

*Many
Neighborhoods.
One
Middletown!*



MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

Middletown Among the Safest Places to Raise a Child Nationwide

FALL 2016

MAYOR'S MESSAGE
PAGE 3

LEAF COLLECTION
PAGE 5

RECREATION
PAGE 6

RECYCLING
PAGE 8

Middletown is ranked the safest place in New Jersey and the fifth safest place nationwide to raise a child by Safewise, a home security and safety advice website.

"Our ranking as one of the top five places in the United States to raise a child once again affirms our assertion that Middletown is a great place to live," said Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D. "The accolade is concrete evidence that the township's police department and its school district continue to be among the absolute best in the nation."

The ranking is based on 2015 FBI crime statistics which show the township's crime rate had been at its lowest level since 1969. Kid-centric programs offered by the police department such as safety seat checkpoints, youth weeks, and comprehensive drug education programs are also contributing factors.



Sgt. Kevin Gardiner talks to campers during Police Youth Week.

The ranking is the latest in a growing list of awards. The township was voted one of "Best Places to Live" by MONEY Magazine four times – most recently in 2014. Middletown was also ranked one the safest places to live nationwide by Safewise in 2014 and among the safest places nationwide to retire in 2015 by badcredit.org, a financial awareness website.

Belford Waterfront Redevelopment Moving Forward

The long sought after dream of revitalizing Belford's fishing port and waterfront has moved a step closer to reality with the designation of well over 400 acres for redevelopment. Designation of the redevelopment area, a process governed by state statute, was funded by a post Sandy state Planning Grant. The lion's share of the designated area is expected to remain largely undeveloped since more than 350 of the acres belong to the county landfill, the ferry terminal and the terminal's parking lot.

"We recognize it is increasingly difficult for the commercial fishing industry to sustain itself, due to numerous factors, including ever tightening regulations, as well as tremendous competition, said Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D. "We're looking forward to working with the fisherman and the community to preserve and enhance this treasure."

The next phase, funded by a similar grant, will be to establish a long range vision for the area. The process will include an intense period of study and design along with additional meetings with the fishermen and the community.



Middletown Day
Page 7

JCP&L Reliability Project Update

Middletown has entered into a shared service agreement with Hazlet and Holmdel to jointly oppose JCP&L's proposed Monmouth County Reliability project.

Middletown, which is taking a lead role in coordinating municipal efforts to oppose the proposal, is currently in the process of retaining professionals. The move comes after the Middletown Township Committee, the Middletown Board of Education and five other affected towns adopted resolutions opposing the project as proposed.

Residents are encouraged to attend every relevant meeting regarding the project. The state Board of Public Utilities has the ultimate authority to approve or deny the project. The BPU public hearing calendar can be found at nj.gov/bpu.

NJ Transit is currently reviewing the utility's proposal. NJ Transit has the ability to deny the use of their right of way. Public notices and hearing schedules for NJ Transit can be found in the "About Us" section of njtransit.com.

As proposed, JCP&L would add 10 miles of monopoles and overhead power lines along a New Jersey Transit right-of-way located between energy substations in Aberdeen and Red Bank. In addition to Middletown, the towns of Aberdeen, Hazlet, Holmdel and Red Bank would be affected by the proposed high voltage power line.



New Parking Spaces for Veterans

Designated parking spaces for veterans are being added to Town Hall, the Middletown Library and Poricy Park as part of the newly created Honorary Veterans Parking Program. The program established by the Township Committee is another small showing of gratitude to the men and women who have proudly served our country with military service. Meanwhile, the Veterans Affairs Committee continues to add commemorative street signs all over town to honor Middletown veterans who were killed in action.



2016 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

GERARD P. SCHARFENBERGER, Ph.D., MAYOR
732-615-2024

ANTHONY P. FIORE, DEPUTY MAYOR
732-615-2024

STEPHEN G. MASSELL, COMMITTEEMAN
732-615-2015

STEPHANIE C. MURRAY, COMMITTEEWOMAN
732-615-2015

KEVIN M. SETTEMBRINO, COMMITTEEMAN
732-615-2015

ANTHONY MERCANTANTE, P.P., AICP,
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

HEIDI R. BRUNT, RMC, CMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

SEND COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS TO:

PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG

OR MIDDLETOWN MATTERS,

TOWN HALL, 1 KINGS HIGHWAY, MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748

CINDY A. HERRSCHAFT, EDITOR

GRAPHICOLOR, PRINTER

ABANDONED HOUSES REMAIN A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE

Do you have one or more abandoned houses in your neighborhood? Chances are you do. Trying to deal with this issue is one of the most difficult challenges the township faces.

