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MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Middletown celebrated its 2nd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7th at the Middletown Arts Center. National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. First responders and community groups set up booths while hundreds of residents enjoyed games, police equipment displays, the dunk tank, an impaired driving simulator, contests and more. (See page 2 for more photos from the event!)

Officer Ray Sofield and K-9 Nero make some new friends!

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Middletown Catches Baseball Fever!



Thousands of people came out to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall on Saturday, September 22nd to celebrate Middletown at our annual fall festival, Middletown Day! This year, Middletown Day kicked off with a parade in honor of the MYAA, Lincroft Little League, and Sandy Hook Little League teams' accomplishments during this year's baseball season. After a message from Mayor Kevin Settembrino congratulating our champs, everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather and a day filled with festivities that included a business and community showcase, craft fair, live local music, children's activities, first responder demonstrations, a petting zoo, hayrides, flea market, and food court. New this year was Crunchy the T-Rex and the "First Annual Dinger Derby" hosted by MYAA. (See pics on page 9!)

Members of the Middletown Township Committee had the opportunity to chat with many residents as well as thank the businesses and community organizations that fully sponsor Middletown Day.

Our town's baseball champs kicked off Middletown Day with a parade in their honor. The crowds cheered while the song "Centerfield" played as they approached the main podium at Croydon Hall.

Small Businesses Recognized Through New Initiative

This May, the Middletown Township Committee initiated the "Made in Middletown" campaign to help spotlight small businesses across the various areas of town that are so vital to our economy. During their visit, they met with the owner to discuss what their business offers to residents, what makes them successful, how they give back to the community, as well as presented them with a certificate to thank them for being "Made in Middletown". As of October, Middletown has highlighted the following businesses:

*Suzi's Sweet Shoppe * Belford Bistro * Guttenplan's * Hotel for Dogs * Red Light Coffee * TSTBBQ Restaurant and Mini Golf * Belford Brewing Company * Jersey Joe's * Koch Florist & Gifts * 1st Cup Coffee * Middletown Family Pharmacy*

If you're a small business owner and would like your business to be considered, please contact the Mayor's Office at 732-615-2024.



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, passport services, voter registration, Twp. Committee agenda)	
Social Services	615-2085
Zoning	615-2278
<i>Other Important Numbers</i>	
Board of Education	671-3850
Sewerage Authority	495-1010
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VerizonFiOS Channel 26	
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Tax Collector's Message



Tax Collector
Judith Vassallo

The second half of the 2015 Homestead Benefit Credits have been applied to the November 2018 tax quarter. Adjusted bills were mailed by September 28th. Applicable taxpayers will receive an adjusted bill indicating the new amount due. Fourth quarter taxes are due November 1, 2018. The last day to pay without interest is by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

REMINDER: Due to the Accelerated Tax Sale process, all payments received after the November 13th deadline must be made with certified funds (Cash, Bank Cashier Check or Money Order). Thank you!

Rehab Grants Available for Homeowners!

If you are a Middletown homeowner, you may be eligible for a home rehabilitation grant of up to \$25,000 from the Township's Home Rehabilitation Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program is for low and moderate income households. Call (732) 615-2281.

Si usted es un dueño de casa de Middletown, usted puede ser elegible para una beca de rehabilitación de la casa de hasta \$25,000 del programa de rehabilitación del hogar del municipio financiado por el Departamento de vivienda y desarrollo urbano de los Estados Unidos. Este programa es para hogares de bajos y moderados ingresos.

Llame al (732) 615-2281.

MIDDLETOWN'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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Pictured from left: Community Relations Officer Rick Cruz, Recreation Director Janet Dellett, Committeeman Tony Perry, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Reverend Dan Correa, Father Luigi Hargain, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Committeewoman Pat Snell, and Police Chief Craig Weber at the National Night Out event.



Kids had fun trying on the Sandy Hook Park Rangers' equipment.



Residents lined up at the dunk tank to try to soak some members of the MTPD!

