

*Many  
Neighborhoods.  
One  
Middletown!*



# MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

## Code Enforcement & Inspections Boosted for Sandy Impacted Properties



A \$100,000 state grant will be used to augment code enforcement and building inspections for Sandy-damaged properties. After Superstorm Sandy hit New Jersey in 2012, hundreds of homes throughout Middletown's Bayshore were damaged. Many property owners have made good progress in repairing, elevating and rebuilding their homes. Many others are just getting underway while many more remain abandoned.

"The township is experiencing near unprecedented levels of construction activity which has stretched our staff very thin," said Construction Official Joseph Kachinsky.

Grant funds will be used to hire additional code enforcement staff to monitor abandoned properties to ensure that they are maintained adequately and that they do not become a nuisance to neighbors. In

many cases, these properties are now in the hands of banks, mortgage companies and absentee owners. It takes a lot of diligence and tracking to make sure these properties are given the attention they need and that the neighbors deserve, he said.

"We'll also be able to give homes that are under reconstruction expedited inspections. We want to do whatever we can to speed up the rebuilding process for our residents who have already been displaced and inconvenienced far too long," said Mayor Stephanie Murray. "We appreciate that the state has recognized the need to help municipalities provide specialized assistance to Sandy-impacted residents and property owners. We think this will go a long way towards helping our community to fully rebuild."

## Anniversary Plaza Dedicated

Anniversary Plaza was dedicated this June to mark the spot where a time capsule was buried last year in celebration of the township's 350th anniversary. Pictured above are the Middletown Township Committee and Middletown 350 Committee.

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## 2015 Mayors for a Day

Congratulations to all our Mayors for a day on a job well done! Participating schools selected one student to serve as Mayor of their school for one day. Honorary Mayors received an oath of office, a tour of Town Hall and were recognized at a Township Committee meeting for their service.

Pictured above are Deputy Mayor Stephen Massell, Sean Twomey from New Monmouth School, Hunter Lane from St. Leo the Great School, Joseph DeMarco from Village School, Mayor Stephanie Murray, Megan Brodfuhrer from Nut Swamp School and Grace Young from Lincroft School.

Pictured on right are Mayor for a Day Joseph DeMarco signs a sample resolution with Mayor Stephanie Murray.



## Canine Companions



FROM LEFT ARE OFFICER STEPHEN GREENWOOD AND HIS K-9 PARTNER KODA, OFFICER BRIAN MCGROGAN AND JAX, OFFICER FRANK MAZZA WITH TUPAC. KODA AND JAX, OUR NEWEST K-9S, ARE UNDERGOING K-9 TRAINING.



## Shedding Light on Township Parks

Let there be light, but only when you need it. Push-button starts are being added at township basketball, roller hockey and tennis courts. One has already been installed at the basketball court at Middletown Thompson Park. The lights will stay on for one hour when activated year round. However, in keeping with park regulations, the lights can only be activated 30 minutes before sunset until 10:00 p.m. A warning strobe will go off 15 minutes before the hour is up letting visitors know they need to tap the button again if they're still using the court.

## New! Police Offer House Checks While You're Away

Going on vacation? Call the Middletown Police Department and register for the House Check program. Officers will periodically check on houses while residents are away for extended periods. The service is based on availability. Call Sgt. Kevin Gardiner at 732-615-2075 for more information. Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org). Police will need the resident's name and address, emergency contact person, departing and returning dates as well as information relating to key holders and pets.

## 2015 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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## Middletown By Comparison

	MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP Largest municipality in county 16th largest in state	MONMOUTH COUNTY 53 municipalities	NEW JERSEY 565 municipalities 21 counties
Land Area	40.989 square miles	468.79 square miles	7,504.8 square miles
Population	66,522	630,380	8,791,894
Median Household Income	\$102,088	\$84,526	\$71,629
Park Acreage	852.44 acres	16,175 acres	499,793 acres
Number of Parks	42	35	41 parks & forests
Road Mileage	350.25 miles	4,000 miles	34,268 miles
Miles of Coastline	19 miles (Sandy Hook-15.8)	53 miles (27 Ocean, 26 Bay)	130 miles
2015 Operating Budget	\$69,437,316.70	\$488,000,000	\$32,825,924,000

## Honoring Our Veterans



### Welcome Home Vietnam Vets

As part of a nationwide commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, Middletown held a welcome home picnic for Vietnam Veterans at VFW Post 2179. The celebration was organized by the Veterans Affairs Committee.