Unfortunately, the law does not give municipalities enough tools to address the problem as quickly as we'd like. In New Jersey, it takes in excess of 1,200 days for a house to go from abandoned to truly foreclosed, that's longer than any other state. Until it is officially foreclosed, typically by a bank or mortgage company, it is still private property. Notices and warnings sent to the "owners" usually are ignored. In reality, there is no one to pursue, even legally.

Although these properties often become eyesores, with tall grass, broken windows, damaged siding and roofs, it is difficult to remedy these items. The property is still private

land and accessing it without the owner's permission is still trespassing. Even accessing the property on an emergency basis, doing repairs and then placing a lien on the property for the costs incurred is a risky matter since it is far from certain that the lien will ever be repaid to the taxpayers. In some cases courts, have refused to honor such liens.

Once the foreclosure does occur we usually have better success getting the banks to keep the property in some kind of order, but even that is only a partial help. First, the property still looks bad even if the basics are being kept up with. Second, the banks tend to hold on to these properties for two or more years before finally selling them. We have spoken to our local legislators about this issue and we hope to see passage of state legislation that will help to speed up the process.

By Township Administrator Anthony P. Mercantante



Business Connections

Guttenplan's executives met recently with representatives from COFCO, a major international food corporation. The meeting, held at the Route 36 frozen food plant, is the latest step in an ongoing township effort to attract new businesses and facilitate growth of existing businesses. Last year, local officials helped foster business connections that resulted in TJ Maxx coming to a Route 35 shopping center. In addition to contacting Town Hall, small businesses should visit njstep.nj.gov for assistance.

Tax Collection Reminders

- 2014 Homestead Benefit Program applications were to be mailed in September. Call the state hotline at (888) 238-1233 for information.
- The deadline for filing Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) applications was October 17th. Visit state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr or call (800)882-6597 for details.
- Taxes for the November 2016 Quarter are due November 1st. To avoid interest charges please pay by 4:00pm, Thursday, November 10th. All payments received after the November 10th deadline must be made with cash, bank cashier check or money order due to the Accelerated Tax Sale Process.
- Visit middletownnj.org to make check/credit card payments online. You will need your block and lot and owner's last name as it appears on your bill. If paying by check you will need the routing number and account number from your check. Credit card payments will require a credit card account number/security number.



Campo Woods Dedicated

Campo Woods, located off Route 36 in Navesink, was formally dedicated this October. Shown below is Maria



Campo as she gets her first look at the bronze plaque placed at the trailhead to mark the Campo family's generous donation.

Message from the Mayor



Facts about the Municipal Budget



Perhaps no other issue is as emotional and frustrating to New Jerseyans as property taxes. As such, funding municipal services becomes extremely complex since local property taxes are what support not only the municipality, but the county, board of education and other dedicated line items such as library, open space, and in some cases, garbage removal. To address this, I am dedicating this column to help clear up some of the often heard misconceptions about the municipal budget and what the township is doing to hold the line on property taxes.

WHY ARE PROPERTY TAXES IN NEW JERSEY SO HIGH?

New Jersey is one of only a handful of states that still fund education mainly through local property taxes. In Middletown, 63% of the property tax bill goes to education, with 19% going to the municipality, 14% to the county and the remaining 4% going to library and open space. For example, on a property tax bill of \$10,000, a total of \$1900, or around \$158 per month goes to the township. That \$158 per month pays for police, fire, snow removal, leaf and brush pick-up, parks, road repair and maintenance, senior center, arts center, recycling center, emergency management services, and administration. Thus, if an alternative system of funding education is devised that removes it from property taxes, then property taxes become much more manageable and reasonable.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN DRIVERS OF THE MUNICIPAL PORTION OF PROPERTY TAXES?

Approximately 75% of the municipal budget goes to salaries, benefits and pensions and other personnel related costs, such as workman's compensation and disability payments. The remainder goes to things such as equipment, materials, licenses, and so on. A very small percentage is termed "discretionary" which is a bit of a misnomer, since that includes things like how much rock salt to buy, or how much fuel to allocate for township vehicles. All of these things have the potential to increase due to market forces, however, Middletown has always done an excellent job of working to keep costs for labor and materials as low as humanly possible through grants, new technology, shared services and utilization of volunteers whenever possible.

