



MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWS

Fall 2018



Middle Smithfield Township business owner Bruce Brandli (The Big A Grillehouse) took this classic picture of fall in the Poconos.

VOTE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 POLL HOURS: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

If you live East of Route 402, you vote at the
MIDDLE SMITHFIELD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5205 Milford Rd (route 209), East Stroudsburg, PA

If you live west of Route 402, you vote at
THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING (SCHOONOVER MUNICIPAL CENTER)
147 Municipal Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE BY OCTOBER 9TH

Just go to PAVoterServices.State.PA.US to register online. Its quick & Easy!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 30, 2018 - Absentee Ballot Deadline

October 9, 2018 - Last Day to Register to Vote

November 6, 2018 - Election Day

HELPFUL LINKS:

VotesPA.com

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS:

LWVMonroeCountyPA.com

VOTER REGISTRATION/VOTER INFORMATION: 570-517-3165

PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS OPEN!



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WHAT'S GOIN' ON

- October:** 10/5 & 10/6 Cleanup & Freecycle AKA "Dumpster Day" (Drop Off Only 7am - 4pm)
10/11, 10/12, 10/13 Freecycle (Pickup Only 7am - 2pm)
10/15 Fall Leaf Collection Begins (till 11/16)
10/17 National Fossil Day™ & 3rd Marshalls Creek Mastodon Event at Whispering Pines
10/20 5th Annual Trunk or Treat 12 at Resica Park
10/20 Second Harvest "Empty Bowls" (see page 26)
- November:** 11/6 Election Day
11/11 Veteran's Day Luncheon at Whispering Pines
11/16 Fall Leaf Pickup Ends
11/20 Shop Local thru 1/2/19
11/22 Thanksgiving
11/24 6th Annual Tree Lighting 5:30 pm at Echo Lake
- December:** 12/6 Supervisors Meeting 7 pm Presentation of the Budget to the Public & Year End Review
12/25 Christmas Day
12/31 New Year's Eve



"Benjamin L. Griffin" by township resident and artist Patricia A. Griffin (www.griffingallery.org)

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

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| Parks & Recreation Board
6:30pm 1st Monday of Every Month | Regional Parks at Smithfield Township
7:45pm 3rd Monday of Every Month |
| Golf Course Committee
8:30am 2nd Monday of Every Month | Historical Commission
9am 1st Wednesday of Every Month |
| Economic Development Committee
6:00pm 2nd Monday of Every Month | Board of Supervisors Meeting
7pm 2nd & 4th Thursday of Every Month |
| Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Composting Board
Call for Schedule | Planning Commission
5:30pm 3rd Thursday of Every Month |

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2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR UPDATE: WHAT THEY ARE UP TO...



JAN KORB,
2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
Second Harvest Food Bank
"Empty Bowls"
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DIANE JIORLE
2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR FINALIST
Angel's Closet
It's Yard Sale season! Keep an eye out for these items to donate
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THOMAS GANSEL
2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR FINALIST
Reformed Church of Bushkill
The famous Bushkill Outreach Flea Market/Yard Sale is back!
Now on Labor Day Weekend
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A WORD FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Mike Dwyer, Mark Oney, and Annette Atkinson

Fall is here, despite the incessant rain, flashes of summer temperatures, and delayed start of school – but you didn't need a newsletter to tell you that! It is also Budget Season (more on the next page) and a time when we begin planning for the year ahead.

As many of you know, the Township makes several presentations to the public each year: In January, there's the "Preview of the Upcoming Year" so you can see what is planned for the township, and that includes setting goals. In July, we give a Mid-Year report, so you can see how we are progressing. In December, we present the budget for the following year, and the Year-End presentation, a time to stand back and take a look at what was accomplished by the township and your many volunteers and committee members.

One of the overall goals we set for the last few years was to become leaders in municipal government. While there will be more about that in the upcoming presentations to the public, we are proud to see that "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." The "1,000 Feet of Street" litter pickup model developed by our Litter & Beautification Committee served as the model for the county wide "Pick Up the Poconos". The Pocono Visitor's Bureau is planning a Poconos Restaurant Week. Our Zoning Office is a recognized leader not only in this county, but Northampton and the Valley as well regarding Short Term Rentals. Our Person of the Year and Volunteer Appreciation banquet and awards has gained traction as well. We are so proud of our staff, committee board members and community, and humbly thank you for making Middle Smithfield Township a municipal leader!

Your Township Supervisors

LEADER IN OUR MIDST

The Middle Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce that Michele Clewell is one of just 25 professionals in the county selected to participate in the Leadership Pocono Program at Northampton Community.

"Leadership Pocono was first recognized in the late 1980s by several prominent members of the Pocono Community. Building on a proven program, Northampton Community College Center for Business and Industry experts revamped and refocused an elite leadership



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FINANCE: TREASURER'S NOTE

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BUDGET SEASON

By Mike Dwyer

As we head into “Budget Season”, the township reviews year to date expenses and forecasts, as best as possible, how we will end the year. Through September, the township’s General income is 6.5% ahead of budget, while General expenses are 4.9% lower than expected, year to date. In general, all categories of Income are ahead of our 2018 (year to date) budget. Some of the highlights of our higher-than-expected income include: Earned Income Tax Revenue at 14% above budget; Grant funds: DCNR Dirt & Gravel Roads; and Small Water & Sewer which we did not anticipate.

We certainly have, however, had our share of expenses that exceeded our budget projections. The Winter/Spring blizzards and tornado cost us quite a lot

for manpower, equipment and materials. Since none of the storms were deemed to be State-wide emergencies, we were not able to apply for monetary relief from PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.) We are also expending funds for a new Cultural Center that will, among other things, house the Library of the Smithfields, expected to begin construction in 2019 at the site of Echo Lake Park.

Compared to last year, the Golf Course Income and Expense is not as good. Due primarily to the excessive rain that we all experienced this past spring and summer, the number of golf rounds played is down, and therefore income is down. Overall Income is also down due to the lack of memberships. Expenses, however, for the Golf Course are currently 16% lower than budget.

The Sewer accounts remain relatively good, year to date. Much of the Sewer income comes in quarterly and through 2018, it appears that the income will be close to what had been budgeted. Expenses for the Sewer system have been higher than years prior, primarily due to the expense of much needed capital improvements.

While keeping a close eye on expenses throughout the year, receiving many of the grants that we have applied for, and working collaboratively with other townships, we can report that our finances are in good shape. (I guess I could have said that first and you wouldn’t have had to read the whole article.) Hope to see many of you at December’s presentation of the budget to the public, as well as the year-end report!

WELCOME POCONO CAFÉ

By Patrice Dume

The “Pocono Café” is a Bakery/Restaurant located at 5237 Milford Rd. (Route 209) East Stroudsburg, Pa, right beside the Value Inn hotel. Customers can eat in or take out. Those who eat in at Pocono Café can enjoy FREE

WIFI, just ask for guest code, and enjoy posting about your great meals on social media. The restaurant opens at 6am daily so commuters can stop and enjoy a great authentic ethnic breakfast. Some menu items include: oxtail stew, roasted chicken, seafood, pastas, BBQ Ribs, grilled steak, and so much more. Pocono Café also features unique Hispanic dishes such as Mofongo, which is smashed fried plantains. What’s also great about Pocono Café, is their large variety of baked goods. For example, you will not only find croissants, and muffins, but you will also find filled breads with guava, caramel, cheese or apple. YUMMY! All bakery items are freshly baked daily. Make sure to stop by and say hi to the business owner Teresa, who says “I am happy to have my business here in Middle Smithfield Township, I love all of the feedback I am getting already, please come and enjoy all the delicious menu items, trust me, you won’t regret it!” Pocono Cafe was also an eager participant in the Township’s Community Day on Sept. 8th.



Pocono Café Bakery & Restaurant, 5237 Milford Rd

EXPLORIA / FERNWOOD / BUSHKILL GROUP: WHAT’S IN A NAME?

By Patrice Dume

You may have noticed several sign changes on Milford Road / Route 209:

- From: “The Villas at Treetops”
To: “Pocono Mountain Villas by Exploria Resorts”
- From: “Fernwood Golf Course”
To: “Pocono Hills Golf Course”
- From: “Wintergreens Patio Grill”
To: “The Warehouse Tavern and Grill”

What’s going on?

- May 2017: Bushkill Group sells the Villas at Tree Tops and Fairway, the Fernwood Golf Course, Wintergreens Patio Grill, Blue Lightning / White Lightning Tubing, and Pocono Tree Ventures to Cerebus Capital Management, LLP
- November 2017: Cerebus bought Exploria (Club Exploria, LLC and Club Exploria Resorts)
- December 2017: Bushkill Group sells Fernwood Hotel and other adjacent properties to JinYin Temple for a world peace center

The Exploria Resorts brand represents a growing portfolio of hotels and resorts where guests may explore the many benefits of vacation

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Gina Bertucci | Vice Chairperson: Joe Memoli | Secretary: Beverly Brown
Members: Chris Barrett, vacancy | Economic Development Manager: Patrice Dume



DOLLAR GENERAL COMING SOON

By Patrice Dume

Residents can look forward to a brand new Dollar General coming in 2019. They will be located in the now empty lot beside the former R&G Sheds (5159 Milford Road) on Route 209. Dollar General makes shopping hassle-free and affordable with more than 14,000 convenient, easy-to-shop stores in 44 states. The store delivers everyday low prices on items including food, snacks, health and beauty aids, cleaning supplies, family apparel, housewares, seasonal items, paper products and so much more. The Dollar General will be a great addition to the business community in Middle Smithfield Township. Stay Tuned!

HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE: Economic Development Committee Has an Opening

EDC meetings are every second Monday of the month at 6pm. Their mission is to be a resource to the local business community, support the growth of existing businesses and attract complementary businesses. If interested call 570-223-8920 x130 or email pdume@mstowship.com

MST KIZ PROPERTIES

By Patrice Dume

This year Middle Smithfield Township was informed that the state approved two properties within the township to be included in the “KIZ” program. What are KIZ’s? “KIZ” stands for “Keystone Innovation Zone”. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) established the Keystone Innovation Zone Program to create innovative technologies and new entrepreneurs while utilizing the Commonwealth’s world class colleges and universities. The KIZs are geographically designated zones which align the combined resources of educational institutions with public and private partnerships. Usually the KIZ program is coordinated at a regional level, but in the township’s case, it’s through a relationship with East Stroudsburg University.

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WELCOME WAREHOUSE TAVERN AND GRILL

By Patrice Dume

On Friday August 31st, “the Warehouse Tavern and Grill” (former Wintergreens Restaurant), had a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. The ceremony was a great success with many residents stopping by the newly renovated restaurant to taste menu samples. Some of the menu samples included: lobster mac ‘n cheese, chicken and waffle, pizza, pannis, steak and garlic mashed potatoes, mussels, calamari and so much more. Among those in attendance to usher in the totally renovated new digs, were State Senator Mario Scavella and State Representative Rosemary Brown. While customers will certainly notice the extensive renovation when they first walk in, from new windows to the chic industrial lighting, manager Holly Freeman comments that most of the investment was in the kitchen. “Management is thrilled at this rejuvenation, but even more pleased to make the chefs happy – they finally have the chef’s kitchen they deserve!”