### Seeking Families of Fallen Veterans

More than 50 commemorative street signs that honor Middletown's fallen veterans continue to be added to streets township-wide. Check [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) for dedication schedule. The Veterans' Affairs Committee is seeking family and friends of the following veterans who were killed in action during World War II: George Beaman, Marvin Hart, Walter Chance, James Overton, Vernon Papa, Charles Debele, Michael Bonifacio, Francis Neville, Henry Applegate, George C. Henry, Francis Mason Hayes and Joseph Carmello Jr.; during Korea: Edward Feakes; and during Vietnam: Thomas Birch, Robert Rocky and Alfred Bauer. Please call 732-787-8510 for more information.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES ROSTER

THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS PROMOTED SIX OFFICERS AND HIRED SIX NEW PATROLMAN SO FAR THIS YEAR INCLUDING TWO DEPUTY CHIEFS AND TWO LIEUTENANTS. FROM LEFT: ARE LT. CHARLES TEREFEKO, DEPUTY CHIEFS STEPHEN DOLLINGER AND ROBERT STEFANSKI AND CHIEF R. CRAIG WEBER.



## FIREFIGHTER EARN SERVICE AWARDS

From left are Middletown Township Fire Company No 1 firefighters Richard Cadman, and Stanley J. Midose, Mayor Stephanie C. Murray and Middletown Township Fire Company No 1 firefighter Richard Cadman. Midose was honored for 59 years of service, Ryder for his 53 years and Cadman for 52 years.



## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE

In Middletown, The Township Clerk's Office can be a great help if you are not sure where to go or where to start. We provide a wide range of services from commuter lot parking permits to marriage licenses. This office provides public records for the township under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Simply fill out the online form and send it to us or send an email with OPRA in the subject line so we know you are requesting records. You can also submit the Citizen Services Volunteer form if you wish to become involved in any of the township's various Volunteer Boards and Commissions.

We can help navigate you through other township departments if you are not familiar with their different functions. Please let us help you and make your experience with the township better and more accommodating! Please contact our office at 732-615-2015, send an email to [townclerk@middletownnj.org](mailto:townclerk@middletownnj.org) or visit [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) for more information.

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

- Passport Services: As of September 14, 2015 the Township Clerk's Office is offering passport application and photo services. Visit the website for details.
- Last Day to Register to Vote: Tuesday, October 13, 2015. You can register in the Township Clerk's Office Mon-Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm.
- General Election: Tuesday November 3, 2015, 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Township Clerk Heidi R. Brunt





# Middletown: Our American Story



It's May 1777. Amidst high tension and the escalation of clashes, a brave group of colonists met to decide whether it was just to take up arms against the British. At the time the consensus to do so was a bold action of defiance with the British magistrate only a few doors down.

By 1780 Joseph Murray is murdered on his land by Tories for his actions against the crown as member of the local militia. He is buried as a Patriot in the Old First Church graveyard on Kings Highway as one of the local heroes of the American Revolutionary War.

Visit Middletown today and you can see his barn, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and farmhouse at Poricy Park.

Middletown's story has always been inspiring to me because it is so inherently American. I hope that sense of wonder and pride is something we can all share. From the earliest days of our pioneering settlers who braved the unknown and wilderness to the tumultuous revolutionary period to the raucous days of when we both cavorted with and fought against pirates, our residents have always



*From are Senator Joseph Kyrillos, Surrogate Rosemarie D. Peters, Committeeman Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Freeholder John Curley, County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Mayor Stephanie Murray and Freeholder Serena DiMaso at Local Government Day this summer.*

embodied fierce independence and grit. Yet they somehow managed to get along with each other despite cultural and religious differences to become one of the most prosperous economic centers in early America. This is the American Spirit. This is our town – Middletown. I encourage everyone to get to know Middletown's history because it weaves our unique tapestry into the American story.



*Middletown Day 2015*

Today communication is what bridges the gap between government and its citizens. In that vein, we have updated our already award-winning website. It's now mobile compatible and offers better options to personalize information delivery. The site also allows residents to send pictures along with service requests.

In this newsletter you'll find a more comprehensive look at our tax bill, how Middletown compares to Monmouth County and the state, updated recycling information, and details on services offered by our Clerk's Office.

Middletown Day, held every September, draws more than 10,000 attendees. The event is achieved at no cost to the taxpayers as it is completely funded by donations and sponsorships, something we can all feel good about because it comes at no burden to the taxpayers.

As part of the Community Identity Campaign (CIC), we held a public outreach session in conjunction with Monmouth County at the library in August. We also launched the Neighborhood Spotlight, an outreach program. The first stop of the mobile command unit and our staff was North Middletown, followed by Navesink in September. We'll be in Belford in October. Residents are encouraged to interact with police, staff and township officials about what

*Mayor  
Stephanie  
Murray and  
Recreation  
Director  
Janet  
Dellelt at  
Poricy Park*



are important issues in their neighborhood. For more information, please check the website.