WHY DOESN'T MIDDLETOWN SHRINK THE WORKFORCE?

Middletown already has one of the smallest workforces per capita in the entire state: around 300 full time, to serve a population of approximately 67,000 spread out over 42.4 square miles. As a result, there is very little, if any room to decrease the number of workers any further. Too few workers would likely be detrimental to services and safety, or result in skyrocketing overtime, negating any savings realized from a smaller workforce.

WHAT ARE UNFUNDED MANDATES?

Unfunded mandates are directives given to towns with no funding to assist with implementation. The most notorious "unfunded mandate" is COAH, or affordable housing. This mandate, the result of numerous court decisions over the last 40 years, costs taxpayers millions of dollars in legal fees, construction costs and subsidies, and results in the destruction of thousands of acres of open space throughout New Jersey each year. The vast majority of spending in any municipality is a result of state mandated programs and activities.

WHAT ARE SHARED SERVICES?

A shared service is a tool that allows one or more public entities to enter into a cooperative agreement whereby one will provide to or get services from the other, with the singular purpose of saving money for each. Middletown has been at the forefront of using shared services since their inception, saving millions of dollars through dozens of interlocal agreements. Currently we provide shared services for a variety of activities, including Animal Control, Tax Collection, Social Services and Leaf and Brush Collection. Most notable of late is the shared service between Middletown and Monmouth County for 911 dispatch service. This agreement will save millions of dollars in salaries, benefits and service upgrade costs, while providing a greatly enhanced, state of the art service to the residents.

WHY DO WE PAY POLICE TO STAND BY CONSTRUCTION SITES?

Whenever you see a police officer directing traffic at a construction site, the cost is borne by the contractor, not the taxpayers. In fact, the township actually derives revenue from these arrangements, which goes into a special fund to purchase police vehicles and other needed equipment. This is a benefit to the township to help decrease the amount of taxpayer dollars needed to fund basic equipment for the police department. Also, accidents occurring at road construction sites can result in very costly litigation. The presence and placement of the officers is carefully determined for maximum safety.

HOW DOES LITIGATION IMPACT THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET?

Lawsuits are an unfortunate part of municipal life which have the ability to negatively impact the local budget in a number of ways. Tax appeals are one form of litigation that can be very costly to the township. When the town loses a tax appeal, it is forced to refund 100% of the judgment, even though it only keeps less than 20% of the original tax payment. Another type of litigation that is as frustrating as it is infuriating is the so-called "frivolous" lawsuit. The township has to deal with a number of these annually and at best, they will be dismissed and we will have had only

the cost of the legal representation. At worst, the cost to settle is far less than going to trial so the township insurance company will take the least costly way to avoid the expense of lengthy litigation. Until tort reform is instituted and the United States adopts a "loser pays" system, these types of lawsuits will continue to unnecessarily cost the taxpayers millions of dollars.

WHY IS THERE ONLY ONE BRUSH PICK UP AND ONE LEAF PICK UP PER YEAR?

Several years ago the township did a survey of usage and found that only about 9% of residents put out brush in the Fall and leaves in the Spring. The cost to the town to continue curbside pick-ups with such a low rate of participation far exceeded any reasonable financial justification. Keep in mind, the town has to service homes and businesses along 350 miles of road over 42.4 square miles. As such, it was decided to eliminate the Fall brush pick-up and Spring leaf pick-up and double the number of recycling pick-ups throughout the town. In addition, brush and leaves would continue to be accepted year round at the Kanes Lane Recycling Center.

HOW DOES RECYCLING AFFECT THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET?

In addition to being a legal requirement, recycling also has an enormous environmental and financial benefit. The materials collected: glass, metal, plastic, cardboard and paper, are sold by the township on the open market with the proceeds going into an account that must be used, by law, to fund only recycling related costs, such as vehicles and equipment. This however, has a positive effect on the budget since it alleviates the need to use tax dollars for these same items. Conversely, recycling saves the township money in "tipping fees," which is the cost of depositing non-recyclable trash into landfills. Overall, recycling is not only the law, but a way for every resident to do their part to help keep property taxes in check. Not recycling is literally throwing money away.

Gerry Scharfenberger

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D. generally holds open office hours the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:00am to noon at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway. Visitors are seen on a first-come basis. Mayor Scharfenberger is also available by appointment. Please call 732-615-2024 for more information.

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. The good news is we can make simple changes to keep our environment clean. Visit middletownnj.org for more information.

LITTER: Place litter, including cigarette butts and fast food containers, in trash receptacles.