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 5TH ANNUAL "MAYOR FOR A DAY" PROGRAM



Committeeman Rick Hibell shows the ropes to "Little Mayors" Luke Roberts of Nut Swamp Elementary School and Lauren Vultaggio of River Plaza Elementary School.

On Monday, May 21st, five elementary school students visited Town Hall and were sworn in as "Mayors for a Day". It is the Township Committee's 5th year running this wonderful program that is offered to Middletown elementary schools as a PTA/PFA fundraiser basket prize. This year's winners were Bernard Daus of Leonardo Elementary School, Sydney Rosen of Lincroft Elementary School, Aaron Smith of Port Monmouth Elementary School, Luke Roberts of Nut Swamp Elementary School, and Lauren Vultaggio of River Plaza Elementary School. The students and their families had the opportunity to speak with the Mayor and Township Committee about local government and learn about what it takes to be a leader in our community. The "Mayors for a Day" also led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Township Committee Meeting and received certificates deeming them as "Mayor for a Day" at their respective schools on Tuesday, May 22nd. Congratulations to our "Little Mayors" on a job well done!

Middletown Remembers Fallen Soldiers with Annual Memorial Day Parade

American Legion Post 338 and Middletown Township held its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Navy veteran Ron Stark served as the Grand Marshall of the parade while hundreds of



Many thanks to the fire houses, Police Explorers, high school bands, bagpipers, Scout troops, and other organizations who participated in the Township's moving ceremony in memory of our fallen soldiers.

residents lined the streets to pay tribute to them. After the parade, there were several speakers at American Legion Post 338 who reminded the community about the importance of Memorial Day. This was followed by a laying of wreaths, rifle squad, and playing of Taps.

VFW Post 2179 and Middletown Township invite residents to The 61st Annual Veterans Day Parade Sunday, November 4, 2018

Join us to honor our past and present American heroes at the annual Veterans Day Parade. The parade steps off at 1:00 PM at Bayview Elementary School and ends at VFW Post 2179. It will be followed by a "Thank a Veteran" lunch at the VFW. Call (732) 787-0999 for more information.

Message From Mayor Kevin M Settembrino

Having been a member of the Township Committee since 2010, I have had the pleasure of witnessing our town continuing to thrive as the largest municipality in Monmouth County and as one of the biggest in the state of New Jersey.

With approximately 68,000 residents, 42 square miles, and over 350 years of history, we are fortunate to live in a town that offers so much to our community as well as to those who visit. From the beautiful parks and beaches to our well-respected school district and acclaimed Arts Center and library, Middletown is consistently recognized as one of the top places to live.

The Township was pleased to receive the news this summer that the distinctive MacLeod-Rice House, located at Croydon Hall in Leonardo, was added to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. Now that it has earned a spot on this registry, Middletown can apply for grants to help restore the house to its original condition and add to the already-rich cultural heritage of our town.



The Township Committee and I presented the Henschel Family with a proclamation recognizing Saturday, September 15, 2018 as Usher Syndrome Awareness Day in the Township of Middletown. Three-year-old Gunnar Henschel has Usher syndrome and they are hoping that the community can help raise awareness about this presently incurable disease that results in a combination of hearing and vision loss.



Places this summer. It is one of the most recognizable buildings in Middletown and one of only a few places where residents can witness the true historical splendor of our area.

We are proud to be able offer all of this to our residents while still managing to keep taxes down. This is the second year in a row that the Township Committee has been able to maintain a zero percent municipal tax increase, despite the rising costs of approximately \$2.3 million from pensions and other obligations. Key drivers to the budget this year included several hundred thousand dollars in healthcare savings due to innovative changes to the Township healthcare programs, shared services agreements with other municipalities, and governmental agencies and operational savings in snow removal costs.



On October 3rd, I sat down with Jill Horner of Comcast Newsmakers to discuss the results of Middletown's Microgrid Feasibility Study. The segment will be airing on our Municipal TV Channel (Comcast Cable Channel 20 and VerizonFiOS Channel 26) as well as our YouTube Channel (Middletown Township NJ).