The Warehouse was also an eager participant in Middle Smithfield Township’s Community Day on September 8th, and hosted the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce’s September Business Card Exchange on September 10th.

GOOGLE MAPS PROJECT 2018

By Patrice Dume

Summer Project: make sure MST businesses did not miss any new potential customers due to inaccurate information online, specifically, Google Maps. After all, if customers can’t find a business, how can they “Shop Local”? And no one likes to find a business, only to see that it is closed because the store hours on Google are inaccurate.

This project essentially helps MST businesses to establish a strong accurate online presence which will in turn generate more business, and keeps the local economy thriving! The department is proud to say that they submitted ALL corrections of MST businesses to google and plan to continually make sure that all MST Businesses have accurate information on google. These efforts go along with the Economic Development mission of being a resource for the business community and raising awareness to consumers.

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Chairman: Bob Early | **Vice Chairman:** Parin Shah
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Engineer: Gilmore & Associates Fred Courtright | **PE Solicitor/ Solicitor Firm:** Weitzmann, Weitzmann, and Huffman | **Recording Secretary:** Michele Clewell
Alternate: Carrie Wetherbee

ORDINANCES ON THE HORIZON

by Judy Acosta

Amendment to Chapter 107, Fireworks. The addition of the state restrictions set forth under House Bill 542 (see Summer 2018 newsletter) to the municipal ordinance for the use of consumer fireworks will allow local code enforcers to issue written warnings and citations to those found to be in violation of the code. The amendment will also increase the required bond for display fireworks (i.e., public display of fireworks, as in a show) to \$50,000.00.

The Board of Supervisors have authorized the Township Solicitor to prepare a new ordinance that would require the installation and maintenance of AEDs in any new commercial building or new tenant fit-out with an occupancy load of more than 50.

FIREWORKS FALLOUT

By Judy Acosta

Since the adoption of House Bill 542 which legalized the use of consumer fireworks in PA, the night skies have been illuminated by more than just stars. While it is all in fun to shoot off a few fireworks there are also great risks. That is why State Law also regulates how the consumer fireworks may be used (see article in Summer 2018 newsletter, also available on our website, for highlights of state law). Yet many residents ask – who is tasked with enforcing this state law?

State Laws are enforced by the state, i.e., either a local police department or the state police troopers. Municipal code Enforcement Officers cannot enforce state law. At this time, if you have a complaint or concern regarding the use of consumer fireworks in your area we must direct you to the State Police Station in Stroudsburg, 570-619-6480. Ongoing issues or concerns can also be directed to your State Representative, Rosemary Brown, at 570-420-8301.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

By Judy Acosta

The Board of Supervisors adopted an amended Short Term Rental Ordinance on August 23, 2018. This amendment was in response to the comments received from the public, both owners and neighbors of short term rental properties, at prior meetings and information sessions held at the township. The goal of the township is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all residents while ensuring the rights of all owners for the use and enjoyment of their property. At the same time, the Board of Supervisors took into consideration the ease of application and the approval process so that all owners will be encouraged to willingly comply with the code. Here are some highlighted amendments:

For clarification:

- We changed the name from a “Short Term Rental PERMIT” to a “Short Term Rental LICENSE”

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SHORT TERM RENTAL WEBINARS, SEMINARS AND SUMMITS...OH MY!

A recognized pioneer and leader in Monroe County and Lehigh Valley in the Short Term Rental area, the Middle Smithfield Zoning Office has been invited to speak and participate in various venues with regard to Short Term Rentals.

On July 19th, Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn presented a webinar hosted by the PennState Extension on the regulation of Short Term Rentals as part of their Land Use Webinar Series. The webinar addressed recent case law as well as how to regulate this use through a Zoning Ordinance.

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GET IN THE ZONE- OUR ZONING HEARING BOARD HAS A VACANT SEAT!

If you think this position is right for you, please fill out the volunteer application and send that, along with your resume to info@mstownship.com.



Find the Volunteer application in the news section of our website: www.middleSmithfieldTownship.com

What is the Zoning Hearing Board?

As per The Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Series #6, Governor’s Center for Local Government Services”

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POLITICAL SIGNS

By Judy Acosta

With elections just around the corner it’s time to talk politics -- the politics of political signs that is.

Signs will be popping up around the township in support of local and national candidates. Residents can help keep the township beautiful even during election season by understanding and following the rules for Political Signs in section 090-130(11) of the Middle Smithfield Township Zoning Ordinance as follows.

Political Signs:

Political signs are permitted in all districts, provided that:

- No political sign shall be displayed more than 15 days after the election or vote to which the sign pertains. (that means all signs must be taken in by 11/21 – the day before Thanksgiving)
- A political sign shall not be posted on Township property (e.g. township parks, township building, or golf course), except as may be allowed outside of a polling

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LEADER IN OUR MIDST (continued from page 3)

program for the next generation of community leaders in the greater Pocono region. Leadership Pocono is a distinguished forum for leadership development, regional and nonprofit education, and professional networking. The program is specially designed to bolster the leadership capabilities of individuals who participate. But as importantly, it nurtures a sense of responsibility and commitment to apply these learned skills to the benefit of our community”¹.

After graduating high school in Florida, Pennsylvania native Michele Clewell returned to her home state permanently. Both a long time resident of Middle Smithfield and long time employee of the township, Michele wears many hats; most notably she serves as Township Secretary and Human Resources

Director. Michele manages and implements the day to day operations of the township as well as oversees human resources for Middle Smithfield Township employees. While working closely with each department including planning, engineering and legal, Michele has acquired extensive knowledge of local government under the Pennsylvania 2nd Class Township Code.

Michele resides in the western part of the township with her husband and a few dogs, and enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren and friends, and working in her flower gardens. She also enjoys giving back to the community by volunteering for Breast Cancer Awareness, United Way and numerous community events.

¹Northampton Community College Pocono Leadership program specifics.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP OPPOSES HB1620

by Michele Clewell, with excerpts from a letter by the Daniel S. Cohen Law Group

Second verse, same as the first. In 2017 Middle Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors and the Pocono Mountain Council of Governments (comprised of Monroe County municipalities), wrote letters and passed resolution(s) imploring state reopresentatives to vote against HB 1620. HB 1620 was titled the “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill” and would limit the assessment of fees for wireless facilities in the rights-of way such that municipalities could only charge minimal fees that would be less than the actual municipal costs. This would force taxpayers to subsidize wireless companies of their management of their facilities.

So let’s fast forward to today. A new wireless regulation bill, House Bill 2564, “Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Bill”, was introduced on July 13, 2018 by Representative Frank Farry, District 142 Bucks County along with 34 cosponsors. Although, Representative Frank Farry and cosponsors structured HB 2564 differently than the previous HB1620; the impact of HB 2564 on municipalities would be much the same:

- strips municipalities of their zoning authority over all wireless facilities, including new poles and antennas, in their right-of-ways, including forcing municipalities to approve any pole of any height at any location.

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RESOLUTION VS. ORDINANCE

By: Michele Clewell

Some of you may remember the Saturday morning cartoon “School House Rock”? “I’m just a Bill and only a Bill”... tinyurl.com/mstJustABill. Well, this municipal version will not include any songs or special illustrations (sorry to disappoint.)

An ordinance is a law passed by a municipal government, such as the board of supervisors. A resolution is the official expression of the opinion or will of the legislative body. Resolutions merely assert an opinion that lawmakers want to emphasize.

Over the years the board of supervisors have approved and passed numerous resolutions and ordinances; 221 ordinances and 519 resolutions and counting! The first ordinance is dated November 26, 1954 and the first resolution is from April 16, 1985.

Some of the 2018 resolutions passed thus far; Submission of a PA Small Water and Sewer Grant request to extend sanitary sewer along Mt. Nebo Road (see page 17 for additional information) support of a citizens commission for legislative and congressional redistricting, placement of banners across a state highway, adding the category Treatment Center to the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) schedule, and opposing PA State House Bill 2564; titled Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act, which you can read more about on this very page.

In 2018 three ordinances were passed, “Changing the Zoning District Classification of Certain Property [township golf course property] of Approximately 320.53 Acres, +/- from Planned

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TOWNSHIP PARKS:

- **Leroy W. Lewis Dog Park**
108 Leroy's Lane (off of Milford Road/209; adjacent to the National Recreation Area)
facebook.com/MSTDogPark
middlesmithfieldtownship.com/parks/
- **Echo Lake Park**
5206 Milford Rd (on Route 209 across from the Middle Smithfield Evangelical Presbyterian Church)
facebook.com/MSTEchoLakePark
middlesmithfieldtownship.com/parks/
- **Judy Putek Park**
182 Municipal Drive (across from the Municipal Building)
facebook.com/MST-Judy-Putek-Park-1570884379874069/
middlesmithfieldtownship.com/parks/
- **Resica Park**
1 Gravel Ridge Road (behind Resica Elementary School)
facebook.com/MSTResicaPark
middlesmithfieldtownship.com/parks/
- **Community Gardens Park**
989 Coolbaugh Road (4 miles north of 402/Coolbaugh Road intersection)
faceboo.com/MSTCommunityGardens
middlesmithfieldtownship.com/parks/
mstcommunitygardenspark.com/

REGIONAL PARKS

(i.e., formerly Eastern Monroe Regional Park Commission)

- **Mt. Nebo Park**
406 Mt. Nebo Road (in Smithfield Township) East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
facebook.com/MtNeboPark
middlesmithfieldtownship.com/parks
- **River's Edge Family Bike Park**
123 River Road (in Smithfield Township) East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
facebook.com/RiversEdgeFamilyBikePark
middlesmithfieldtownship.com/parks/

NATIONAL PARKS

- **National Park Headquarters**
1978 River Road Bushkill, PA 18324
facebook.com/DelWaterGapNPS/
nps.gov/dewa/index.htm
- **Hidden Lake** (national park within our township)
no street address; entrance near Hidden Lake Drive and Keystone Road delawareriver.natgeotourism.com/content/hidden-lake-bushkill-pa/del163a03909b0065c79
facebook.com/HiddenLakeMST/



MST IS VERY EVENT-FALL!

by Christopher Rain

Fall is a very busy time in the Middle Smithfield Township parks! We have several events coming up in the next few months.

Event dates may be subject to change, or may have a rain date to be announced later. All events are FREE to attend. 570-223-8920 x119 or Parks&Recreation@mstowship.com.

5TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT (10/20)

On Saturday October 20, the Parks & Recreation Committee will host its 5th Annual Trunk or Treat at Resica Park, located at 1 Gravel Ridge Road behind Resica Elementary School. The event begins at noon and ends at 1pm and is for all township children 12 and under! Candy is available while supplies last! The rain date is Sunday October 21.

What is Trunk or Treat, you ask? It's an event where participants dress in costume and decorate the trunk of their car. Children can go safely from car to car to collect their treats!

Activities will include trunk or treating, glitter tattoos, sand art, and spin art. Children can also take a pumpkin from our pumpkin truck. Candy and pumpkins will only be available for as long as supplies last, so make sure to arrive early!

Attendees are also encouraged to bring non-perishable goods, which will be collected and donated to the Bushkill Outreach food pantry.