FERTILIZERS: Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall.

PESTICIDES: Many household products made to exterminate pests are toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms and plants. Follow the label directions carefully. Use alternatives whenever possible.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS: Many common household products contain toxic ingredients. Use natural and less toxic alternatives whenever possible.

MOTOR OIL: Used motor oil contains toxic chemicals that are harmful to animals, humans and fish. Recycle all used motor oil by taking it to a local public or private recycling center.

CAR WASHING: Wash your car only when necessary. Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles its wash water. If you wash your car at home, use a non-phosphate detergent.

PET WASTE: Animal wastes contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause the closing of bathing beaches. Dispose of wastes in the garbage or toilet.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS: An improperly working septic system can contaminate ground water and create public health problems. Inspect your tank annually and pump it out every three to five years depending on its use.

BOAT DISCHARGES: Dumping boat sewage overboard introduces bacteria and viruses into the water. It may also be illegal. Boat owners should always use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities at marinas. Visit njboating.org.



Belford in 1910

Belford was officially established in 1891 when a rail station was built. Belford, along with what is now Port Monmouth, was originally known as Shoal Harbor. It was relatively isolated until the mid-1800s when the construction of a road and the nearby railroad allowed farmers and fishermen to sell their wares in New York City and other areas. (Photo courtesy of the Middletown Historic Preservation Commission)



Superstorm Sandy Leaves Her Mark

Four years after Superstorm Sandy descended upon Middletown, signs commemorating the high water mark are being installed in key spots. The initiative is made possible through a partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Monmouth County, the Urban Coastal Institute and 14 towns including Middletown. Holding one of the signs are: John Szeliga, Verizon; Middletown Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger; Monmouth County Freeholder Deputy Director Serena Di-Maso; Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden; Capt. Jay Steingold of Naval Weapons Station Earle; FEMA Region II Administrator Michael Moriarty and Director of the Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute Tony MacDonald at the Belford Ferry Terminal.

Welcome New Police Officers

The Police Department has added five new officers to the ranks raising the department's cadre to 112, including 10 women. Welcome Elizbieta Carpenter, Paul J. Hadinger, Jr., Eric R. Kalakutok, Brian K. Macdonald, and Kevin F. Mahon!



Murray Farmhouse Grant

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be donating \$550 to the Poricy Park Conservancy for chimney repair at the historic Murray Farmhouse.

Township Road Improvements

Ohio Ave. (from Fielding Ave. to Terminus) is the first in a quintet of roads that has been paved this year.

The other roads slated to be paved this year weather permitting are:

- Four Winds Dr. (from Middletown-Lincroft Rd. to Dwight Rd.)
 - Old Country Rd. (from Hwy 35 to Harmony Rd.)
 - Magnolia Lane (from Hwy 35 to Waackaack Creek)
 - Oakland & Brook Ave. (from First Ave. to Chestnut Ave.)
- The following roads will be designed this year, with paving scheduled in 2017:
- Thompson Ave. (N. Middletown – from Ocean Ave. to Bray Ave.)
 - Tan Vat Rd.* (from end of paved portion to terminus)
 - Balloch Ave.* (from end of paved portion to terminus)
 - Indian Terrace/ Grand Tour* (sections from Wigwam Road to terminus)

*Drainage improvements also proposed at these locations.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

A \$1.6 million system upgrade aimed at improving radio communication for the township's emergency responders is now online. The new system uses microwave technology and simulcast repeaters to improve radio communication across the township's 42 square miles. It's built to overcome geographic realities such as a hilly terrain and an FCC-mandated bandwidth change. Generators were also installed to make the system storm-proof. The project was spearheaded by 2014 Mayor Stephanie C. Murray and 2014 Middletown Township Fire Department Chief Peter Laimann.



From left are 2014 MTFD Chief Peter Laimann, OEM Coordinator Charles W. Rogers, 2016 MTFD Chief John Gorseger, Jr., EMS Deputy Chief Floyd Goldstein, Committeewoman Stephanie C. Murray, Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D., Township Administrator Anthony P. Mercantante, Police Officer Sean Barry, Sergeant Patricia Colangelo, Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski and MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber.

NEIGHBOR INITIATIVE

Hats off to our neighbors living off Crescent Parkway and Route 35. Neighbors there got together and spruced up the road's divider. After clearing away the brush, they erected a sign that pays homage to the original name of the development.