I'm honored to have been appointed to the Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee at Sandy Hook. The purpose of the committee is to develop a reuse and long-range preservation plan for the historic buildings there. This is a vitally important project as Gateway National Recreation Area (Sandy Hook) is a part of Middletown Township. The revitalization will provide new opportunities for our residents to

enjoy and appreciate this resource, which without this initiative was at risk.

With thoughts to the holiday season, please remember the Mayor's Food Basket. Our goal is to surpass last year's achievement of collecting one ton of food. More information will be forthcoming as we identify drop-off locations. All donations given to the Middletown Food Pantry to help feed residents in need.

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as your mayor for a second consecutive year. If there is anything on your mind, you can visit me at open office hours, send me an email at [mayor@middletownnj.org](mailto:mayor@middletownnj.org) or call my office at 732-615-2024.

*Stephanie C. Murray*



**MIDDLETOWN NATIVE BRINGS CUP HOME**  
MIDDLETOWN'S OWN CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS DEFENSEMAN TREVOR VAN RIEMSDYK BROUGHT THE STANLEY CUP TO MIDDLETOWN THIS SUMMER TO CELEBRATE HIS FIRST NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN. FROM LEFT ARE COMMITTEEMAN GERARD P. SCHARFENBERGER AND ANTHONY FIORE, TREVOR VAN RIEMSDYK AND MAYOR STEPHANIE C. MURRAY.



## Township Briefs

### New Website Launched

The township has launched a new website that enhances communications between residents and local government. Residents will continue to receive alerts from the township about emergencies and other important happenings by phone, email and/or sms text. A new feature, Notify Me, offers customized email notifications about website updates. Visit [www.middle-townnj.org/register](http://www.middle-townnj.org/register) to create personalized accounts.

### Bray Ave. Bridge Replacement Update

Monmouth County has awarded a construction contract for replacement of the Bray Ave. bridge. The project is scheduled to start this year. The county had to close the bridge after Superstorm Sandy due to structural damage. A \$2 million allocation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will fund 90 percent of the project cost, with the remainder being provided by Monmouth County.

### Inclusion Program Gets Grant

For the second consecutive year Middletown's Summer Recreation Inclusion Program will be bolstered with a \$20,000 award from the state Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) grant program. The program was started in 2013 to give children with various disorders the opportunity to participate in a summer camp alongside their peers.

### Mulch Delivery Service A Success

The township's mulch delivery service has made over 250 deliveries since it began this spring. The Public Works Department will deliver truckloads of mulch directly to your home or business. Cost is \$30 per truck load (5 cubic yards). Deliveries must be paid and scheduled in advance. Subject to availability and weather. Call 732-615-2008 for more information.

### Donate to the Mayor's Food Basket

The Mayor's Food Basket will return this holiday season with a goal of collecting more than a ton of food. Mayor Stephanie C. Murray is partnering with the Health Department's Social Services Division to help Middletown families in need. Look for donation bins at township facilities, events and local businesses. All types of canned/non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products are needed. All donations go to Middletown families.

### New Grants for Poricy Park

Two grants have been received for Poricy Park. One for \$23,000 from state Historic Preservation Office will be used to develop a preservation plan for the 18th century Murray Farmhouse. The other for \$2,500 from NJ American Water will be used to mitigate erosion at Murray Pond.

### Home Rehab Grants Available

If you are a Middletown homeowner with a low or moderate income, you may be eligible for a grant of up to \$25,000 from the township's Home Rehabilitation program. Call 732-615-2281 for details.

## Township Planning New Road Improvements

Improvements to more than a dozen township roads are making their way to the drawing board this year. Scheduled improvement projects include:

Kings Highway from Red Hill Road to Route 35; Cooper Road from Route 35 to Sleepy Hollow Road; Main Street, from Murphy Road to Route 36; Railroad Avenue from Seeley Avenue to East Road; drainage improvements at various locations; miscellaneous paving and concrete work.

The township also plans to complete the design and permit work for future improvements to East Road, Tindall Road and

Bamm Hollow Road. Design work can include preparing plans and job specifications, survey work and coordination with utilities.

Additional projects included in the 2015 Capital Plan are: Improvements at Poricy Park including classroom enhancements and construction of a pavilion for public events; design of synthetic turf field at Croydon Hall; design of the Stevenson Park Bridge; acquisition of a fire truck that capable of accessing dwellings in the Bayshore that had to be elevated as a result of Superstorm Sandy.

## Neighborhood Spotlight Shines Bright

Everybody enjoys a little extra attention now and again. That's why the Mayor and Township Committee have launched Neighborhood Spotlight, a program that focuses on the uniqueness of Middletown's neighborhoods as well as the interests and concerns of its residents. The program includes outreach sessions at venues within Middletown's neighborhoods. Dates are announced on the website monthly. Residents are encouraged to stop by to discuss any neighborhood issues they may be concerned.