If you would like to decorate your car for Trunk or Treat, you must pre-register your car by Thursday October 18 at 4pm. Just coming to enjoy the event? No pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Chris Rain at 570-223-8920 x119.



Holly Frees as Harry Potter re-creates the magic of Hogwarts at 2017 Trunk or Treat.



6TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING (11/24)

On Saturday November 24, the 6th Annual Tree Lighting ceremony will be held in Echo Lake Park, located at 5206 Milford Road.

Celebrate the season with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Marshalls Creek Fire Company as we light the tree. Music will be provided by the local school and church choirs and bands. Cocoa and treats, as well as photos with Santa, will also be available. Parking will be available at the Marshall's Square shopping center next to the park.

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 respectively; two organizations that help share the cheer for families in need every holiday season and throughout the year.

ASK THE DOG TRAINER: Therapy Dog Test (10/13)

David J. Henon of University of Pets is back this fall for a special Ask the Dog Trainer!

Looking to get your dog tested to be a therapy dog? On Saturday October 13 at 11am, David will give a FREE AKC Canine Good Citizen Program therapy dog test.



PennState

GARLIC PLANTING (10/13) with the Penn State Master Gardeners

Come out to the Community Gardens on Saturday October 13 at 11am for our final Master Gardener class of 2018!

On 10/28 at 11am, the Master Gardeners will talk about planting garlic, and will demonstrate planting in one of the Bushkill Outreach beds. This class is FREE to attend and is open to all gardeners and the general public.

Master Gardener volunteers support Penn State Extension's educational programs in consumer horticulture. They develop their horticultural expertise through participation in educational training classes conducted by Penn State University faculty and Extension staff. To learn more about the Monroe County chapter of the Master Gardeners, call 570-421-6430, or email monroemg@psu.edu.

Community Gardens Park is located at 989 Coolbaugh Road. GPS sometimes has difficulty finding this address. Please try 3063 Coolbaugh Road for more accurate GPS directions. For more information about the park or this program contact the parks department at 570-223-8920 x119, or crain@mstowship.com.

MASTER GARDENERS AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE (Community Gardens Park)

By Christopher Rain

For their outstanding work at MST's Community Gardens Park, the Monroe County Master Gardeners were awarded third place in the state-wide Search for Excellence from the Penn State Extension.

The Search for Excellence program recognizes the outstanding work of Master Gardeners throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The recognition program includes six categories in which Master Gardeners can demonstrate outstanding contributions to their communities.

Since 2016, the Master Gardeners have been conducting gardening classes for the Community Gardens and the general public. The Master Gardeners also manage several plots that are dedicated to raising fresh produce for the Bushkill Outreach Food Pantry.

Community Gardens Park is located at 989 Coolbaugh Road. GPS sometimes has difficulty finding this address. Please try 3063 Coolbaugh Road for more accurate GPS directions. For more information about the park or this program contact the parks department at 570-223-8920 x119, or crain@mstowship.com.

difficulty finding this address. If you have trouble, try 6819 Milford Road instead. The park is located along Milford Road (Rt. 209) between the former Fernwood Resort and the National Park entrance.

This event is for dogs that are people and dog-friendly. Aggression can be discussed one on one. For More Information, visit www.UniversityOfPets.org or contact Chris Rain at 570-223-8920 x119.

Township Litter Cleanup “1,000 FEET OF STREET” AT A TIME:

Volunteers Cleaned 60 Miles of Township Roads

By Christopher Rain

Who's ready to clean some roads?

On Saturday September 29, 111 volunteers joined Township Supervisors, Parks & Recreation, Litter & Beautification, Adopt a Road, and the Public Works Department and cleaned 60 miles of roadside up our Township's Roads. Volunteers for this important program are always welcome and can contact Chris Rain at 570-223-8920, x119. Supplies including bags, pickers, gloves and safety vests are all provided by the township.

Volunteers met at the Township building at 8am the morning of Saturday September 29 to get supplies, get split into groups, and departed to various locations throughout the Township to beautify Middle Smithfield. The Township volunteers will focused on our “Main Street” Route 209 and other roads throughout the Township such as the Sellersville intersection and the Lower Lakeview.

This year, Middle Smithfield Township is excited to have 1000 Feet of Street serve as the model for Pick Up the Poconos Day, a county-wide litter cleanup day, also on September 29. Eleven municipalities in Monroe County including Smithfield, Stroud, East Stroudsburg, Mt. Pocono and several others, recruited volunteers to clean more roads across Monroe County. MST has been working with the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau, the county commissioners, ESU, and the other municipalities of Monroe County to put this program together. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers over the last five years, our program is now spreading throughout the region.

“Middle Smithfield Township is a beautiful community within the Pocono Mountains. When our residents and business owners join the township in cleaning up 1,000 feet



of street at a time, miles of beautification can be accomplished in just a short time,” said Michael J. Dwyer, Township Supervisor. “We are proud to have our successful program serve as the model for something that is now being done across the county.”

Volunteers to the Fall 1000 Feet of Street also received a Free Pass to the Township Cleanup and Freecycle as a thank you.

In April, over 130 volunteers with 1000 Feet of Street and our Adopt a Road program cleaned 50 miles of roadside (or 25 miles of road, both sides) along Rt 209, Wooddale Road, Coolbaugh Road, Sellersville Drive, Pocono Wild Haven Estates, among others and filled hundreds of bags of trash. Thank you to all of our Spring 2018 1000 Feet of Street and Adopt a Road volunteers! We hope that our Fall 2018 event will be even more successful.

For more information about the Adopt a Road program, please contact Chris Rain at 570-223-8920 x119 or email crain@mstownship.com.

Want to clean up before spring? Clean up anytime you want! Stop by the township building for cleanup supplies and just clean up in your own neighborhood, in one of our parks, or ask for a recommendation. Any help is always appreciated.

For more information about Pick Up the Poconos, please visit www.pocono-mountains.com/pick-up-the-poconos/ or call the PMVB at 570-421-5791.

Volunteers can also Adopt-A-Road and have a sign placed in your honor along the road that you clean. If you are interested in the Adopt-A-Road program, please contact Chris Rain at 570-223-8920, x119.

County Litter Cleanup “PICK UP THE POCONOS” Visitors Bureau Aims to Rid Monroe County of Litter

By Christopher Rain

The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau has initiated a new anti-littering campaign called “Pick Up the Poconos.” The PMVB hopes to raise awareness about the litter problem in the county and start a community effort to clean up litter along major roads all around the region. The hope is that the media campaign by the PMVB will lead to action.

PMVB is using Middle Smithfield Township's already successful “1000 Feet of Street” litter pick up program as the basis for a larger, county-wide program. MST is working with Chris Barrett, President and CEO of PMVB (and he also sits on the township's Economic Development Committee), the county commissioners, and representatives from other county organizations to build such a program, using Middle Smithfield Township as the model. Possible future partners in the effort include the county, municipalities, and PennDOT.

Also as part of their campaign, PMVB has entered an agreement with Adopt a Highway Maintenance Corporation to clean up the litter along a 20 mile stretch of Interstate 80, starting in June. The company will conduct four cleanings a year from the NJ/PA state line all the way up to the I-80/I-380 junction. If all goes well, the PMVB hopes to extend the service onto I-380 and I-84.

More information on Pick Up the Poconos is available on PickUpThePoconos.com, including where to dispose of trash and recyclables, information about littering and it's negative effects, and advice on how to organize community clean ups. More information about MST's Litter and Beautification is available on www.middlesmithfieldtownship.com, www.facebook.com/makeMSTpretty, or by contacting Chris Rain at 570-223-8920 x119 or crain@mstownship.com.

ADOPT A ROAD!

By Christopher Rain

Are you a business wanting to get your name out there? Want to help keep your neighborhood clean? Consider adopting a road!

The MST Adopt a Road Program organizes our residents, businesses, and organizations who want to keep our streets litter-free. Individuals or groups can adopt a 2 mile stretch of road and pledge to pick up litter along their stretch at least twice a year. These cleanups can coincide with our twice yearly litter program, 1000 Feet of Street, or at any time at the adopter's convenience. Your two mile stretch is marked with a sign to let your neighbors know that you are helping to keep MST pretty.

If you are interested in adopting a road, please contact Christopher Rain at 570-223-8920 x119, or email crain@mstownship.com. A list of roads available for adoption can be provided. All cleanup equipment including bags, pickers, and gloves, are provided by the township when you clean your road.

Thank you to our great residents, organizations, and businesses who adopt roads, including:

Brushy Mountain & Barren Roads – PA Treatment & Healing
Buroojy Court – Robert & Eileen Early
Charley Drive – Darlene & Mark Picchanti
Coolbaugh Road, south section – Monroe County Young Democrats
Coolbaugh Road, center section – Van Solkema Family
Coolbaugh Road, north section – Kaylatime & Angel Hernandez
Firestone Lane – Resica Falls Scout Reservation
Foxmoor Drive – Monroe County Meals on Wheels
Gravel Ridge Road – Bob and Anne Marie Pohlman
Hidden Lake Drive – Kathy Mitchell
Keystone Road – Gary Waxman
Macy Way, et al. – Halterman & Meryweather Families
Marjorie Court & Timber Mountain Drive – Frank Lowe
Michaels Road – James Meegan
Municipal Drive – MST Board of Supervisors
Oak Grove Road – Mountain Stream Baptist Church
Pocono Wild Haven Estates (all roads) – PWHE Beautification Committee
Sand Hill Road – Juliette Ryan-Caines
Stoney Acres – ESU Student Activity Association
Summit Drive, et al. – Stephen & Elsie Della-Calce
Turkey Ridge Road – Annette Atkinson
Upper Lakeview Drive – Robert Post
Wooddale Road, PWHE to Price Township line – Meryweather & Halterman Families
Wooddale Road, PWHE to Marshalls Creek – PWHE Beautification Committee

Adopt a road today and add your name to the list!



RECYCLING: CHINA'S BAN ON WASTE CHANGES WHAT MOST PENNSYLVANIANS CAN PUT IN THEIR BIN

Courtesy of “Townships Today” 3Q18, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. For full article, please visit MiddleSmithfieldTownship.com/recycling/

If you're like most Americans, you probably have not given much thought to what happens to that plastic bottle, glass jar, or newspaper you put in your recycling container. You figure it is being recycled somehow, and by keeping it out of the landfill, you are doing your part to make planet Earth a better place.

This “out-of-sight, out-of-mind” mentality came to a screeching halt earlier this year when the recycling industry was rocked by action out of China. What most people did not realize until then was that the items they had been recycling, week in and week out, were likely being shipped to China, the world's largest consumer of recyclables.

On January 1, in an anti-pollution crackdown, China implemented a ban on certain recyclables from other countries, most notably mixed paper (such as junk mail) and mixed plastic (those labeled three through seven), and enacted stricter rules about the level of contamination it would accept on other materials.

Without China as a major market, recyclers are being forced to find other outlets, and until new markets pick up the slack, what was once considered a recyclable has become trash.

For some, China's ban has forced local recycling programs back to the basics and shifted their focus to materials with traditionally strong markets, such as corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles and jugs with necks, metal food and beverage cans, and glass bottles and jars. Others are exploring whether it makes sense to halt recycling altogether until the marketplace rebounds.