Fall Leaf Collection

Zone	Start Date
A & B	November 9
C & D	November 16
K	November 18
E & J	November 26
F & I	December 5
G & L	December 9
H	December 16
A B C D K	December 27

**Collection start dates are approximate and weather dependent.*

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY – NO BRUSH PICKUP UNTIL SPRING 2017

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR ZONE HAS BEEN COLLECTED (except ABCD after 1st collection). Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before your zone's start date as doing so creates a hazard for pedestrians and drivers. Brush, grass, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for a separate individual collection.



Build It and They Will Come

Campers invited local officials including Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D. and parents to Croydon Hall to show off their newly constructed surrey bicycle. The inclusion campers built the bike themselves over the course of the summer. The camp, funded with a state grant, allows young children with disabilities to enjoy the experiences of a summer camp. A video about the children's experience will air on Middletown TV at Comcast Channel 20 and Verizon Channel 26.



Mayors for a Day

The Mayor for a Day program, now in its third year, strives to give to Middletown's youngest citizens a deeper understanding of the value of the public service. Participating schools select one student to serve as Mayor for a Day. This year, honorary mayors received an oath of office, participated in a mock meeting and spent time with Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D. to learn what the job is all about. From left are: Deputy Mayor Anthony Fiore, Mayor For A Day Aidan McManamy, Committeewoman Stephanie C. Murray, Mayor For A Day Reid DiFortuna, Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Mayors For A Day Nicole Schrager and Jordan Lefkowitz, and Committeemen Stephen Massell and Kevin Settembrino.



A great time was had by all at the township's first two Farmers & Makers Markets held at the Middletown Arts Center this summer. The township plans to bring the popular market back in 2017. Stay tuned for details.

Township Briefs

Have Floodplain Questions?

If you want to know if a property is in the Special Flood Hazard Risk area, visit middletownnj.org/flood. There, you'll find information on the Flood Insurance Rate Map and flood insurance. Call the Building Department at 732-615-2106 for special rules on building in the floodplain and ideas for protecting your home from flood damage. The Building Department also has copies of FEMA elevation certificates for buildings constructed in the floodplain since 1997.

Daytime Ambulance Service Launched

Middletown's emergency medical services are being augmented with a newly formed paid ambulance service. Middletown Emergency Medical Services Inc. (MEMS), a non-profit formed by Middletown's five all-volunteer first aid squads, is now responding to calls for emergency medical service on weekdays. MEMS is managed by a board of directors that consists of volunteers from the five squads. Volunteers will supplement the paid service during the day. The volunteers will also respond to first aid calls overnight and on weekends. New volunteers are always welcome at the all-volunteer first squads. Training is provided. Call 732-615-2252 for more information.

Passport Services

Need a passport? The Clerk's Office can help! Walk-ins are welcome Monday to Friday from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Applications are accepted from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm by appointment only. Appropriate documentation is required. Photographs can be taken. Fees apply. Processing time is generally 4-6 weeks. Visit middletownnj.org/passport or call 732-615-2014.



Fill 'er Up

The township is transitioning to a natural gas fleet to help cut costs and reduce our carbon footprint. The township already has two packer trucks and there are plans to acquire more compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. CNG vehicles are an increasingly popular choice because they use less fuel, emit far fewer greenhouse gases, and are much quieter on the road. Conveniently, New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) opened a public access fueling station next to the public works yard on Kanes Lane this spring. From left are: NJNG Chief of Staff Linda Kellner, Township Administrator Anthony P. Mercantante, NJNG Service and Energy Efficiency Senior Vice-President Tom Massaro, Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Township Committeewoman Stephanie C. Murray, and Public Works Director Ted Maloney at the grand opening.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFERS MICROCHIPS, PET REGISTRY

Middletown is the first town statewide to partner with the Found Animals Foundation to offer a pet reunification program.

For \$10, residents can have their licensed cats and dogs implanted with a microchip. The fee also covers free-for-life registration in the Found Animals Registry. The program is managed by the Found Animal Foundation, an independently funded nonprofit that works to help reduce the number of pets euthanized in shelters each year.

The township is looking forward to strong community participation as this program promises to be an cost effective and time efficient way to return lost pets to their owners. Animal Control can quickly locate a pet's owner if the animal is included in the registry. If the owner cannot be located, the animal must be sent to a shelter where daily board fees are charged, explained Health Director Rich DeBenedetto. Animal control has sent 99 cats and dogs to the shelter so far this year; another 183 cats and dogs were sheltered in 2015.