Another proud moment this year was standing against JCP&L's proposed Monmouth County Reliability Project, and learning in June that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJ BPU) officially denied it. This is a huge win for our residents as well as the residents of the other towns that would have been impacted by this ill-conceived plan.

We were also excited to be one of the 13 towns across the state to receive a \$150,000 grant from the BPU to hire experts to conduct a Microgrid Feasibility Study to determine a cost-effective configuration that would allow the Township to use local resources to power critical facilities, especially during times of emergency. The microgrid would prevent prolonged power outages such as the one we experienced during Superstorm Sandy, and also help insulate Naval Weapons Station Earle, multiple fire departments, schools, and other crucial infrastructure.

According to the study results presented on September 27th, a microgrid is technically feasible to supply critical infrastructure in Northern and Central Middletown, including the NWS Earle Waterfront Area. Drafts of the final report, which will include two or more alternative courses of action for the Township to consider, should be available by the end of the year.

The Township has been focused on energy efficiency efforts, and we would like the microgrid to tie into active projects

such as the new municipal complex design. Not only would the municipal complex be a user of the microgrid, but it could also be utilized to generate energy via solar panels as well as used as an energy storage location (like a big battery).



Other energy efficiency strides we have made this year include working with New Jersey Natural Gas to promote free energy audits to income-eligible residents as well as local businesses. For more information, you can visit www.middletownnj.org/greenteam.

On a final note, we hope that you have appreciated our efforts to communicate more openly and effectively through our weekly e-newsletter *Middletown Minutes*, our social media channels, and Public Service Announcements on our Municipal TV/YouTube Channels such as "How to Understand Your Tax Bill". We plan on doing more PSAs, such as "How to Recycle Properly," as well as working with our world class all-volunteer Fire Department and outstanding Police Department regarding safety issues.

As Mayor, one of my goals is to make sure that you feel heard. If you would like to speak with me, please visit me during my Open Office Hours or contact the Mayor's Office at (732) 615-2024 to make an appointment to see me. Additionally, if there is a cause that you would like to help make our community aware of, please contact me. The Township Committee and I often lend our support by issuing proclamations and attending events.

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable fall and happy and healthy holiday season.

-Kevin Settembrino



2018 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Rick W. Hibell, Committeeman, Patricia A. Snell, Committeewoman, Kevin M Settembrino, Mayor, Anthony P. Fiore, Deputy Mayor, Anthony S. Perry, Committeeman

Mayor Kevin M Settembrino generally holds open office hours on the first Monday of the month from 5:00PM to 6:30PM at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway. Visitors are seen on a first-come basis. Mayor Settembrino is also available by appointment. Please call 732-615-2024 for more information.

2018 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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ANTHONY S. PERRY, COMMITTEEMAN

RICK W. HIBELL, COMMITTEEMAN

PATRICIA A. SNELL, COMMITTEEWOMAN

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, PLEASE CALL THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AT 732-615-2024.

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9/11 Victims Honored with Silent Wreath Laying and Candlelit Tribute

On Tuesday, September 11th, Middletown Township held a silent wreath laying and candlelit tribute through the WTC Memorial Gardens located at the Middletown Arts Center to honor the 37 residents we lost in the World Trade Center attack 17 years ago. Close to 500 members of the community, including 9/11 victims' family members, neighbors, Township Committee members, elected officials, local dignitaries, representatives from Middletown's Police and Fire Departments, Office of Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services, as well as contingents from American Legion Posts 338 and 515 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2179, bowed their heads in a moment of silence at sunset. Mayor Kevin M Settembrino and the Middletown Township Committee then led the wreath laying ceremony and candlelit walk through the Memorial Gardens. The silence was broken by 37 bell tolls rung by Doug Corbet, who served as Middletown Township's Fire Chief in 2001, along with current Fire Chief Ryan Clarke. The bell, which was donated by the Port Monmouth Fire Company, was rung in memory of each Middletown resident who perished on September 11, 2001.