A shift in recycling

Thirty years ago, Pennsylvania developed the most sweeping recycling program enacted by any state at that time.

Still, the latest news out of China has sent a large shock wave through the recycling industry and caused a major disruption to the recycling loop, which consists of the user or sorter, the processor, and the buyer.

“Suddenly, the buyer went away, and there was nowhere for the material to go,” Kathryn Sandoe, chief communications officer at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, says.

With limited markets, communities mandated to recycle are re-evaluating what items are valuable enough to still collect and sell. Earlier this year, Lancaster County, one of the first areas

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PUBLIC WORKS

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE – STORMWATER

By Michele Clewell

Simply, stormwater is water runoff. Now there wouldn't be an issue with water runoff it were 100% clean when it goes into the storm drains or in the water supply system. Because water runoff picks up whatever is in its path; pesticides, oil, gasoline, road salt and sediment all end "up in waterways and potentially in our sources of drinking water"¹.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("PA DEP") has designated Middle Smithfield Township as an urbanized area (UA) with regard to stormwater discharge. What this means is that stormwater discharge from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), within the UA may be regulated as a small MS4 under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations.

MS4s are conveyances or systems of conveyances including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels or storm drains that are owned or operated by a public entity, are designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater.

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2018 ROAD PROJECTS	
We continue to be ahead of our 10-year Road Improvement Plan (by every 10 years, each township road will have been improved)	
Road	6-8 Miles/Year Action for 2018
✓ Barren Road	Tar & Chip/Partial Pave DONE (Brushy Mt. Road to Reservoir Road)
✓ Big Ridge Drive	Patch / Pave DONE (Route 209 to Village Drive)
✓ Charley Drive	Pave DONE
✓ Dawn Lane	Pave DONE
✓ Denise Lane	Patch DONE
Fish Court	Pave / Reconstruction On Hold (Until spring of 2019 because of wet summer)
Freeman Tract Road	DSA Grant Awarded
✓ Jennifer Lane	Patch DONE
✓ Keystone Road	Tar & Chip DONE (Route 209 to Hidden Lake Road)
✓ Michaels Road	Tar & Chip DONE
✓ Pardees Loop	Pave DONE
✓ Sellersville Drive	Tar & Chip DONE (SR 1016 to Turkey Ridge Road)
✓ Turkey Ridge Road	Patrical Pave DONE (from Township portion of Sellersville Rd)
✓ Zion Church Hill Road	DSA Grant Award DONE



2018 FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

Monday, October 15th – Friday, November 9th
By Karen Stapleton

Please have the leaves raked to the side of the street – but not onto the traveled roadway! Only leaves are picked up – please, no sticks, limbs, stumps, grass clippings or any other yard waste.

This is a tentative schedule which is subject to change without notice depending on weather, volume or leaves, and any other emergency that may arise.

Under township ordinance, all 'open burning' of leaves is prohibited.

Do not place your garbage or recyclables with or into the leaves!

Please see schedule below for curbside service. Miss the schedule? No problem! All residents of the township are welcome to drop off leaves and brush at the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Facility 3305 Oak Grove Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302. Hours: Monday through Saturday 7am-2pm, CLOSED HOLIDAYS Please empty leaves and brush into proper bins (no plastic bags accepted).

Week #1 & 2: **Monday, Oct. 15th – Friday, Oct. 26th**
Wooddale / Coolbaugh Area

Week #3: **Monday, Oct. 29th – Friday, Nov. 2nd**
Route 402 / Resica Falls Road / Oak Grove / Hidden Lake / Timothy Lake / Route 209 / Milford Road Area

Week #4: **Nov. 5th – Friday, Nov. 9th**
Upper Lakeview Area

For detailed listing of roads included in each of the areas above, please visit our website at: MiddleSmithfieldTownship.com/recycling/

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Big Ridge Drive is due for a bridge replacement near the intersection of Big Ridge Drive and Hawks Nest Road. While our Public Works is ready to go, unfortunately, we are waiting for Met Ed to move their utility wires. (Met Ed's policy is to have the work done by their own contractors.) Met Ed has stated that the blizzards and tornado of 2018 put them behind schedule. We currently do not have an ETA for this work from them. Our hope is that they complete their work by November 1 so this repair can be completed before winter.



ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP AND FREecycle

(Also known as "Dumpster Day" 10/5 & 10/6)
By Karen Stapleton

Twice a year (in the spring and in the fall) Middle Smithfield hosts "Dumpster Days" at the township building at 147 Municipal Drive to help residents do their fall and spring cleanings, as well as offer FREE PAPER SHREDDING. Residents can bring their refuse and drop off Freecycle articles.

Middle Smithfield Township's annual Fall Clean Up is Friday, October 5th & Saturday, October 6th from 7am to 4pm both days, with FREE PAPER SHREDDING on Saturday from 10am-3pm. Residents who participate in the Fall Clean-up share the cost to operate the clean-up with the township: the clean-up costs \$5 per car load (slightly more for larger vehicles) and tire disposal starts at \$4 each tire. For residents, the township clean-up is much more economical and convenient than using the closest dumps in Taylor and Pen Argyl, which charge a minimum of \$62-\$73 per vehicle.

Middle Smithfield will accept bulk items, furniture, toys, washers, dryers, bicycles, lawn mowers, water heaters, batteries, nails, screws, empty paint cans, electronics, motor oil, mattresses – just no household garbage, construction debris or hazardous materials.

Freecycle

Thursday, Friday & Saturday,
October 11th, 12th & 13th: 7am-2pm

The public can come, browse and take five (5) Freecycled items. What is "Freecycle?" Residents can drop off their gently used items with the knowledge that they won't go to a landfill – but one of their neighbors or a charitable organization instead! Everyone wins – the Fall Clean Up costs the taxpayers less money (because we need less dumpsters), Pennsylvania landfills don't fill up as quickly, and residents and local charities receive needed goods at a price that can't be beat – FREE!

What do we do with leftovers? After the Freecycle event, charitable organizations such as Bushkill Outreach, the Salvation Army, and Women's Resources of Nassau County can come and pick up whatever is left over. Any books in good condition will be held by the township and delivered to the Hughes Library for their annual book sale.

OAK GROVE & RECYCLING

www.ogmmcpb.com
Chairperson | Mike Dwyer



By Karem Stapleton

Here's where your fall and spring leaves from leaf collection go! The Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing program is jointly operated and available to residents of Middle Smithfield, Smithfield and Lehman Townships. The facility is centrally located at 3305 Oak Grove Drive in Middle Smithfield Township and is open Monday – Saturday, 7am – 2 pm. **CLOSED HOLIDAYS**

To use the facility you must be a resident of one of the 3 participating townships or a commercial business (via permit only) located in the townships.

Acceptable materials include leaves, shrubs (no roots) and shrubbery, tree trimmings, and branches cut into 3 -4 foot lengths and no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

FREE MULCH/COMPOST/WOOD CHIPS

The Oak Grove facility is a regular provider of mulch and compost to the MST Community Gardens on Coolbaugh Road. Your garden can benefit too! Self-serve products and materials offered at the facility are free mulch and compost (pending availability), and you must load the materials yourself. If loading assistance is needed an appointment must be made in advance and the fee is \$10 for each 3 yards.

To make an appointment, purchase a commercial permit, or if you have any questions, please contact kstapleton@mstownship.com or call 570-223-8920x118.

If you literally have a ton of garbage:	
Alliance Sanitary Landfill 389 S. Keyser Avenue Taylor PA, 18517 Disposal Rate: approximately \$62/ton Hours: Weekdays 7:30am to 3:00pm; occasionally on Saturdays www.alliancelandfill.wm.com	Grand Central Sanitary Landfill 1963 Pen Argyl Road Pen Argyl, PA 18072 Disposal Rate: approximately \$73/ton Hours: Weekdays, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays: 7 to 9 a.m. www.wmsolutions.com

DETAILS:		FEES:
FREE Paper Shredding (Saturday 10/14, 9a-3p)		FREE
Automobile/Small SUV's Load		\$5.00
Large SUV's, Pick-up trucks and vans.....		\$10.00
Small utility trailers (up to 8 ft. in length)		\$10.00
Dump Truck (single axle) and box trucks (up to 12' box)		\$60.00
Dump Truck (one-ton)		\$40.00
Excessively Large Bulk Items may require an extra charge		\$TBD by Staff
TIRES: Small tires are \$4.00 each; with rims \$6.00 each. Large tires are \$12.00 each; with rims \$14.00 each. MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) TIRES PER RESIDENT ACCEPTED		
NO: NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE NO AUTOMOBILES or AUTOMOBILE PARTS NO PAINT CANS WITH CONTENTS, THINNERS NO PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, or ANY OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS NO BUILDING MATERIALS or DEMOLITION WASTE (for example: LUMBER, SHINGLES / SHEETROCK, DIRT, CEMENT, ETC.		
YES: WE WILL ACCEPT: Bulk items, for example: furniture, toys, washers, dryers, bicycles, lawn mowers, water heaters etc. BATTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NAILS AND SCREWS - (MUST BE IN CLOSED CONTAINER)		
Containers will be available during cleanup for leaf drop off. FREE Paper Shredding Saturday, 10/14, 9 am - 3 pm.		

EXPLORIA / FERNWOOD / BUSHKILL GROUP: WHAT’S IN A NAME?

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ownership through rental and promotional marketing packages to discover endless opportunities that their 85,000+ owners enjoy worldwide.

Amenities like Tree Ventures and Blue Lighting Tubing will remain the same. The resort is undergoing refurbishments and improvements including villa renovations. The Warehouse Tavern & Grill is NOW OPEN serving lunch and dinner to resort guests and the general public daily.

About Cerberus Capital Management, L.P.

Established in 1992, Cerberus Capital Management, L.P. is one of the world’s leading private investment firms. Cerberus has more than US \$30 billion under management invested in three complementary strategies: global credit opportunities, private equity, and real estate. From its headquarters in New York City and network of affiliate and advisory offices in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, Cerberus has the on-the-ground presence to invest in multiple asset classes globally.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

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Highlighted Amendments (cont’d)

- There is now an annual term for all Short Term Rental Licenses – November 1st to October 31st. All applications for license renewal must be submitted no later than October 31st for the following year.
- “Bedroom” is now clearly defined so that space used or intended for general and informal everyday use such as a living room, den, closet, or similar room is not considered a bedroom.
- We changed the term “Managing Agent” to “Person in Charge” and required that they must reside or have an office within 15 miles of the property and have the ability to act as the legal agent for the owner. They must also provide a phone number available 24 hours, respond to the code official within 1 hour of any call, and be available to immediately remedy any disturbance or violation of the code.

Changes to Short Term Rental Standards:

- Overnight occupancy limits are now 2 persons per bedroom plus four additional persons or a maximum of fourteen overnight occupants, whichever is less.
- Outdoor parking for overnight occupants is limited to a maximum of one car per bedroom
- A short term rental property shall not have any outside appearance indicating a change of use from the surrounding residential uses.
- **Application Process:**
- A floorplan is no longer required as an attachment to the application

About Club Exploria LLC and Exploria Resorts

Club Exploria, LLC and the Exploria Resorts brand were built upon more than 20 years of proven success as a diversified hospitality, development, and management company. With approximately 1,200 team members, the Exploria Resorts brand is represented in four primary marketing and sales operations to support the collection of resorts and hotels located in family vacation destinations throughout Florida, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

About Pocono Mountain Villas

Pocono Mountain Villas by Exploria Resorts is a resort for all seasons, offering a full range of on-site amenities, such as expanded hiking, kayaking, sight-seeing, eco-tourism, fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities for guests of all ages to enjoy throughout the year.