So far local officials, police, and staffers have visited North Middletown and Navesink. Pictured below are located officials and staff at North Middletown and at Local Government Day held at the Library this summer.



## Using High Water Marks to Raise Flood Awareness

Middletown will be working with Monmouth County and Monmouth University's Urban Coast Institute to develop public outdoor signs that show high water marks from past floods. The project is part of the township's outreach program designed to create greater flood risk awareness. The township participates in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Middletown holds a Class 6 rating for taking actions that exceed the standards of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As a CRS community, Middletown homeowners purchasing or renewing flood insurance policies may be eligible for a discount on their policies. For more information about CRS and floodplain management, call the Building Department at 732-615-2104 during business hours.

## Help Reduce Non-Point Source Pollution

Non-point source pollution is a contamination of our ground water, waterways, and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering. But there's good news — we can make simple changes to keep our environment clean. Check out the tips below and visit [www.middle-townnj.org/stormwater](http://www.middle-townnj.org/stormwater) for more information.

- Place litter, including cigarette butts and fast food containers, in trash receptacles.
- Avoid overuse of fertilizer which contain nitrates and phosphates
- Recycle all used motor oil by taking it to a local public or private recycling center.
- Consider natural and less toxic alternatives to common household products and pesticides whenever possible. Contact your County Solid Waste Management Office about household hazardous waste collection.
- Wash your car only when necessary and use a non-phosphate detergent.
- Dispose of pet waste in the garbage or toilet.
- Inspect septic tanks annually and pump it out every three to five years depending on its use.
- Boat owners should always use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities at marinas.

## Middletown Social Services Needs Holiday Helpers

The Social Services Division provides food baskets to Middletown families in need every holiday season. We will gladly accept any "extra" free turkeys or hams you might receive during the many supermarket promotions for local families. Donations can be brought directly to the Middletown Food Pantry, 180 Main Street, Port Monmouth.

Social Services is also looking for individuals, groups and businesses to adopt underprivileged households this holiday season. Many families face the tough choice of paying bills over seeing their children's face light up when opening a surprise gift. The family adoption program is simple, but very rewarding. A small shopping list of items that a child would like, as well as moms and/or dads, are supplied. As a "foster" family, we just ask you to provide a few items or gift cards to the adopted family in hopes that they too may have a special day.

Please contact Social Services Director Barbara Miceli at 732-615-2085 for more information.



# A Closer Look At Our Tax Bill

**A Assessed Value** is the value assigned by the municipality for the purpose of levying taxes. The tax bill shown here represents a bill sent to a property owner with an overall average assessment for the township.

**B The General Tax Rate** is a multiplier used in determining the amount of tax dollars levied upon each property. It is expressed as \$1 per \$100 of taxable assessed value. This rate is used to compute the tax bill. It is derived from the amount that is to be sent to each entity or set aside for the specified purpose.

**C County Tax:** This amount will be sent to Monmouth County to help fund a \$488 million budget set by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, a separately elected body. County services include bridges, roads, parks, law enforcement and human services.

**D District School Budget:** The amount will be sent to the Middletown Township Public School District to fund a \$164,298,191 million budget set by the Middletown Township Board of Education, a separately elected body. The district maintains 2 public high schools, 3 middle schools and 12 elementary schools. It represents 62.41 percent of the total tax bill this property owner will pay.

**E Municipal Tax:** The amount provided to township to help fund a \$69,437,316 million budget that includes library services. It helps pay for police, fire, snow removal, leaf and brush collection, road repairs and maintenance, animal control, and all other township services, while supporting over 40 parks and recreation facilities, the senior center and the recycling center.

**F Municipal Open Space:** This voter-approved tax funds maintenance of the township's parks and open spaces.

**G County Open Space Tax:** This is a voter-approved tax that funds maintenance of open spaces throughout Monmouth County.

**H Municipal Library Tax:** This amount is provided directly to the Middletown Public Library. Middletown maintains its own library and is not part of the county library system.

**I** This is the **total tax bill for 2015**. It is calculated by multiplying the assessed value by the general tax rate and dividing by 100.

**J This property owner** is a veteran and a senior citizen so he gets a \$500 deduction on his total tax bill. Applications for these deductions can be obtained from the Tax Collector's Office (Senior Citizen) and Tax Assessor's Office (Veterans).