LONG-AWAITED TRAFFIC LIGHT AT KINGS HIGHWAY & CHURCH STREET NOW ACTIVE

On Monday, July 2nd, Middletown celebrated the activation of a new traffic light at the intersection of Church Street and Kings Highway. The long-awaited construction project began in April and was supervised and funded by Monmouth County. In addition to helping provide a safe flow of traffic at this busy intersection, the improvements also hold true to this historic district by incorporating pea stone curbs.



Pictured from left: Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Committeeman Tony Perry, Freeholder Director Tom Arnone, and Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger at the new traffic light intersection.

Bridge Dedicated in Recognition of Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos's Decades of Service

On Friday, July 27th, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders held a dedication ceremony of the "Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos Bridge" in recognition of his thirty years of dedicated service to Monmouth County and the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Township Committee members Tony Perry, Rick Hibell and Pat Snell attended the ceremony to thank Senator Kyrillos for his commitment to Middletown and Monmouth County residents.



POW/MIA Flag Raised at Thorne Middle School on National POW/MIA Day

On Friday, September 21st, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Middletown Township Committee members Tony Perry and Pat Snell, members of the Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC), VFW Post 2179, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, and Hazlet Deputy Mayor Sue Kiley came together to recognize National POW/MIA Day by raising the POW/MIA flag for the first time at Thorne Middle School. The ceremony took place in front of the Corporal Horace M. "Buddy" Thorne monument that was dedicated in honor of the school's namesake, local World War II hero Buddy Thorne, who sacrificed his life for our country at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. Thorne Middle School Principal, Tom Olausen, and Corporal Thorne's sisters, Verna Mauro and Anita Keyser, were also in attendance.



U.S. COAST GUARD STATION SANDY HOOK UNVEILS NEW FACILITY

On Tuesday, July 3rd, the U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook held a ribbon cutting to showcase its new facility. The devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy in 2012 was the key driver for building this facility which includes the Multi-Mission Building, Boat Maintenance Facility, and Small Arms Firing Range. These additions will provide support to the Coast Guard's core missions of search and rescue and maritime law enforcement.



Pictured from left: Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Hazlet Deputy Mayor Sue Kiley, CWO Seth Hunt, and Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger.

Middletown Welcomes New AT&T Science & Technology Innovation Center

On Tuesday, August 28th, AT&T held a ribbon cutting for its new Science and Technology Innovation Center at the AT&T Campus in Middletown. Andre Fuetsch, President of AT&T Labs and Chief



Technology Officer at AT&T, cut the ribbon along with Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, Township Committeeman Tony Perry, and Senior Vice President of Finance & Development for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Lori Matheus. The Innovation Center displays communication-related artifacts from the last 142+ years and will continue to inspire current and future generations to be leaders in technology.



The Rutgers University-Brookdale Community College Partnership Moves to Main Campus in Lincroft

On Thursday, September 20th, Brookdale Community College and Rutgers University hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate their 20-year partnership's move from Freehold to Lincroft as its main campus. Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Committeeman Tony Perry, and Committeewoman Pat Snell joined leaders from Brookdale, Rutgers, local dignitaries, and students to recognize the relationship between these two outstanding public institutions and the nine Bachelor Degree programs they offer together.

Middletown Township Honors Firefighters with Over 50 Years of Volunteer Service

On Sunday, July 1st, members of the Middletown Township Fire Department and Township Committee came together to honor six firemen who dedicated over 50 years of service to the River Plaza Hose Company No.1.

River Plaza Hose Company No. 1 hosted a brunch at the fire company in recognition of honorees William Boccellato, Jean "Frenchie" Geraud, Gary Homefield, Patrick Maloney, Charles "Bucky" Meeker, and Frank Torra. It was organized by the Membership Committee, led by former Fire Chief Tony Citarella.