About Jin Yin Temple:

The Jinyin Temple of Sino Esoteric Buddhism, Inc is a Buddhist temple group seeking to open a world peace center.

- A site plan showing a parking plan is no longer required as an attachment to the application

You can view the entire chapter at <https://www.ecode360.com/9956977> and you can obtain an application on our website: www.middlesmithfieldtownship.com.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or complaints regarding a Short Term Rental property, please feel free to contact the Zoning Office at 570-223-8920 ext. 128 or by email at jacosta@mstownship.com

SHORT TERM RENTAL WEBINARS, SEMINARS AND SUMMITS...OH MY!

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Judy Acosta, Zoning Administrator, is a member of the Pocono Mountain Association of Realtors Short Term Rental Task Force. Headed by Lisa Sanderson, the group has already organized and presented a regional one-day Short Term Rental Summit that took place in June. A second two-day summit is scheduled for October 3rd & 4th at The Chateau Resort & Conference Center in Tannersville. A portion of this summit will be open to the public.

Judy Acosta will conduct a workshop during the PSATs Regional Fall Forum in Wilkes-Barre this coming October with a focus on how the township is regulating, rather than restricting, short term rentals.

GET IN THE ZONE- OUR ZONING HEARING BOARD HAS A VACANT SEAT!

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The zoning hearing board is a quasi-judicial body that renders decisions on specific types of land use appeals and applications . . . appointed by the governing body [i.e., Board of Supervisors]. Although the zoning hearing board functions like a court, formal court procedures are not strictly required. 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 the literal enforcement of the zoning ordinance in certain hardship situations by means of a variance. The right to appeal for relief is an important step in ensuring that due process is followed when restricting use of private property for a predetermined public good. . . . The zoning hearing board has no legislative power; it can neither make nor modify zoning policy. Neither does the zoning hearing board have enforcement powers. The zoning hearing board schedules hearings on applications and appeals that come before it, takes evidence, and issues written decisions with findings of fact and conclusions of law. A zoning hearing board must limit its scope of activities to those permitted by the Municipal Planning Code and by the local zoning ordinance. . . .”

POLITICAL SIGNS

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place on Election Day.

- The maximum sign size shall be 16 square feet on each of two sides. Any larger sign shall be regulated as an off-premise sign (such as a billboard)
- A political sign for any candidate or issue shall not be located within 100 feet of any other sign for the same candidate on the same lot that is readable from the same street.

Signs on Public Property

A sign posted on Township property or within a public street right-of-way without governmental permission may be removed and discarded.

Signs on Private Property

No person shall post a sign upon private property without permission from the property owner. A sign posted on private property without permission of the property owner may be removed and discarded by the property owner or his/her designee.

Applications for Political Sign Permits are available through the Zoning Office. If you are running for office or represent a campaign, please contact the Zoning Office for an application.

MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP OPPOSES HB1620

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- drastically cuts fees municipalities can assess for use of the right-of-ways that municipalities must maintain, including processing applications
- drastically shortens timeframes for municipalities to act (e.g., FCC allows 30 days for initial review of an application for completeness, and HB 2564 would cut this period to 15 days). This is designed to fabricate "deemed approvals" for the wireless industry.
- While prescribing a maximum permitted height of 50 feet for poles, it also gives wireless companies the “right” to exceed this height via a “height limit waiver request”. In essence, municipalities would be forced to approve any pole of any height, at any location, regardless of its appropriateness.

The House Consumer Affairs Committee held a hearing on the bill on August 9th. The PA Municipal League (PML), PA State Assoc. of Township Commissioners (PSATC), the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) and the PA State Assoc. of Boroughs (PSAB) spoke in strong opposition to the bill. Representative Farry can also expect opposition to this bill from the local Council of Government (COG). (Township Supervisor Mike Dwyer is the President of COG.)

During the hearing, Rep. Farry offered to work with the municipal associations to attempt to achieve a compromise bill and municipal associations will submit proposed amendments; however, Rep. Farry has said that they want to get the bill approved before this Legislative Session ends on November 13th. Municipalities stated the proposed amendments to the Bill must preserve the right of municipalities to manage their rights-of way, recover their costs, and protect the character of the communities.

RESOLUTION VS. ORDINANCE

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Residential Development To C-2 Commercial District”, “Establishing Local Tax Credits for Qualified Volunteer Members of Volunteer Fire Companies and Nonprofit Emergency Medical Service Agencies” and “Establishing Administrative Procedures and Appeals and Short Term Rentals, Regarding Occupancy Limitations, Including Persons and Vehicles” (see page 6 for more information).

So far, in 2018 the Middle Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors have approved and passed (16) resolutions and (3) ordinances all of which can be found in their entirety at MiddleSmithfieldTownship.com/resolutions-ordinances/. (You can see a fill list of township ordinances and resolutions at our Mid-Year and Year-End reports as well as on our website.)

COMMUNITY DAY

By Christopher Rain

MST Community Day was held on Saturday, September 8 at Middle Smithfield Elementary School.

30+ vendors including... Entertainment from Chuck Seese from 93.5 SBG, Al the Wingman from Gary in the Morning Show 96.7, and Jesse Scavone. Gameface Basketball organized games and lessons on the basketball court, and the ESLL ran workshops on the softball field. Kids of all ages enjoyed the equipment at the Touch a Truck display, provided by Marshalls Creek Fire Company, Bushkill Emergency Corps, and Constable Rick Porvaznik.



A young resident gets a tattoo at Community Day.



MTS Community Day, a success despite the weather.



The Broadhead Watershed Association at Community Day, with information on the importance of our pristine Pocono Water.



Monroe County Beekeepers Association member Victoria Staples creates a buzz at Community Day, encouraging young beekeepers. Vicky also manages the hives at the MST Community Gardens Park.

PARKS BOARD VACANCY

By Christopher Rain

Do you love our local parks? Do you want to get more involved in your community? The Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Board has a vacancy.

If you are interested in joining the Parks Board, please send a letter of interest to 147 Municipal Drive or by email to info@mstowship.com. A volunteer application form is available on MiddleSmithfieldTownship.com.

Board meetings are on the first Monday of each month, at 6:30pm. Interested parties with previous parks and recreation, grant writing, or event planning experience are encouraged to apply, but any interested township resident is welcome.

Can't Commit? No problem!

We understand that not everyone has the time to attend monthly meetings and work on projects. Do you have 4 hours a year? Or 8 hours – for the entire year? If so, volunteer for just one event! We always need extra Santa's Helpers for the Tree Lighting and extra hands for other events.

For more information call 570-223-8920 x119, email parks&recreation@mstowship.com.

"I wanted to take a moment to thank you for opening up this park in our community for our children my son is 11 years old and loves going there and riding his bike... As a mother of four children 3 boys... It's nice to be able to go somewhere for free and the kids have a good time!! Thanks for all you've done to put this together for our community!!"

– Gabriella DeMaio, 7.11.18
(about River's Edge Bike Park)

"Had a blast at the park Saturday afternoon. First time on a pump track all I can say is what a workout and good time."

– Brian Kurzweil, 7.29.18
(about River's Edge Bike Park)

Rent a Pavilion at MST Parks

Middle Smithfield Township has two great pavilions at Echo Lake Park and Resica Park that are available to rent for your event.

Each pavilion has picnic tables, grills, and is adjacent to a playground to keep the kids entertained. Electricity at Echo Lake Park only. Pavilion rentals cost \$50 plus a \$50 refundable deposit due at the time of booking. The deposit is refunded after your event and successful site inspection by Township staff.

To rent a pavilion, call 570-223-8920 x119 or email parks&recreation@mstowship.com.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE
STORMWATER & MST

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DEP has begun a new program that now requires Middle Smithfield Township to generate a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) associated with impaired watersheds. The purpose of a PRP is to generate a plan to eliminate pollutants such as sediment, phosphorus, nitrogen, and other nutrients that impair local streams, creeks, and waters. Per the requirements of DEP, the municipality must determine the existing pollutant loadings for each watershed and reduce that load by a minimum ten percent (10%) within the five (5) year permit cycle.

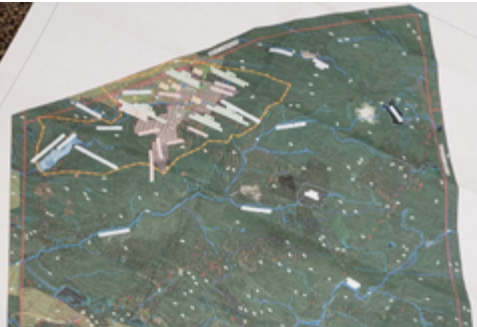
What this all boils down to is that Middle Smithfield Township must reduce pollutants from runoff that drains into the Sambo Creek that then drains into the McMichaels Creek.

To do this stream bank restoration and vegetated roadside swales are proposed. "Swale (ditch) restoration requires a vegetated swale with certain dimension, certain gradient so that the water does not travel too fast, it will have a chance to let the sediment settle out and get caught by the vegetation". By implementing a combination of Best Management Practices (BMPs), the Township will reduce pollutants to the impaired watersheds by a minimum of ten percent (10%), and thus satisfy the requirements set forth by DEP for the PRP program.

The public works department spent numerous hours identifying the road runoff locations, not to mention the work done so far by the township's engineer.

This is just the start of the process and the township has up to 5 years to implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Discharge from MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan for Sambo Creek.

1 Courtesy of Penn State Extension
2 Excerpt taken from testimony of Township Engineer Fred Courtright at the Board of Supervisors August 10, 2017 public hearing



SEWER CUSTOMERS \$AVE

New Discounted Payment Options for 2019

Either pay your annual sewer bill by January 31 2019
OR sign up for Automatic Credit/Debit Card payments

AND get a discount! (examples and details are in your 4th quarter bill)

FERNWOOD PLANT
OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

A more efficient emergency generator and new above ground fuel storage tank will increase efficiency all around, because Public Works will only have to refuel generators once every 12 to 24 hours instead of every 6 hours during power outages. This means Public Works can focus on clearing roads instead of refueling generator storage tanks to keep the sewer system operating.

SEWER UPDATE

2018 Capital Improvement Projects:

- ✓ Upgrade to Pump Station #6 COMPLETED
- ✓ Frutchey Extension COMPLETED

Upgrade to Pump Station #4:

This project involves replacement of the piping in the wet well and valve vault and a new control panel at pumping station #4 located at 5250 Milford Road in Middle Smithfield Township; Alternate Bids are included for work at Pump Stations #8, and #3. Bids for this project were be opened on September 13, 2018.

Bid for crossing Route 209 to install new Sewer main on North bound side:

This project involves the installation of a 12 inch DI Water line and 8 inch PVC Sewer line under US 209 at the intersection of Mt Nebo Road and Milford Road in Middle Smithfield Township. This bid was opened on September 13, 2018.

