

**Borough of West Middlesex  
September 2020  
Newsletter**

***September 2020 Council Meeting:*** The September 2020 Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Council Work Session: September 9, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Held at the Municipal Building, 25 North Street, West Middlesex, PA. 16159

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2-87, ADOPTED OCTOBER 19, 1987, KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIDDLESEX, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROHIBITING THE BURNING OF MATERIALS OF A NON-NOXIOUS NATURE TO CERTAIN HOURS DURING CERTAIN SEASONS, REQUIRING A PERMIT, LISTING THE TYPES OF CONTAINERS REQUIRED FOR BURNING, THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED FOR BURNING, PROVIDING FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS AND TENANTS, AND FIXING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE" BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, 6 AND 7, THEREOF EXTENDING BURNING PROHIBITIONS, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

**\_ SECTION 1: Section 2 of the Borough of West Middlesex Ordinance No. 2-87 shall be amended to read as follows:**

It shall be unlawful to burn without a written permit upon any premises, lot, street, alley or public place within the limits of the Borough any loose dry papers or other dry, combustible materials of non-noxious nature at any time during the day or night except between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Residences may burn normal, household accumulations only. The following items can not be burned at any time: grass clippings, leaves, hay, bushes, roof shingles, upholstered furniture, clothing of any kind, diapers, mattresses, plastic or copper wires, paint, tires, aerosol cans, or any other material causing black smoke or obnoxious odors.

Businesses are prohibited from burning as governed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Act 97 – The Solid Waste Management Act of 1980, as amended July 11, 1990.

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**Census 2020: Please complete your Census. It is very important to help our area receive all of the financial funding for roads, schools and just about everything we depend on with our Government including our Representatives. It only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Thank you.**

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**GRASS:** No person owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall permit any grass or weeds to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed ten (10) inches. Upon notification from the Borough to cut any grass or weeds in violation of this Ordinance, the owner or occupant of the premises will be given five (5) days to conform to these requirements. In case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within the period of time stated, the Borough Authorities will remove such nuisance at a cost to the owner or occupant of \$50.00 per hour. Please do not direct grass from mowers and/or weed trimmers onto the streets, this causes a potential threat to blockage of storm drains.

**Leaves: DO NOT rake or blow your yard debris or leaves into the streets or alleys. This creates a flooding problem with the leaves block the storm sewers! Please note, Borough Council has adopted an Ordinance that will result in a \$300 fine for blowing debris into the streets or alleys.**

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***Smoke Detectors:*** It is recommended that you change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year when you change your clocks. Please make sure that you change your batteries.

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**If you hear the Siren, it is only for a Weather Alert or Test. Test is done once a month on a Thursday.**

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