Pictured from left: Committeeman Rick Hibell, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, honorees Patrick Maloney, Gary Homefield & Frank Torra, and Committeeman Tony Perry. (Photo courtesy of Laurie Kegley)

MTPD PROMOTES THREE OFFICERS

The Middletown Township Police Department promoted Officer Brian McGrogan to the rank of Sergeant at the Township Committee Meeting held on Monday, July 16th. At the September 17th Township Committee Meeting, two more officers were promoted. Officer Anthony Bagileo was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Brian Dilworth was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Mayor Kevin Settembrino read the Oath of Office at the July 16th meeting while McGrogan's wife, JeanMarie, and their daughters Mackenzie and Kyleigh held the Bible.



Police Chief Craig Weber, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Sergeant Brian Dilworth and his parents, Debra and Michael Dilworth, after he was sworn in on September 17th.

Mayor Settembrino swore in Lieutenant Anthony Bagileo while his father Gerald held the Bible and his mom Marie proudly stood beside him.



EMS Holds Cadet Promotion Ceremony

The Emergency Medical Services Department held its Cadets Promotion Ceremony at Fairview First Aid Squad on Sunday, July 8th. The EMS cadets are young men and women, ages 14 to 18, who learn basic life-support skills by working side by side with current EMT volunteers. At age 16, they can ride the ambulances in Middletown and further their skills and experience to become first aid members. High school students interested in joining can call the EMS office at 732-615-2252 for more information.



Pictured from left: Committeeman Rick Hibell, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Cadet Lead Advisor Rich Yarczower, Cadet Emily Cahill, Christina Dunham, EMS Chief Kim Kraynock, Cadets Liam Musa, Erik Pedersen, Olivia Enny, and EMS Deputy Chief Bob Pfleger. (Photo courtesy of Bob Pfleger)

Congratulations to Our Police Youth Week Graduates!

The Middletown Township Police Department held two Police Youth Week Camps this summer. Both sessions had 63 "recruits" between the ages of 8 to 11 who participated in the program that gave them their first exposure to law enforcement. The Police Youth Week program, run by Sergeant Kevin Gardiner, is a combination of classroom style learning and physical training. Participants learned firsthand about a wide variety of law enforcement training and techniques including officer safety, crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement and the K-9 unit. The program also emphasized the importance of protecting and serving our community. The week concluded with a graduation ceremony at the Brookdale Student Life Center where the children received well-earned badges and certificates.



Naval Weapons Station Earle Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Naval Weapons Station Earle celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Friday, June 8th at the station's Mainside located in Colts Neck. Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore presented a proclamation on behalf of Middletown Township to commemorate the occasion and expressed how honored we are to have the Waterfront based in our community.



MTFD Christens Two New Trucks!

Port Monmouth Fire Company held a Wetdown on Saturday, July 14th to christen the arrival of their new 2017 KME fire truck. The new fire truck is equipped with an extra-long 79-foot ladder which will help firefighters access many of the raised homes along the Bayshore area. Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, and Committeeman Rick Hibell joined Middletown Township Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Second Assistant Chief John Friedmann, Port Monmouth Station #6 Fire Captain Hayley Beekman, and Port Monmouth Station #6 President Bill Bennet to celebrate.



Navesink Hook and Ladder Co. #1 hosted a Wetdown on Sunday, September 30th to welcome a new pumper truck to their firehouse. It is imperative that the MTFD have world-class equipment to ensure the safety of our community. Committee members Tony Perry and Pat Snell joined Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, First Assistant Chief Russell Mount, and members of the fire company to christen the truck, while former Fire Chief and Committeeman Rick Hibell had the honor of doing the champagne toast.