Upcoming Projects for 2018: upgrades to the following Pump Stations:

- Pump Station 3 – McCole and Route 209
- Pump Station 4 – Maple Lane
- Pump Station 8 – Lake of the Pines

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Funded entirely by donations, not taxes



Shawnee Fire Co. receives AEDs at reduced cost through Greg Moyer foundation. From left to right: Assistant Chief and President Dave Timko, Rachel Moyer, Chief Jason Witcraft, 1st Assistant Chief Matt Romano.



BE IN THE KNOW

2018: Two blizzards, a tornado and multiple power outages that lasted for days. Were you in the dark about the relief offered by Middle Smithfield Township? Receive Textcasts to your phone and/or email for important emergency and relief information. Free water, free ice, warming and charging stations, hot showers – and information. Be in the know!

Visit MiddleSmithfieldTownship.com/mst-text-alerts to sign up!



Residents Susan and Steve Kulick rented the Echo Lake Park Pavilion and organized a September fundraiser for Camp Papillon, a local no-kill animal shelter. In this photo, they are demonstrating doggie First Aid to the crowd.

FAKE MAILERS

Residents should be on the lookout for fake mailings asking for donations for local fire companies. The fake mailings are coming from the “Volunteer Firefighter Alliance” with a Topeka, Kansas mailing address. Donations sent to this organization do not go to any local volunteer fire companies.

Real donation letters are sent to Middle Smithfield Township residents from Marshalls Creek Fire Co. or Bushkill Volunteer Fire Co. depending on your mailing address. As of now, Shawnee Fire Co. does not send a donation letter.

If you are unsure of what fire company serves your area or if you have received a letter and are not sure if it is legitimate or not, please call 570-223-8920 ext. 132.

MARSHALLS CREEK FIRE COMPANY & SHAWNEE FIRE COMPANY FIRE PREVENTION COMMUNITY NIGHT

The Marshalls Creek & Shawnee Fire Companies proudly present the 24th Annual Fire Prevention Community Night Program.

The event will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at J.T. Lambert Intermediate School located at 2000 Milford Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 beginning at 6:30 pm.

The evening includes Fire Truck Rides, Vehicle Rescue Demonstrations using the Jaws of Life, Smoke House Simulator, Helicopter Landing and Fire Hose Activities. Sparky will be there also!

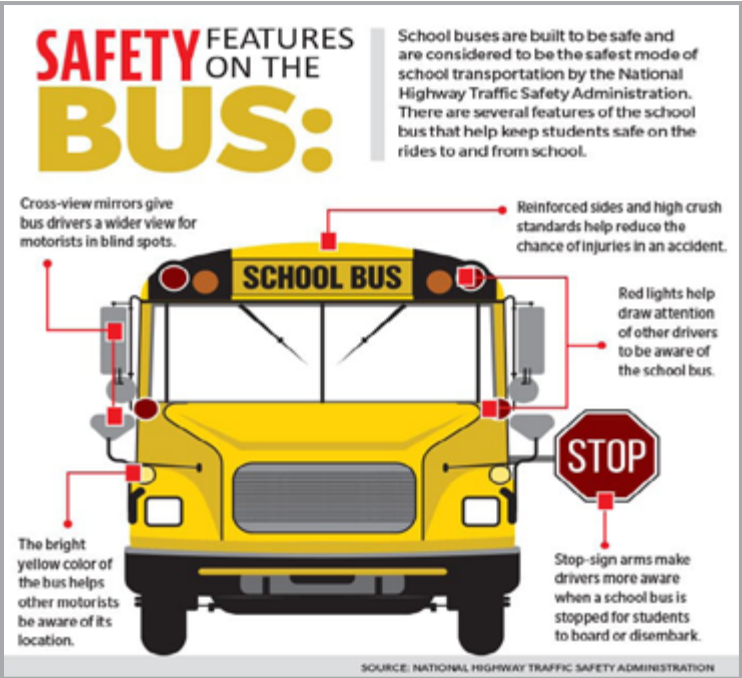
FIND FIRE & EMS ONLINE!

Marshalls Creek Fire Co. (570) 223-8445 112 Marshalls Creek Rd East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18302 Facebook: @marshallscreekfireco

Shawnee Fire Co. (570) 476-0736 102 Firehouse Ln East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18301 Facebook: @shawneefireco36 Website: ShawneeFire.org/

Bushkill Volunteer Fire Co. (570)588-6033 124 Evergreen Dr Bushkill Pa. 18324 Facebook: facebook.com/Bushkill-Volunteer-Fire-Company-1643189702644270/

Bushkill Emergency Corps 570-223-1906 P.O. Box 174, Bushkill, Pa 18324 office@bushkillemergencycorps.com facebook.com/BushkillEmergencyCorps/



SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

By Jen Strauch

The Pocono Mountains Hunger Coalition fought hunger in our community by “GO ORANGE” on September 28th. Community members, local businesses, and organizations to wore orange from head to toe to help raise awareness about the complex issue of hunger and food insecurity in Monroe County and our neighboring communities.

In Monroe County:

- 18,200 food insecure individuals struggle each month to find enough affordable, nutritious food.
- 51% of school-aged children receive free/reduce priced meals during the school year.
- Only 29% of food items distributed to families at local pantries are considered “Healthy” according to Feeding America’s Foods to Encourage Model (F2E).
- 31% of residents are considered obese with BMI of 30 or more.

We recognize the many challenges facing our hunger-fighting agencies including a lack of financial resources to purchase healthier, more nutrient-dense items, a lack of cold storage to hold fresh produce, milk, and eggs when available from

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Our real donation letter looks like this.

MST KIZ PROPERTIES (continued from page 5)

Primarily it is a program to provide tax credits to start-up companies. The tax credit is applied against the tax liability of a KIZ company (state taxes) and because most start up KIZ companies do make enough in the initial years to have the liability , the tax credit can be sold ,and the proceeds funneled back into the company. The company has to be 0-8 years old in a specific industry sectors: Information Technology, Homeland Security, Biotechnology/Life Sciences, Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing, and Financial Services.

So where are the two parcels? They are: One is the Miggy’s Super Foodtown parcel on Milford Road/209 at the

Municipal Drive intersection, which contains a shopping plaza and other commercial buildings with available space. The other is the Pocono Square Flea Market (which is adjacent to the Municipal Building and where the movie theatre and Bugle Boy used to be) and is also at the Municipal Drive/Route 209 intersection.

The Economic Development department is thrilled about this additional incentive to bring up when meeting with prospects and added opportunity.

For more information on the KIZ program, you can visit: https://dced.pa.gov/programs/keystone-innovation-zone-tax-credit-program/

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



We are heading into one of the prettiest seasons of the year here in the Poconos—Fall golf can be breathtaking and Country Club of the Poconos is the place to be. If the views aren't enough, we offer \$25 golf in the second half of October for you to enjoy!

While the summer weather has created a challenge for Pocono golf courses we are hoping the fall will be more rewarding. But despite a very wet season, the course is in good shape.

Our new weekly Friday night golf scramble has become a big hit and we look forward to continuing the fun next summer as well. The event costs \$20 per person and features happy hour drink pricing at the course. We also partnered with the Historic Tom X Pub for the after party with great food and drink specials for our golfers! Keep an eye out in the spring for more information about our 2019 Friday Night Scramble Events!

The last Friday Night Scramble of 2018 was held on September 28 at 5:00 pm!

The township looks forward to helping non-profit organizations raise money. Contact the pro shop to find out how you can raise even more money by having your outing at Country Club of the Poconos.



Ready to Go!

"Photos by Ann H Lefevre, Pocono Photo Club (AnnHLeFevre.com)"



Down the Fairway

BANQUET HALL AT WHISPERING PINES

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



DATES STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2018: Leave the holiday mess to us!

There are still dates available in 2018 at the beautiful Whispering Pines banquet hall for all your golf outing, charitable, or private party needs! Book for the holidays, and make it easy on your own house. Our dining room area has two rooms separated by a majestic floor to ceiling stone fireplace, providing flexibility for your event. The larger room includes a dance floor and seating for up to 150. The smaller room is perfect as a breakout room or smaller dinner needs with seating for up to 30. Each room is equipped with a TV for your audio/visual needs. A completely equipped commercial kitchen includes china place settings, silverware and glassware for your use. The bar area can seat 26 and is ready to supply your favorite beverage. What a great venue for your holiday parties!

Please call Chris Rain at 570-223-8920 x119 or email crain@mstownship.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.

Community and Charity Events, for the rest of 2018:

Support your local organizations!

Bushkill Outreach Tricky Tray, Mon. 10/1

Family Promise of Monroe County Blue Jean Ball, Sat. 10/6

RISE Fundraiser, Fri. 10/12

MST 3rd Annual Fossil Day, Wed. 10/17

Veterans Day Luncheon, Sun. 11/11

LOCAL GIRL FIRST TO JOIN REGULAR NAVY

By Andy Zaso, 2016 Person of the Year finalist, and organizer of annual Veterans Lunch

Dorothy Weary, first class, was born on August 5, 1923, and was the first woman to be sworn into the United States Navy in Ceremonies in Philadelphia when Vice Admiral James L. Kaufman administered the oath.

The Stroudsburg sailor enlisted in the Waves on June 15, 1944. She took her boot training at Hunter College in the Bronx and earned her promotion to the grade of first class. She spent most of her service during this time in Cleveland and Philadelphia.

She holds the good conduct medal, the American Area Campaign medal, and the World War II Victory medal.

At the close of her term in the Waves, she enlisted in the regular Navy, which she served in for 2 years, and requested Foreign Service. Dorothy served a total of 6 years.

After the war (WW2), she married Charles Shoemaker, an officer also in the Navy.

Dorothy was 94 and a World War II veteran when she passed away on April 7, 2018. She had a full Honor Guard ceremony attended by friends and family. She is survived by two children and three grandchildren.



Township Auditor Joyce Fenical sharing memories with other long time residents, Bob and Dot Lewis. (Bob is a WW2 veteran!)

CALLING ALL VETERANS

by Holly Freese

In honor of Veterans Day and those who served, Middle Smithfield Township will again host a complimentary luncheon for veterans on Sunday, November 11 from 1pm- 4pm at the township's Whispering Pines Banquet Hall at Country Club of the Poconos. The veteran's luncheon is the brainchild of 2016 Person of the Year finalists Andy Zaso, representing Mady's Kitchen, and Al Compoly Jr., representing Operation ChillOut, who are both veterans, and is a combined effort with Middle Smithfield Township. Assistance will also be provided by Dave Manter and volunteers from Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Last year's dinner was attended by approximately 120 veterans, mostly from Middle Smithfield Township, including four World War II veterans. Guests were welcomed by "General Patton" and the festivities were kicked off by the Monroe County Honor Guard followed by the Knights of Columbus and blessing by Father Reichlen of St. John's Church. Other notable guests included Congressman Matt Cartwright, Senator Mario Scavella and State Representative Rosemary Brown. The highlight of the evening was a presentation of the helmet belonging to a World War II veteran, now deceased, to his family. The helmet was found by Al Compoly at a church yard sale. Operation Chillout also made a presentation about their latest project "Operation Tiny House", which aims to provide housing for a veteran. The evening also featured singer Lauren Lehman, a veteran, as entertainment. Food for the event will be donated by Bushkill Outreach and prepared by Andy Zaso and volunteers from Tall Cedars.

