATIONS!

(keep the mess out of your house!)

'Tis the season to be banqueting! Looking to reserve the Whispering Pines Banquet Hall in 2018? Have a Shop Local Card?



Book an event for this year OR 2018 by March 31, 2018 and get a 50% discount on a standard four hour rental!

Booking must be finalized during promotion period (December 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018). Actual date of the event can be at any time from now through 2018. You must show your Shop

Local Card at the time of booking. Promotion applies to a standard four hour rental only. Charges for additional hours and bar services still apply at usual pricing.

Please call Chris Rain at 570-223-8920 x119 or email crain@msttownship.com for availability and costs. Non-profit organizations may receive a discounted price or qualify to have the fees waived. Let us help you make your next event special.

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CHURCH OFFERING THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Thursday, November 23rd the Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church will be opening their doors to those who may be a little down on their luck this time of year for Thanksgiving Dinner. Residents can arrive at the church as early as 10:30am and food will be served promptly at 12:00pm. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and football games will be played throughout the afternoon.

Please RSVP to Robin at the Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church (570) 223-8648.



CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS!

Happy Hanukkah to those who celebrate it! Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is the eight day celebration that commemorates the rededication of the Temple during the rise of the Jewish people against their oppressors and the miracle of the one-day supply of oil miraculously lasting eight days. The menorah is lit with eight candles, one to represent each day that the oil burned in the Temple.

This year, Hanukkah begins on Tuesday, December 12 and lasts until Wednesday, December 20.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Every 3rd Saturday in December is the national Wreaths Across America Day, and it is celebrated locally here in Middle Smithfield Township at the Wooddale United Methodist Church on Barren Rd.

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission is to REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH our children the value of freedom.

The Wooddale United Methodist Church on Barren Road in Middle Smithfield Township as well as your township supervisors take part in this tradition every year. The ceremony is organized by residents and church members Gene and Janice Halterman.

If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please contact the township 570-223-8920. For more information on the program, please visit WeathsAcrossAmerica.org.

This newsletter issue features the oil paintings of artist Patricia Ann Griffin.
Patricia is a Middle Smithfield Township resident and a professional designer, print maker, sculptor, painter, and instructor. You can learn more about Patricia at www.griffingallery.org/. Any of her original artwork is available for sale. If you would like a print or greeting card instead, you can order them from www.fineartamarica.com. Just search for "Patricia A Griffin" to see all her paintings, which are also available in various print sizes as well as greeting cards. 10% of the proceeds from the sale of her work go to conservation and preservation.