**K Tax payments are divided into quarters-** The bill contains the amounts for the remaining two (August and November) 2015 quarters and the preliminary quarterly amounts for the first two quarters (February and May) for 2016. To

## 2015 FINAL/2016 PRELIMINARY TAX BILL

BLOCK NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	QUALIFICATION
Property Locat.	1 MAIN STREET	
Building Desc.	1SF1G	
Additional Lots		
Land Dimens.	130x200	
Bank		
Mortgage #		
Tax Acct. #		
ASSESSED VALUATION INFORMATION		
LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
283900	111300	395200
EXEMPTIONS	NET TAXABLE VALUE	395200

JOE MIDDLETOWN  
1 MAIN STREET  
MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

## TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN

DESCRIPTION	RATE PER \$100	AMOUNT OF TAX
COUNTY TAX	0.276	1090.75
DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET	1.333	5268.02
MUNICIPAL TAX	0.457	1806.06
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	0.020	79.04
COUNTY OPEN SPACE TAX	0.016	63.23
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY TAX	0.034	134.37

2015 TOTAL TAX	2.136	8441.47
LESS DEDUCTION FOR: S.C., VETERAN		500.00
2015 NET TAX		7941.47
LESS 2015 PREV. BILLED		3423.14
BALANCE OF 2015 TAX		4518.33

2015 3RD QTR DUE AUG. 1, 2015	2259.17	2015 4TH QTR DUE NOV. 1, 2015	2259.16	2016 1ST QTR DUE FEB. 1, 2016	1985.37	2016 2ND QTR DUE MAY 1, 2016	1985.37
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INFORMATION FOR TAXPAYERS	2016 PRELIMINARY TAX									
<b>MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN</b>  <b>MAIL TO: TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN</b> 1 KINGS HIGHWAY MIDDLETOWN, N.J. 07748 (732) 615-2086  <b>PAY TAXES ONLINE</b> <a href="http://www.middletownnj.org">www.middletownnj.org</a>	<b>PRELIMINARY TAX IS EQUAL TO ONE HALF OF 2015 TOTAL NET TAX</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">3970.74</div>									
<b>SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>  <b>LAST DAY TO PAY WITHOUT INTEREST</b> BY 4:00 PM: AUGUST 10, 2015 NOVEMBER 10, 2015 FEBRUARY 10, 2016 MAY 10, 2016  <b>HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY</b>  <b>CLOSED HOLIDAYS AND THE FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES</b> <table> <tr> <td>County Taxes</td><td>13.67%</td><td>\$ 1153.98</td></tr> <tr> <td>School Taxes</td><td>62.41%</td><td>\$ 5268.02</td></tr> <tr> <td>Municipal Taxes</td><td>23.92%</td><td>\$ 2019.47</td></tr> </table>	County Taxes	13.67%	\$ 1153.98	School Taxes	62.41%	\$ 5268.02	Municipal Taxes	23.92%	\$ 2019.47
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<b>STATE AID USED TO OFFSET LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES:</b> The budgets of the government agencies funded by this tax bill include State aid used to reduce property taxes. Based on the assessed value, the amount of this State aid used to offset property taxes on this parcel equals: <span style="float: right;">\$ 1446.43</span>										

arrive at the amounts for the remaining 2015 quarters, you would start with the total amount due for 2015 (assessment multiplied by the general tax rate divided by 100), reduced by the amounts previously paid in February and May, then equally divided into two payments. The preliminary amounts for 2016 are calculated using the total 2015 tax amount billed, divided by 4. That amount is then applied to the first two quarters as the preliminary billing.

**L State Aid** is received by municipalities to help reduce property taxes. The amount of state aid received is determined by a formula set by the state government.

## A Message from the Tax Collector

The last day to pay November 2015 taxes without interest is by 4:00 p.m. November 10th. You may pay on-line by check or credit card at [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org).

Due to the accelerated tax sale process, and for the November tax quarter only, personal checks, on-line check payments or credit card payments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. November 10th. All payments received after 4:00 p.m. on November 10th must be made with certified funds. Certified funds are cash, bank cashier checks or money orders. Tax sale will be held Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

Payments not accepted day of sale.

The deadline for applications for the 2014 Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Program has been extended to October 15, 2015. To listen to information or to order an application, call 1-800-323-4400.

Application packets for the 2013 Homestead Benefit will be mailed by the state in early September. The filing deadline is October 30, 2015. Visit the Division [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/) or call the automated telephone filing system at 1-877-658-2972 for information.





Fall 2015

# MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

## Middletown Recreation

### NEW Location!

Poricy Park Nature Center  
345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank  
732-615-2260  
recreation@middletownnj.org

Middletown Recreation offers a quarterly brochure. Brochures are available via the website. Register for programs online at [register.communitypass.net/Middletown](http://register.communitypass.net/Middletown). No telephone registrations accepted. Fees listed are for residents. Non-residents may register for a higher fee if space permits.

