



### **Middleburg Borough News**

#### **BOROUGH OFFICE BUILDING CLOSED**

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, as of Monday, December 14, 2020 the Borough Building will be closed to public access, except by appointment only.

#### **MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY SCHEDULE**

Middleburg Library will be available by appointment for book pickup and other services. Please call the Library at (570) 837-5931 to schedule an appointment or visit [www.snydercountylibraries.org](http://www.snydercountylibraries.org) for further information and services available.

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP SCHEDULE**

Trees will be picked up every Thursday  
In the month of January 2021  
*Please remove everything from the tree.*

#### **YEAR 2021 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Council meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.

### **Middleburg Revitalization Committee**

Is proud to announce the HOMETOWN HERO BANNER PROGRAM. Any Snyder County resident can sponsor a Hometown Hero (past or active serviceperson). This program will allow us to replace the existing banners. Each banner will host a picture of your chosen "Hero", the branch of military and the person/persons sponsoring. These banners will be displayed from Memorial Day through Thanksgiving and will replace the existing banners along Route 522 and the road to Charles Park lake area. We are excited to be coordinating this project, which will honor Snyder County's finest.

The cost of each banner along with a bracket, tax and shipping is \$200.00. Beginning January 4, 2021 an introductory letter (with full specifics) and the application form will be available by contacting the Middleburg Borough Office during normal office hours or you may print the forms by visiting the Middleburg Borough website at: [www.middleburgborough.com](http://www.middleburgborough.com) This project is on a first-come-first-serve basis; should there be an overwhelming response, there will be a waiting list created with the possibility of adding some additional available poles. The deadline for submission of applications is February 24, 2021. Any inquiries about the program may be directed to 570-837-9786.

## **MIDDLEBURG BOROUGH**



## **WINTER NEWSLETTER**

### **THANK YOU!**

#### **MAYOR DEBBIE BILGER**

Middleburg Borough Mayor, Debbie Bilger resigned from the position of Mayor effective December 31, 2020.

Borough Council will be looking to appoint someone as Mayor at the January 12, 2021 Borough Council meeting. If any Borough resident would be interested serving as the Middleburg Borough Mayor for the year 2021, please contact the Borough Administrator at the Borough office for further information.

### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEWS**

Due to an increase in expenses and a forthcoming water project, water customers will see an increase of \$3.00 on the base rate starting on the March 2021 (first quarter) billing. Reminder you should receive a quarterly billing by the 10<sup>th</sup> of April, July, October, and January if you do not receive then you should be contacting the Borough office.

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Snyder County, the Borough office building will be closed to public access (except by appointment) starting Monday, December 14, 2020. You may make your water/sewer bill payment by mail or via the Borough building drop box (located by the front door) or make your billing payment online at [www.middleburgborough.com](http://www.middleburgborough.com) You will find a payment link "Pay Water/Sewer Bill" in the upper left-hand corner of the website home page. You will need your billing account number to make an online payment. Plus, you will be charged a processing convenience fee of \$5.75 per transaction.

If you have any questions about your billing, please contact the Municipal Authority Secretary at the Borough office.

The Municipal Authority is still asking for everyone to observe voluntary water restrictions as water levels are still being monitored.

#### **Year 2021 Authority Meetings**

Authority meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m.



### **Snowfall & Weather Emergency Parking:**

Borough Ordinance 2016-332: During and following any snowfall or weather emergency, it shall be unlawful for anyone to park a motor vehicle and/or place any property or objects on or along any street or alley within the Borough. A snowfall or weather emergency shall exist when a winter weather advisory or warning is issued by the National Weather Service of Snyder County and for a period of eight (8) hours after the advisory or warning has expired



### **Snow and Ice Removal:**

The property owner, occupant or tenant of each parcel or lot of ground situated in the Borough having a sidewalk(s) within the public right-of-way shall remove from the sidewalk(s) any snow or ice which may accumulate thereon within twenty-four (24) hours after such snow or ice shall have been caused to fall or form; provided, however, no citation for a violation of the Borough Code shall be issued until a warning has been given to the owner, tenant or occupant of premises, the sidewalk(s) of which is in violation of the Borough Code, 24 hours prior to the issuance of any such citation; and provided, further, that in the event that any ice should accumulate upon any such sidewalk(s) to the extent that is incapable of being removed with reasonable effort, it shall be sufficient to satisfy the intent and purpose of this section if the owner, tenant or occupant of the premises abutting said sidewalk shall apply ashes, cinders, salt, sand or other such nonskid material in such a manner as to render the sidewalk reasonably safe for pedestrian use.

In the absence of an agreement to the contrary with the tenant or occupant, it shall be the duty of the property owner to comply with the above requirements of the Borough Code.

## **Upcoming Year 2021 Happenings**

Year 2021 Borough Budget was by adopted the Borough Council at the December 8, 2020 meeting without having to increase any of the current taxes levied on the valuation assessed on real estate by the county. The tax rates assessed by the Borough are as follows: General Purpose Tax – 24.5 Mills (maximum allow rate - 30 Mills), Street Lighting Tax – 2.5 Mills (maximum allow rate – 8 Mills) and Road Fund Tax – 0.5 Mills (maximum allow rate – 5 Mills).

The “Draft” Middleburg Borough Comprehensive Plan was completed and reviewed by Borough Council at the December 8, 2020 meeting. The mandated forty-five (45) day review by the Mid-West School District, Snyder County Planning Office, PennDOT, and surrounding municipalities is now underway. After this review period of the comprehensive plan and addressing any comments received, the Borough Council will hold a public meeting to allow public comments on the proposed plan to be submitted and reviewed. The adoption of the Comprehensive Plan shall be by resolution of the Borough Council. The adopted Comprehensive Plan will be a document, which will state basic objectives and policies to guide future growth and development of the Borough. The Comprehensive Plan is also a factual report that examines how the past led to the present, and reports in detail how to chart the community’s path in the future. It will assist the Borough Council members in future decision-making.

### **Year 2021 Planned Projects:**

Stumps Run Stream Improvement Project, which the Borough has received a Commonwealth Financing Authority Flood Mitigation Program Grant in the amount of \$348,300.00 with a local match of funds by the Borough in the amount of \$61,465.00.

## **RECYCLING NEWS**



Middleburg Borough Residents may take the following listed recyclables to the Franklin Township Recycling Area located at 384 Greenhouse Road, Middleburg just beyond Engle’s Greenhouses. Please separate your recyclables and follow the instructions on each recycling container when you drop off your recyclables. Franklin Township’s Recycling Area is open from Dawn to Dusk every day of the week. Recyclables accepted are: #1 & #2 Plastics, Newspapers, Magazines, Corrugated Cardboard, Office Paper, Paper Board, Junk Mail, Aluminum Cans, Bimetal Cans, Clear Glass, Brown Glass and Green Glass.