The event will also feature memorabilia displays, entertainment, and a few words of gratitude from local officials.

For more information about Middle Smithfield Township's Veterans Day Celebration 2018 or to register and attend, please call Holly at 570-223-8920 ext. 132.

★ **Know any Veterans?** ★
★ **PASS THE WORD!** ★
★ **VETERANS and a guest** ★
★ **ARE INVITED FREE,** ★
★ **compliments of** ★
★ **your grateful community.** ★

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Carrie Wetherbee | **Vice Chairperson:** Robert Huffman
Secretary: Ken Johns | **Member:** Kim Williams | **Member:** Patricia Francis
Historical Commission Liaison: Dana Francis | dfrancis@mstownship.com
570-223-892 x121

MCHA 4TH ANNUAL MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL CHALLENGE

By Dana Francis

The 4th Annual Monroe County History Challenge will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Pleasant Valley High School (Pennsylvania) Auditorium, Brodheadsville, PA. This scholarship competition event is open to Monroe County high school Juniors and Seniors.

The competition will consist of four rounds of questions and will test participants' knowledge on a variety of Humanities topics including, but not limited to: history, government, politics, geography, cultural events, civics, and influential people.

Each student will be asked one question in each round.

Round #1: International questions

Round #2: National questions

Round #3: Pennsylvania questions

Round #4: Monroe County questions

The Monroe County History Challenge will award monetary prizes with 1st place winning \$500, 2nd place collecting \$400, and 3rd place receiving \$300. These prizes will be provided by the Monroe County Historical Association and local sponsors. Blue Ridge Communications will be recording the competition and the program will be aired at a later date.

The Monroe County History Challenge is an opportunity for area students to test their knowledge, engage in their community, and gain an appreciation of the past while competing for scholarship dollars.

For additional information regarding the Monroe County History Challenge, please contact the Monroe County Historical Association office at (570) 421-7703 or admin@monroehistorical.org.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

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Second Harvest Food Bank, and transportation logistics of moving food donations to pantries. It will take many partners working together to achieve our vision of a hunger-free Pocono Mountains where everyone has access to enough food to live, learn, work, and play in good health.

The Pocono Mountains Hunger Coalition is proud to partner with the United Way of Monroe. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/hungermonroe/ or join our mailing list. For more information contact Jen Strauch at jennifer@unitedwaymonroe.org or 570-629-5657 ext 116.



The Lenape Nation paddling down the Delaware

2018 RISING NATION RIVER SOJOURN

By Dana Francis

On Friday, August 10th, Middle Smithfield Township once again had the honor of signing the Treaty of Renewed Friendship with the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, with Supervisor Mike Dwyer signing on behalf of the township, along with several other groups such as the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission with chair Carrie Weatherbee signing, Shawnee Preservation Society, Brodhead Watershed Association, Church of St. John, and others.

This journey is a joint effort of the Lenape and those who support them to raise awareness, awaken the spirit, and bestow the past, environmentally, culturally and historically, to the future. To promote the awareness that the Lenape people living in Pennsylvania are carrying on their traditions, culture and spiritual beliefs, and that they are engaged in numerous projects to provide practical ways for all citizens to respect and protect our homeland and the health, welfare and future of the next generations.



Lenape Treaty of Renewed Friendship signers, Boardmember Ann Foster, on behalf of the Brodhead Watershed Association and Supervisor Mike Dwyer on behalf of Middle Smithfield Township.

NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY™ 2018

By Dana Francis

National Fossil Day is every October, and this autumn it "falls" on October 17th. 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 through a wide variety of classroom, museum, field trip and outdoor activities. This nationwide celebration was first held on October 13, 2010, during Earth Science Week. The National Park Service and over 270 partners, including museums (such as the state museum in Harrisburg that now has our mastodon), institutions, organizations and other groups, joined together to celebrate fossils.

Please join us, Wednesday, October 17th, at the Whispering Pines Banquet Hall (1445 Big Ridge Dr.) to celebrate National Fossil Day from 5:30-7pm. A wonderful presentation, prizes, activities, a fun video, display of artifacts and light refreshments will be provided. We'll also celebrate National Fossil Day on a personal township level as we celebrate the Marshall's Creek Mastodon. The Marshalls Creek Mastodon is the most complete mastodon skeleton ever found in Pennsylvania, and is now the property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on exhibit at the State Museum in Harrisburg. The spot is commemorated by a state marker along



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MEMORY MAKERS 2018:

Women the Historical Commission Remembers Fondly & Who Do You Think You Are? A look at Genealogy

By Dana Francis

Another successful year! Thanks to our longtime residents, this year's 14th annual Memory Makers luncheon Saturday, August 18th was a huge success, with about 200 guests attending. This year's theme was "Women the Historical Commission Remembers Fondly", and also "Who Do You Think You Are? A look at Genealogy" featuring a handful of wonderful guest speakers. The afternoon kicked off with genealogy expert Karyn Greenstreet, an internationally-known speaker and author on the subject. Karyn has been researching her family tree for more than 20 years, tracing them from



Barbara Kulick as told by her daughter, Debbie Kulick MM



Charlotte Werry & Margaret Werry Place as told by relative, Margaret Stish

Genealogy Club that meets monthly at the Eastern Monroe Public Library, aka the Hughes Library. They meet the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This is a free genealogy club open to all skill levels, and to all genealogy research locations. Interested in attending? Please RSVP to the next meeting at familytreeclub@outlook.com or call (484) 275-0181. (And



Marjorie Hamblin as told by relative, Jack Hamblin

Makers was made possible. Without the rest of the speakers performing genealogy research on their subjects, it would not have been possible to hear the stories of the women fondly remembered by the Historical Commission.



Edith Cortright as told by grandson, Bill Vaughn MM



Odetta "Mama" Murray as told by her son, Sonny Murray MM

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Photo of Bittersweet by resident
Nancy Tully

MEMORY MAKERS 2018:
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Guests were also treated to the stories of fondly remembered women in Middle Smithfield Township. The women selected by the Historical Commission and recollected by their family members were: Edith Cortright as told by Bill Vaughn, Marjorie Hamblin as told by Jack Hamblin, Barbara Kulick as told by Debbie Kulick, Odetta Murray as told by Sonny Murray, Charlotte Werry & Margaret Werry Place as told by Margaret Stish. “Tom and I had a wonderful afternoon at the luncheon and really enjoyed the speakers which gave us much insight into the history of the community,” said longtime resident, Nancy Tully.

Each speaker shared memories and photos of their loved ones from their personal collections, some of which had never been seen before, making the afternoon even more special. Resident & Director of RSVP of Monroe County, Merle Turitz said, “Thank you all so much for the wonderful & insightful luncheon for the “old-time” residents of Middle Smithfield. So much history to be preserved—what a great forum to do that! I learned so much and ate well, also!”

As always, guests were encouraged to bring and share any old photos, documents and memorabilia they had pertaining to the history of Middle Smithfield Township. Staff was on hand to scan those items into the township digital archives so they could be preserved for the next generation!

We would like to give very special thanks to this year’s Memory Makers sponsors:
Wayne Bank, Wendy’s
Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services,
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery,
and Pocono Palace.

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Milford Road (route 209), right in front of Wendy’s. For more information about the mastodon, you can visit the Monroe County Historical Association website at MonroeHistorical.org/articles_files/040106_mastodon.html.

For the October 17th event, we are pleased to have back (by popular demand!) field paleontologists, Mike & Roberta Straka. Each year, they teach paleontology and geology in elementary schools and libraries throughout New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. In addition, Mike is the lead curator for teams’ fossil collection.

Mike & Roberta’s presentation covers how they discover dinosaurs and they will even bring along “Mr. Nixon”, an eight foot Triceratops skull they discovered in 1996, and an Albertosaurus skull. The program will include Show & Tell with rare and unusual fossils. In addition, Mike & Roberta will host the “Dinosaur Game Show”. Guests will also be treated to a fun science experiment with a touch of magic!

This is a KID FRIENDLY EVENT so feel free to bring along those Future Junior Paleontologist! Please RSVP to Dana at (570) 223-8920 x121 or dfrancis@mstownship.com by Wednesday, October 10th.

LIBRARY OF THE SMITHFIELDS

*By Cynthia (Sue) Young, Branch Manager,
Library of the Smithfields, Eastern Monroe
Public Library*

October Programs:

Intro to Computers and the Internet
Wed, Oct. 10, 10:30 – 11:30am

Learn the basics to get started using a computer. Registration required. Call 570-223-1881.

Lap-sit
Mon, Oct. 15, 22, 29, 10:30 – 11:00am

Lapsit is for children ages 12-35 months. Books, songs and developmental activities. Lasts 20-30 minutes. Siblings welcome. This session will be 4 weeks. Registration required. Registration begins Tuesday, September 4th. 570-421-0800 X305.

Storytime
Mon, Oct. 15, 22, 29, 11 – 12pm
Storytime is recommended for ages 3-5 years. It includes stories, songs, coloring sheet or simple craft. Lasts approximately 45 minutes. Walk-in.

Bereavement Support Group
Thu, Oct. 18, 10:30 – 12:00pm
Finding Balance After Loss Bereavement Support Group. For Adults 18 and up. Facilitator Ruth Glatt. For more info call 570-242-3536 or rglatt70@gmail.com

Intro to MS Word
Wed, October 24, 10:30 – 11:30am
Learn how to use the most popular word processing software. Registration required, call 570-223-1881 or smf@monroepl.org

Family Roots Genealogy Group
Wed, October 24, 3:00pm – 4:30pm
Discover the best tools for starting a search, for refining a search, or just share your experiences with others. Call 570-223-1881 or e-mail GhostWhisperer67@gmail.com for more info.

For more information on these programs, call 570-223-1881 or email smf@monroepl.org or check out the Library of the Smithfields Branch Calendar at tinyurl.com/mstlbraryCalendar

RECYCLING: CHINA’S BAN ON WASTE CHANGES WHAT MOST PENNSYLVANIANS CAN PUT IN THEIR BIN *(continued from page 11)*

in Pennsylvania to react to the market collapse, cut out some long-time recycling staples and trimmed its curbside recycling to four items that it believes have had traditionally strong domestic markets.

“We looked at marketability and wanted to ensure that the “We looked at marketability and wanted to ensure that the materials could still be sold six months, a year, two years from now,” Sandoe says. And while it may seem that the changes took place overnight, they were in the making for a while.

Reducing contaminants

For many years, China’s insatiable appetite for recyclables masked the problems of contamination in the nation’s recycling stream. Part of the problem can be traced back to how easy recycling had become, especially once many programs implemented single-stream collection, allowing all recyclables to be placed together for pickup and sorting later at a processing facility. Too many people made assumptions that just about everything could be recycled — tin foil, drinking glasses, plastic toys, even garden hoses — when in reality, they couldn’t.

While it remains to be seen how recycling rebounds from this latest market setback, in the short term at least, costs for local programs will almost certainly rise as recyclers pass on increased costs to customers.