### Facilities

Croydon Hall Gym  
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo  
732-615-2260

**Tonya Keller Community Center**  
50 Bray Avenue, North Middletown  
(732) 615-3220

### Senior Center

Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo  
(732) 615-2265

### Special Events

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/events](http://www.middletownnj.org/events) for more details and more events.

## Special Events

New! Get Your Glow On...  
5K and 1 mile Fun Run

**Friday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.**

Tonya Keller Community Center, 50 Bray Ave., Middletown

Fee \$35 for 5K; \$15 for 1 mile Fun Run

Stay for the free movie, *Ghostbusters*, to be shown after the race.



## Free! Halloween Harvest

**Saturday, October 24, 3:00-8:00 p.m.**

Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Rd, Red Bank

The Halloween Hullabaloo is back, bigger than ever with more fun things for the whole family!



## Turkey Soccer Shootout

Monday, November 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Croydon Hall Gym, 900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo

Ages 6 to adult. Fee \$5.00 + non-perishable item.

## 7TH ANNUAL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT & TOY DRIVE

**Saturday, December 12, 8:00 a.m.**

Croydon Hall Gym, 900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo

Co-Sponsor: Middletown Social Services. Pre-Registration required by November 20. Fee \$50 per team, plus one unwrapped toy per player.

## New! Winter Wonderland Weekend

**Friday, December 4 – 6 p.m.**

Join us for an array of holiday activities, programs and special events. A passport full of information will be available for download on or before November 15th.

## New! Holiday Light Decorating Contest

Help Middletown get in the holiday spirit by decorating your house! All residents are welcome to enter. Entry forms must be turned in by Wednesday, December 2. Houses must be decorated by Friday, December 4. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and for People's Choice at the Holiday Tree Lighting.

## Free! Holiday Tree Lighting

**Sunday, December 6, 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church St., Middletown  
Don't miss the culmination of the Winter Wonderland Weekend. Enjoy an annual favorite town wide event with crafts, music and a visit from someone special!

## Youth and Adult Classes

*Middletown Recreation offers a variety of classes for kids and adults throughout the year.*

### Youth Classes

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu • Ceramics • Dodgeball League • First Play • Tennis • Karate • Soccer • T-Ball Squirts • Tennis Squirts • Total Sports Squirts • Ultimate Frisbee

### Adult Classes

Adult Fitness • Instructional Tennis • Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Cardio Sculpt • Cardio Tennis • Ceramics • Circuit Training • Group Personal Training • Muay Thai • Pilates • Sand Volleyball • Ultimate Frisbee • Yoga

### Just For Toddlers Preschool

Our Just For Toddlers program is a preschool playgroup for children ages 18 months to 4 years old. Classes meet one, three, or four times per week, depending on the age class. Fees vary. New for 2015-2016 year, our program will be operating on a 10-month school year. It generally runs parallel to the public school schedule. Call for details.

*The following programs are held at Poricy Park.*

### Nature's Preschool

Thursday, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Ongoing 6-week sessions. Fee \$102.00 per session

### Birthday Parties

Looking for a different type of birthday party? Choose from one of our standard party options, or work with our team to create your own personalized party.

### Rental Equipment

Poricy Park visitors can stop by the Nature Center and rent equipment including a seine and trowel to dig for fossils in our fossil beds and a native backpack filled with tools for an enjoyable hike.



### School Trips

Poricy Park is a great place for your next class trip. We offer a variety of fun, hands-on programs in Science, Nature,

and History for grades Pre-K through 5th. Our schedule fills up quickly, so call today to make reservations!

### New Classes Coming Soon

Don't miss Tiny Trekkers Hiking, Adult Map and Compass Skills, and Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing. Download our quarterly brochures for the latest schedule.



### 2015 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Mayor Stephanie C. Murray and Deputy Mayor Stephen G. Massell with Committeemen Anthony P. Fiore, Gerard P. Scharfenberger and Kevin M Settembrino.

# MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY

55 NEW MONMOUTH RD  
MTPL.ORG  
732-671-3700



## MURDER MYSTERY THEATER: SHERLOCK HOLMES

Saturday October 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Grab your spyglass, your deerstalker hat and prepare yourself for a classic murder mystery show! Pit your wits against the world famous sleuth Sherlock Holmes as he unlocks the secrets of a maddening case! This latest enigma by the Riddlesbrood players will keep you riveted, with plenty of audience participation, prizes; you can't help but be pulled into the show...Literally!!! This is a murder mystery fit for the whole family!

## Fall, Balance and Spin: A Juggler's Tale

Thursday, November 5, 3:00 p.m.