Health Department staffers are trained on how to implant the chips and can assist with the registration process. Animals with new implants or existing chips can be entered the registry at microchipregistry.foundanimals.org There is no fee to add an existing chip number into the system, but the pet must be licensed. Call 732-615-2097 for more information.

Fall 2016



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

Middletown Recreation

345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown
732-615-2260
Recreation @middletownnj.org
middletownnj.org/recreation

Registration

Register online at middletownnj.org/signup.
No telephone registrations. In-person registration required for some special events. Fees listed are for residents. Non-residents may register for a higher fee if space permits.

Special Events

NEW! RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Friday, November 11, 2016, 11:00am show

Belford Ferry Terminal, 10 Harbor Way

Fees: Orch/1st Mezz - \$95 Adult/\$65 Child (under 12yo)

OR 2nd Mezz - \$85 Adult/\$55 Child (under 12yo)

Tickets limited. In-person registration required.

Turkey Soccer Shootout

Saturday, November 19, 10:00-11:00am

Nut Swamp Turf Field

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

Free! North vs. South Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 19, 11:30am

Nut Swamp Turf Field Interested in playing?

Email recreation@middletownnj.org

Santa Ferry Ride

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Belford Ferry Terminal

Fees: General (ages 1+): \$17 / Infants (ages -1): \$5.

In-person registration required.



Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 4, 5:00-8:00pm

Middletown Arts Center

36 Church St., Middletown Free!

Interested in participating in our Community Band Concert? Please call 732-706-4100, all instruments welcome.

Holiday House Light Decorating Contest

Entry forms must be submitted by December 5.

Vote December 6-15 at middletownnj.org.



2015 Winner – Coakley Family, Leonardo

8th Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive

Saturday, December 10 – start times vary by division

Croydon Hall Gym, 900 Leonardville Rd, Leonardo

Co-Sponsor: Middletown Social Services. Pre-registration required by Nov 18.

Fee: \$50 per team, plus one unwrapped toy per player. Adult teams needed!



Adult Programs

The following are held at the Tonya Keller Community Center, 50 Bray Ave, Middletown.

CARDIO SCULPT

Tuesday 6:30–7:30pm

Age 18 and older. Ongoing 8-week sessions. Fee: \$56.00

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Thursday 7:00–8:00pm

Age 18 and older. Ongoing 8-week sessions. Fee: \$56.00

PERSONAL TRAINING

Age 18 and older. Ongoing 5-week sessions. Fees are \$120.00 twice per week or \$60.00 once per week.

Participants can go to any class time listed:
Monday 5:00–6:00pm, Tuesday 8:30–9:30am, Thursday 8:30–9:30am, Saturday 9:30–10:30am

PILATES

Tuesday 7:30–8:30pm

Age 18 and older. Ongoing 8-week sessions. Fee: \$56.00

YOGA STRETCH

Saturday 8:30–9:30am

Age 18 and older. Ongoing 8-week sessions. Fee \$56.00

The following are held at the Croydon Hall Gym, 900 Leonardville Rd, Leonardo

INDOOR CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday 7:30–9:30pm

Age 18 and older. Ongoing 12-week sessions. Fee \$48.00

Weekly Drop-in fee: \$5.00

YOGA

Tuesday 7:00–8:30pm

Age 18 and older. Ongoing 8-week sessions. Fee \$60.00

Youth Programs

KARATE

Saturday 10:00–11:00am

Ages 4–14. Class held at Amato's Karate, 589 Palmer Ave. Uniform required and can be purchased at Amato's Karate. Fee: \$30.00 (Does not include uniform)

SCHOOL'S OUT NOVEMBER 7-10

Monday-Thursday: morning, full day and afternoon options available.

Ages 5–11. Fee: varies by time. Brought to you by the US Sports Institute.

The following programs are held at Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Rd, Red Bank.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for a different type of birthday party? Why not come to Poricy Park! Choose from one of our standard party options, or work with our team to create your own personalized party.

Visitors to the park can stop by the Nature Center and rent equipment to enhance their park experience. Rent a seine and trowel to dig for fossils in our fossil beds. Or, rent a native backpack filled with tools for an enjoyable hike in the park.

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!

SCOUT PROGRAMS

Scout programs for both girls and boys are 90 minutes and scheduled after school or on weekends. Programs fulfill current badge requirements. Specifics can be found online.

Just For Toddlers Preschool

Tonya Keller Community Center
50 Bray Ave, Middletown, 732-615-3250

Just For Toddlers is a preschool playgroup for children, 18 months to Pre-Kindergarten.