Some in the industry, however, see this latest crisis as just another blip in the inevitable rise and fall of markets.

Only time, of course, will tell.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

On July 2, 2018 the township received a letter from the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, a private for-profit company, stating that as a direct result of the import bans imposed by China, the ever-increasing contamination of recyclables and deposit of unmarketable materials and garbage within their recycling bins they were consolidating their operations, and would close some of their drop off locations.

On August 2, 2018 the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority removed their blue recycling bins from the Middle Smithfield Township parking lot.

All residents must have a contract with a waste hauler; all waste haulers must provide recycling services. Please check with your provider. For those with too much recyclables for their waste hauler, the Monroe County Municipal Waste Authority drop off facilities listed below are gated with prescribed hours of operation to coincide with the Waste Authority’s collection schedule.

Military Road Recycling Site Stroud Township 1110 Military Road Stroudsburg, PA 18360	Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority 183 Commercial Blvd. Blakeslee, PA 18610
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Pocono Township 2174A PA-611 Swiftwater, PA 18370	



ONE MAN’S RECYCLABLES IS ANOTHER MAN’S TREASURE!

If you have more items to recycle than your waste hauler can take, below are some suggestions. If you have any more suggestions, please email them to info@mstownship.com.

- Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges online or in store and get \$2 back in Staples Rewards® for each one. So not only will you save on future purchases, but you can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills.
- RSVP will take CLEAN plastic grocery bags! *(see this page)*
- Newspaper: Salvation Army Thrift stores need them to wrap items, and local shelters such as AWSOM and Camp Papillon need them.



Pictured are: Front Row l – r: Yoland Roque, Teresa Schembari, Marlene Green and Vicki Olizarowicz Back row l – r: Norma Krasne-Levine, Penny Burlingame, Kathy Pianoforte, Avis Mosier, Frannie Kresge, Maureen Graham.

RSVP, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, the largest organized group of adult volunteers, aged 55 and above, offer challenging and meaningful volunteer opportunities here in the Monroe County. These are our Merry Mat Makers, recycling used plastic grocery shopping bags to create sleeping mats for the homeless. This unique project combines recycling of plastic bags, exercise from all the cutting and crocheting, socialization by meeting people with similar interests and helping the homeless by providing 5’x7’ water-proof, insect-proof cushioned mat on which to sleep.

The Merry Mat Makers meet at the Loder Building in East Stroudsburg every second and fourth Monday at 10:00 am. They are always seeking new members and always seeking donations of used plastic grocery bags. Can you help? Call Merle or Emily at the RSVP office in Stroudsburg to join and learn about all the volunteer opportunities RSVP has to offer. 570-420-3747.



JAN KORB,
2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

THE LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY REOPENED

By Holly Freese

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry located at the Walk Church of God in Middle Smithfield Township has reopened and is operating on its regular schedule again. The food pantry reopened of Thursday, August 16 according to Korb and will operate the first and third Thursday of each month from 1- 6 pm.

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry is run by Pastor Jan Korb, Middle Smithfield Township's 2017 Person of the Year.

Korb said that prior to the food pantry reopening, he made 257 calls to every client they've had this year to let them know with an extremely positive response.

"The church is very grateful to have a chance to help the community and be able to fill this need. We are saddened that the need still exists but we are hoping that one day we will be put out of business because of the lack of the need for us," Korb said about the food pantry.

The church is located at 332 McCole Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302 and can be reached at 570-982-1719.



WE'VE MOVED!

The Bushkill Outreach food pantry that was previously located at the former Reformed Church of Bushkill building (located on 209) was relocated to a township-owned building in the Lehman Township Community Park.

The park is located at 168 Lehman Park Rd, Bushkill. PA 18324. The hours of operation will remain the same: Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9 am- noon.

Currently the outreach is only offering food services, but is expecting to resume clothing services sometime in the near future.



THOMAS GANSEL
2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR FINALIST
Reformed Church of Bushkill

BUSHKILL OUTREACH COMMUNITY DINNERS FEED THE SOUL

By Thomas Gansel

Hello Middle Smithfield Township, Happy Fall! We have had a great year at the Reformed Church of Bushkill's Community Dinners. In the past year, we have served 2,900 meals to people in need of a hot meal and/or those who just want to come for the fellowship and have a fun time. We have had many families who could not thank us enough. Speaking of thanks, we owe a big thank you to the Bushkill Outreach who supplies all the food for our dinners at no cost to us. "The dinners are for anyone in the world" as one of our volunteers, Jennifer Schoonover, said to the UPS man who was delivering a package to the church while our dinner was going on. He was just finishing his rounds and ended up getting a plate and having a meal. We do not turn anyone away.

I have compiled many accounts from people who love to come to the dinners. Bill M. said he comes to the dinners because he likes the people there. He said everyone there is friendly and you get a good meal. His girlfriend, Nancy B., said she goes to socialize and its one night a week she does not have to cook. Steve M. comes because it gives him something to do and he does not have to worry about cooking. One woman said, "I come for the fellowship and the good food. The people here are beautiful, spiritually engaged and a blessing. We can all laugh with Jesus because his presence is everywhere." Another woman said, "The food is always good and I meet friends I do not usually see. It gets me out of cooking for the night. Kristen does a fantastic job."

Kristen Van Why is our Church Dinner leader. She and Jennifer Schoonover are the ones in charge. There is a third woman who wants to remain anonymous. She said, "I come to socialize and there are so many good volunteers and good people. I do not have to cook or do dishes. The meals are really good. I am touched by the volunteers who are very decent human beings. I am very thankful that the dinners are here."

Rose H. comes because people are so loving, caring and wonderful. She likes speaking to everyone and she said the food is good. James and Mary Herriott said they come because of good food and good fellowship. It is also a day they do not have to cook. They first learned about the dinners through the sign on Milford road outside the church and decided to stop in one day. It was because of the church dinners that they are now members of RCB. Lastly, and this one touched me the most; this account came from

Monique. Monique said, "We are homeless. The dinners are a way for the children to get a meal. Jennifer [Schoonover] is very caring."

Overall I believe the church dinners are a blessing to those in need and that is why I continue to volunteer at them. Our dinners are every Thursday night between 5-6:30PM at the Reformed Church of Bushkill (5969 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg 18302). As I said before we serve everyone so do not be shy. If you would like to volunteer come anytime between 2-7PM. We can always use help preparing food, setting up tables, cooking, serving food, bussing tables, doing dishes, taking out the trash and cleaning up. Donations are always welcomed and can be put in the wooden box by the plates. 2018 has been great and I cannot wait for 2019!

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK'S EMPTY BOWLS – OCTOBER 20, 2018

Where: Second Harvest Food Bank Warehouse, 6969 Silver Crest Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064

When: Saturday, October 20th. 6 pm- 9 pm

What: The second Harvest Food Bank will be hosting their annual Empty Bowls event on Saturday, October 20 from 6pm- 9 pm.

The night will include live music, dinner and drinks and a silent auction.

"The meal, a simple yet delicious dinner, is meant to be a modest feast prepared using ingredients similar to that which a client might receive at an emergency food pantry or soup kitchen," according to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

A silent auction will include artisan bowls and artwork donated by local artists and patrons.. Awards will be presented to local businesses, individuals, and volunteers who have significantly helped the food bank.

Empty Bowls is Second Harvest's largest fundraising event. The funds raised during this evening directly support over 200 non-profit agencies in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties. These agencies include emergency pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and child-care and rehabilitation centers. Help Second Harvest fill the empty bowls of the 60,000 people it serves each month.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available; each includes tickets to the event. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$75. All proceeds benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.

Eventbrite.com/e/second-harvest-food-bank-empty-bowls-dinner-2018-tickets-48426900162



DIANE JIORLE
2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR FINALIST
Angel's Closet

ANGEL'S CLOSET

By Holly Freese

The Angels Closet is always in need of diapers, socks, sleepers in sizes 0-12 months and with the winter coming up we desperately need some long sleeve shirts and pants or winter outfits in those sizes as well. We always love getting homemade blankets and quilts from our local community.

We had an Open House on September 22 from 9 am- 11 am at our work room at the Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church located at 5205 Milford Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302. Any mom, dad or guardian who is in need of some clothes for their baby is welcome.

Drop off Locations:

The Potting Shed, 931 Ann Street, Stroudsburg PA

MSPC Preschool, 5205 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg, PA

Blooms by Melanie, 29 Washington Street, East Stroudsburg, PA



NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR 2018 PERSON OF THE YEAR

By Holly Freese

The Middle Smithfield Township Person of the Year award recognizes Middle Smithfield residents who have made a positive difference in the world and highlight the importance of altruism, philanthropy and community service. The recipient of the award will receive \$2,000 towards their cause, while two finalists will receive \$750 each toward their cause.

The award is issued by Middle Smithfield Township's Supervisors to recognize the contributions philanthropists make to our community. The MST "Person of the Year" Award is available annually to individuals who meet or exceed requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering. Nominees may have performed their volunteer work locally, nationally or internationally.

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NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR 2018 PERSON OF THE YEAR *(continued from page 27)*

Not only are residents of Middle Smithfield Township eligible to be nominated, anyone who volunteers for an organization in or that serves Middle Smithfield Township is eligible as well.

The nomination process is simple. Submit the contact information for both the nominee and the nominator and write a brief story as to why your nominee should win, highlighting something that distinguishes them as an individual and how their contribution has made a difference in the community.

Nomination forms and details can be downloaded at mstPersonOfTheYear.com, or can be picked up at the township building.

Nominations will be accepted through November 12th, and the finalists will be notified by December 10th. An independent panel of judges representing the district judicial system, news media, local clergy, and business leaders from across Middle Smithfield will select the award recipients.

NEW DATE FOR DINNER:

Typically held during the year end busy holiday season, for the convenience of our residents, volunteers and nominees, the Township will now host the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the beginning of the New Year. The dinner will be held at the township's Whispering Pines Banquet Hall at Country Club of the Poconos both to honor the Person of the Year finalists and recognize the township's many volunteers on Friday, January 18th.

Not only will the 2018 Person of the Year be announced, other volunteers and organizations will be recognized for the hard work they do for the community.

Any questions regarding the Person of the Year Award and nomination process can be directed to Holly at 570-223-8920 ext 132 or hfreese@mstownship.com.



Nomination Guidelines:

Service provided may not include hours served as part of an internship fulfilling academic requirements.

- Nominated volunteers must have provided service during the 2018 calendar year; however, service provided prior to this year can also be included.
- Nominee must reside in and/or volunteer in Middle Smithfield Township.
- Volunteers may nominate themselves.
- Staff members compensated by salary or any other compensatory means are not eligible.
- Any service provided in reference to a court case will not be eligible.
- Award selections are based on the nominee's volunteer efforts and commitment of time, accomplishments, community impact and enhancement of the lives of others, as described on the nomination form.
- Nominees must volunteer for a minimum of one year, at least 170 hours per year, and reside in or volunteer in Middle Smithfield Township and benefited the community in a substantial, important or unique way.
- Nominations must be received via mail or online application
- Nominators must obtain approval from the person being nominated prior to submission.
- All decisions made by the independent panel of judges are final.
- Nominations are subject to verification.