Performer Paul Miller tells the story of one fateful summer when he first learns about physics. In this seemingly magical world where everything falls, balances, and spins, he defies gravity and discovers new skills. His journey begins with a single question that ultimately gets answered at the library. Register in-person or by phone.



## The Mrs. Claus Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 5, 2 p.m., Ages 5 & Up  
Kit's Interactive Theatre performs The Mrs. Claus Holiday Celebration. The program combines theatre, dance, music, and improvisation where audience members are cast right into the show! Come join the good cheer of the yuletide with Mrs. Claus and Herbie the Elf. Partake in the stories, sing holiday songs and dance with the Sugarplum Fairies in this jolly yuletide celebration.

## Senior Center Events

*The Senior Center welcomes independent Middletown residents 60 and older. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekly activities, trips and special events held year round. Please see our monthly newsletter, posted on our website, for a full listing of events. Transportation available to registered members by reservation.*

### HALLOWEEN BIRTHDAY COSTUME PARTY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1:00PM

Calling all ghouls & gals for the Costume Contest! Prizes awarded for the Funniest, Scariest, & Most Original. Entertainment & refreshments provided.

### PRE-THANKSGIVING COVERED DISH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 12:00P.M.

Come enjoy an afternoon of food and friends. Bring a dish that serves 4-6 to share. If you don't cook, bring dessert! Sign up by November 17.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1:00 P.M.

We're beginning the season by lighting our beautiful Christmas tree and joining our voices with carols and favorite Christmas songs. Light refreshments served.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SHORE CASINO

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 11:30 A.M.

Shine your shoes for this annual fun affair. Entertainment by the wonderful Bobby Breschia. Menu includes main dish, side dish, dessert and drinks. Cash bar available. Door prizes. Ticket sale begins October 5th.

### PRE-NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 11:30 A.M.

Ring out the old year with a fabulous buffet by Taliercio's. Enjoy hats, noisemakers, and great entertainment by Doug Alt! Tickets are \$12.00 – Sale begins November 2nd.



36 Church Street  
middletownarts.org  
732-706-4100

## Mark Your Calendar...

The Middletown Arts Center has an exciting line-up of events and activities for all ages. For a full listing of events, workshops, and classes, visit us at [www.MiddletownArts.org](http://www.MiddletownArts.org). There is something for everyone! Join Us!

- Sinatra's 100th Big Band Birthday Bash (David Meenan and Friends) – October 23-25th
- Echos of Erin on Tour Concert- Wednesday, October 28th
- Alborada Flamenco Dance – Friday, October 30th
- New Jersey Watercolor Society Exhibit Reception – November 1st
- Sounds of DooWop Concert Johnny T and the Cameos – November 7th
- Tracy Ann Finley Exhibit Reception – November 8th
- Club MAC Thanksgiving - November 20th
- Performing Arts Ensemble Christmas Show – November 22th
- Community Photography Exhibit – Winter Theme – December 6-24th
- Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration – December 6th
- Garden Club RFD Flower Show – December 8th
- Ballroom Dance Snow Ball – December 11th
- New Jersey State Youth Orchestra Concert – December 13th
- Club MAC Elf Party – December 18th
- David Meenan and Friends Benefit Production "Sleigh Ride" – December 18-20th

## Day Off From School Program

Don't worry about child care arrangements when school is closed! Bring them to the MAC for creative and affordable programs that will keep them entertained and learning. Doodle Dude, Miss Laurie, and other MAC instructors will provide half-day and full-day options with before and after-care available November 2-6 and December 28-31.



## Middletown Day Sponsors\*

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\*As of September 15, 2015

### Bronze

Brookdale Community College • Columbia Bank • Najarian Associates • Pool World, Inc. • Saker ShopRites, Inc. • The Community YMCA

### Supporter

AAA Mid-Atlantic • American Legion Post #338 • Asbury Park Press-Gannett Co. • Body Language Therapy • Bonefish Grill • C & C Air Conditioning & Heating • C2 Education • C21 Cataneo and Associates • Carol Elaine Dance Studio • Dance with Melody • Denco Distributors, Inc. • Dogs on the Farm, & Cats Too! • Donofrio Inc. • eMedical Urgent Care • Exit Realty East Coast • Funtime America • Great Play of Middletown • Green Sun Energy Services LLC • Gymboree Play and Music • Head Over Heels Gymnastics • Heritage House Sothebys International Realty • Kessler Rehabilitation Center • Learning

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# RECYCLING



## Recycling Is Mandatory!

Recyclables must be separated from garbage. Garbage that includes recyclables will not be collected. Violators may be fined. Recyclable items may NOT be placed in plastic bags! Visit [www.middlestownnj.org/recycling](http://www.middlestownnj.org/recycling) for information.