Age-Appropriate Curriculum Includes: Social Skills, Arts & Crafts, Stories, Music, Numbers, Letters, Shapes, Colors, Science, Sight Words, Writing Skills, Physical Education and Games. All classes run from September through June. The JFT school schedule runs parallel to the Middletown Board of Education schedule. Please be aware, the age of your child on October 1, 2016 will determine the class he/she will be registered. Rolling admissions available.

Young Toddlers

Mondays, 9:30 - 11:30am

Age 18-35 months with parent.

Fee \$60.00 per month, \$600/program

Preschool (3 Year Olds)

Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 9:30am -12:00pm

Fee \$195.00 per month, \$1950/program

Pre-Kindergarten

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 9:00am -12:00pm

Fee \$250.00 per month, \$2500/program

Preschool Playdates

Preschool Playdates features fine and gross motor skill development, arts and crafts, storytelling and art projects. Along with indoor and outdoor play, we create a fun, relaxed atmosphere where children can...PLAY! Preschool Playdates enables parents with children already enrolled in our Just for Toddlers an extended day option. For those children not currently enrolled in our preschool, the Playdates group enables your child to have a "playdate!" The emphasis of this program is to build upon the cognitive, social and creative mind!

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Fee: \$175/session

*Children must be 3 by October 1st!

MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY

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



THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW WITH MISS KITTY

November 9, 3:00-4:00pm

Sleepy Hollow, 1799 – Katrina Van Tassel reveals the secret adventure of Ichabod Crane. Hobgoblins abound, skeletons high-step in a graveyard dance and even Rip Van Winkle makes an appearance in this spooky (but not scary) Halloween tale. Ages 5 and up.

FLOW CIRCUS: READ YOURSELF SILLY!

November 11, 1:30-2:30pm

Paul Miller of Flow Circus is back again! Students will be inspired to read as Paul tells the story of how a trip to the circus led him on an adventure filled with juggling, magic, and balloon sculpting. In the end, he learns that amazing journeys begin not at the circus, but at the library. Grades K-8.

New! Park Rentals

Need a facility for a large celebration? Indoor and outdoor township facilities are available for events such as weddings, corporate functions, family reunions and more. For more information call 732-615-2260.

Senior Center Events

The Senior Center welcomes independent Middletown residents 60 and older to become members. A variety of special events, trips and weekly activities are offered. Transportation is available to registered members by reservation. Call 732-615-2265.

PRE-THANKSGIVING COVERED DISH

Friday, November 4, 12:00pm

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Thursday, November 10, 1:00pm

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, November 17, 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Thursday, December 1, 1:00pm

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 9, 11:30am

Shore Casino Restaurant *Register by December 1*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 15, 1:00pm

PRE-NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Thursday, December 29, 11:30am

Register by December 22



Field and Park Upgrades

New soccer goals have been added at Nut Swamp Elementary School and the Fairview Soccer Fields. The township plans to add five more sets of goals before the 2017-2018 season gets underway.

Construction of a synthetic turf field at Croydon Hall is slated to begin this November. The new field will accommodate several sports including football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse.

New playground equipment has been installed at Croydon Hall.

The township has applied for a Monmouth County Open Space Grant to install sports lights at the Nut Swamp synthetic turf field.

Upcoming improvements include resurfacing the Bodman Basketball Court and installation of a pavilion at Poricy Park.



More than 10,000 people visited Croydon Hall for Middletown Day this year. Special thanks go to our sponsors for fully funding this special day. See you next September!

Gold Sponsors

T&M Associates • Archer & Greiner • O'Toole, Fernandez, Weiner, VanLieu, LLC • Barnabas Health

Silver Sponsors

Brown & Brown Insurance • Capehart Scatchard • Century 21 Thomson & Co. • Memorial Sloan Kettering • Maser Consulting • Middletown Public Library • Middletown Township Education Association • Provident Bank • QualCare Inc.