	Recyclable Material	ACCEPTED:			
		Curbside (Single Stream) Collection  <i>Per zone, see schedule</i>	Kanes Lane Recycling Center  <i>Thurs. – Mon. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM</i>	Train Station Recycling  <i>Open 24 Hours</i>	Garbage Pick up
<b>APPLIANCES</b> 	A/C Units	YES (\$25)*	YES (\$10)	X	X
	Refrigerators	YES (\$25)*	YES (\$10)	X	X
	Stoves	YES (\$20)*	YES	X	X
	Washer/Dryer	YES (\$20)*	YES	X	X
<b>CARDBOARD</b> 	Cardboard (broken down)	YES	YES	X	X
	Food-contaminated cardboard (Pizza Boxes)	X	X	X	YES
<b>ELECTRONICS</b> 	Computers/monitors/laptop	X	YES	X	X
	DVD Players/Stereos/VCRs	X	YES	X	X
	Printers/Tel/Fax/Copiers	X	YES	X	X
	TVs	YES (\$20)*	YES	X	X
<b>GLASS</b> 	Bottles/Jars	YES	YES	YES	X
	Ceramics/Dishware**	X	X	X	X
	Lightbulbs/Windows**	X	X	X	X
<b>HEAVY PLASTICS</b> 	Buckets/Storage Bins	X	YES	X	X
	Kid's Toys/Play Equipment	X	YES	X	X
	Coolers/Trash Receptacles	X	YES	X	X
<b>METALS</b> 	Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans	YES	YES	YES	X
	Aluminum Foil/Trays/Pie Tin	X	X	X	YES
	Metal Hangers/Scrap Metal	X	YES	X	X
<b>MIXED PAPER</b> 	Ads/Catalogs/Magazines	YES	YES	X	X
	Cereal Box/Br Paper Bags	YES	YES	X	X
	Copy/Fax/Office Paper	YES	YES	X	X
	Envelopes /Soft Cover Books	YES	YES	X	X
	Hardcover Books***	***	***	X	X
	Non-Metallic Wrapping Paper	YES	YES	X	X
	Cups/Plates/Food Wrappers	X	X	X	YES
<b>NEWSPAPER</b> 	Newspaper (tied in bundles)	YES	YES	X	X
	Newspaper used for Pet Waste/Household Projects	X	X	X	YES
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> 	Aerosol Cans	X	X	X	YES
	Batteries - household	X	X	X	YES
	Batteries—car & rechargeable	X	YES	X	X
	Bowling & Golf Balls	X	X	X	YES
	Construction Material**	X	X	X	X
	Fence Posts (w/o concrete)	X	YES	X	X
	Grass Clipping/Tree Stump**	X	X	X	X
	Latex Paint, lid off (dried)	X	X	X	YES
	Plastic Hangers/PVC piping	X	X	X	YES
	Rubber Products (Hoses)	X	X	X	YES
	Tires – Automobile (< 17" Rim)	X	YES (\$2 no rim/\$3 rim)	X	X
	Tires – Pick-up Trucks/SUV	X	YES (\$7, off rim only)	X	X
	Propane Tanks/Motor Oil	X	YES	X	X
	Vinyl Products (manageable size)	X	X	X	YES

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\*\* Contact the Monmouth County Landfill at 732-683-8686 for disposal.

\*\*\* If cover and binder removed, may be disposed of (as mixed paper) curbside or at Kanes Lane.

## Township Directory

### Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies

Dial 9-1-1

### Police Department Non-Emergency

615-2100

### Municipal Offices

(All numbers have a 732 area code)

Main Number 615-2000

Animal Control 615-2097

(Monday - Friday, 8am- 5pm)

Animal Control 615-2100

(holidays, nights & weekends)

Building & Inspections 615-2106

Community Development 615-2281

Court Administrator 615-2036

Code Enforcement 615-2106

Crossroads 615-2269

(substance abuse services)

Emergency Management 615-2129

EMS (First Aid) 615-2252

Fire Prevention 615-2270

Health 615-2095

Library 671-3700

Mayor's Office 615-2024

Middletown Arts Center 706-4100

Planning 615-2098

Public Works 615-2109

Public Information 615-2287

Recreation 615-2260

Recycling 615-2008

Senior Center 615-2265

Tax Assessor 615-2089

Tax Collector 615-2086

Township Administrator 615-2013

Township Engineer 615-2110

Township Clerk 615-2015

(elections, marriage/birth/death records,

parking permits, voter registration,

Twp. Committee agenda)

Social Services 615-2085

Zoning 615-2278

### Other Important Numbers

Board of Education 671-3850

Sewerage Authority 495-1010

Comcast Cable 20

Verizon FiOS Channel 26

Emergency Radio 1620 AM



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