Bronze Sponsors

Columbia Bank • Investors Savings Bank • New Jersey Natural Gas • Pool World • Riverview Medical/ Bayshore Hospital • Saker ShopRites • The Community YMCA

Supporters

A Hotel for Dogs • AAA Mid-Atlantic • Add-on Pools, Inc. • American Legion Post #338 • Bayside Manner • Body Power Fitness • Bonefish Grill • Brookdale Community College • C & C Air Conditioning & Heating • Care One at King James • Carol Elaine Dance Studio • Center for Vein Reconstruction • Children's Health Center • Dance Factory • Dance with Melody • Dogs on the Farm & Cats Too! • eMedical Urgent Care • European Wax Center • Exit Realty East Coast • Gravity Vault • Great Play of Middletown • Gutter Helmet Systems • Guttenplan's • Gymboree Play and Music • Heritage House – Sotheby's International Realty • Houlihan's • Huntington Learning Center • I Am Fitness/ Camp Coconuts • JAG Physical Therapy • Edward Jones & Patrick Chanod • Learning Rx • Middletown Family Dental • Middletown Fitness - Orangetheory • Molland Spinal Care • Mulroy School of Real Estate • Najarian Associates • Navesink Country Club • NY Post • NY Waterway • Pasquale's Pizza II • Renewal by Andersen • Rock'n Music Academy • Spay & Neuter Center of NJ • Tiger Schulmann's Martial Arts • Title Boxing Club • Trek Bicycle Store of Middletown • Two River Community Bank • Watchung Spring Water Company • Work Out World



Friends

Dunkin' Donuts of Lincroft • George Trevett, Sr. Plumbing & Heating • KC Design • Middletown Elks B.P.O.E 2179 • Prime Financial Group • Prown's Windows & Doors • Richard B. Thompson, Esquire • Zeek's Tees

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.middletownnj.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>	Curbside Garbage Pick up
APPLIANCES 	A/C Units	✓ (\$25)*	✓ (\$10)	NO	NO
	Refrigerators	✓ (\$25)*	✓ (\$10)	NO	NO
	Stoves	✓ (\$20)*	✓	NO	NO
	Washer/Dryer	✓ (\$20)*	✓	NO	NO
CARDBOARD 	Cardboard (<i>broken down</i>)	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Food-contaminated cardboard	NO	NO	NO	✓
ELECTRONICS 	Computers/monitors/laptop	NO	✓	NO	NO
	DVD Players/Stereos/VCRs	NO	✓	NO	NO
	Printers/Tel/Fax/Copiers	NO	✓	NO	NO
	TVs	✓ (\$20)*	✓	NO	NO
GLASS 	Bottles/Jars	✓	✓	✓	NO
	Ceramics/Dishware**	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Lightbulbs/Windows**	NO	NO	NO	NO
PLASTICS 	Containers (#1, 2, 5 symbol)	✓	✓	✓	NO
	Containers (#3, 4, 6 symbol)	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Buckets/Storage Bins	NO	✓	NO	NO
	Kid's Toys/Play Equipment	NO	✓	NO	NO
	Coolers/Trash Receptacles	NO	✓	NO	NO
METALS 	Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans	✓	✓	✓	NO
	Aluminum Foli/Trays/Pie Tin	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Metal Hangers/Scrap Metal	NO	✓	NO	NO
ALL PAPER 	Ads/Catalogs/Magazines	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Cereal Box/Br Paper Bags	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Copy/Fax/Office Paper	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Envelopes /Soft Cover Books	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Hardcover Books	✓ (<i>no cover/binder</i>)	✓ (<i>no cover/binder</i>)	NO	NO
	Non-Metallic Wrapping Paper	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Cups/Plates/Food Wrappers	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Newspaper	✓ (<i>tied in bundles</i>)	✓ (<i>tied in bundles</i>)	NO	NO
	Newspaper used for Pet Waste/Household Projects	NO	NO	NO	✓
MISCELLANEOUS 	Aerosol Cans	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Batteries - household	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Batteries—car & rechargeable	NO	✓	NO	NO
	Bowling & Golf Balls	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Construction Material**	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Metal Fence Posts (<i>w/o concrete</i>)	NO	✓	NO	NO
	Grass Clipping/Tree Stump**	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Latex Paint, lid off (<i>dried</i>)	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Plastic Hangers/PVC piping	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Rubber Products (<i>Hoses</i>)	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Tires – Automobile (< 17" Rim)	NO	✓ (\$2 off rim/\$3 rim on)	NO	NO
	Tires – Pick-up Trucks/SUV	NO	✓ (\$7, off rim only)	NO	NO
	Propane Tanks/Motor Oil	NO	✓	NO	NO
	Vinyl Products (<i>manageable size</i>)	NO	NO	NO	✓

*Must be scheduled and paid for prior to pick up.
**Contact the Monmouth County Landfill at 732-683-8686 for disposal.

5/26/2016

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

middletownnjtownhall

middletownnj

Phone App: Middletown NJ