Township Briefs

Middletown Retains CRS Class 6 Rating

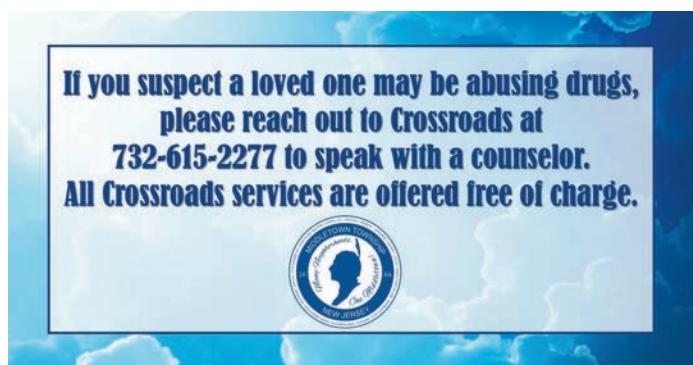
The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency has determined that Middletown will retain its current rating as a CRS Class 6 community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Ratings System (CRS). This is a huge win for Middletown as it means that flood insurance policy holders in our community will continue to receive a 20 percent discount in the premium cost for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Have a Polling Location Question?

Middletown has 46 Election Districts and in October you will receive a sample ballot for voting in the mail, approximately two weeks prior to Election Day on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Your sample ballot has your voting district number and polling place address on the front. Please review this information as there are likely a few districts in your polling location and this can be confusing. If you cannot find your polling location or district on Election Day, please call the Township Clerk's Office at 732-615-2015 or the Monmouth County Voter Registration office at 732-431-7780 or visit www.monmouthcountvotes.com

Register for Emergency Alert & Community Notifications

Sign up to receive alerts about emergencies, flooding, weather alerts, road closures, power outages, and other information relevant to the community at www.middletownnj.org/emergencyalerts. Since some alerts can be targeted to a specific geographic area, we recommend you register with your street address. To receive our weekly *Middletown Minutes* e-newsletter and get e-mail notifications about Township news, community events, meeting agendas, etc., visit www.middletownnj.org/subscribe.



Middletown Social Services Needs Holiday Helpers

The Social Services Division is looking for individuals, groups, and businesses to adopt underprivileged households this holiday season. The Adopt-A-Family Program is simple, but very rewarding. You get a small shopping list of items that a child and parents would like. As a "foster family," you provide a few items or gift cards to the adopted family in hopes that they too may have a special day. Social Services is also accepting any "extra" free turkeys or hams you might receive during the many supermarket promotions for local families in need. Donations can be brought directly to the Middletown Food Pantry, 180 Main Street, Port Monmouth. Please contact Kathy Straniero in the Social Services Department at 732-615-2085 for more information.



Rabies Virus Still a Threat

Those who subscribe to the Township News Flash and weekly *Middletown Minutes* should be aware of the Health Department's extensive reporting of Public Health Alerts of cases of Rabies found in animals throughout the town. Public Health and Animal Control are tasked with protecting residents and their pets/livestock from numerous communicable diseases, including the Rabies Virus.

The Health Department is constantly dealing with wildlife interactions that require post-exposure treatment for humans and quarantines of family pets due to the threat of Rabies. Any mammal, including bats, may be infected by the virus. As of August, the Middletown Health Department reported three cases of rabies found in wildlife in the community this year. Statewide, as of June 30th, there have been 72 terrestrial animals found to be rabid. Of those, nine were cats. Historically, since 1989, there have been 7713 animals in New Jersey positive for Rabies, and 494 of them were cats.

These notifications of active Rabies in the community need to be a stark reminder about the dangers of the virus. An article was recently published that a woman in Delaware died from Rabies this past August. The last documented case in that state was back in 1941. In New Jersey, a person died from Rabies in 2011, but the exposure was acquired from a dog bite in Haiti. However, in 1997, a man became infected with the virus from a bat bite or scratch while removing the animal from his attic. Prior to that, the last exposure in New Jersey was in 1971.

Rabies is an infectious disease that attacks the nervous system within the body. The virus will travel through the nerves to the brain, where it can now be spread through the saliva of the infected animal. Once a human is bitten by an animal that is carrying the Rabies Virus, they must receive a series of shots called Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) immediately. Domestic animals that are exposed must receive a Rabies vaccination booster and are quarantined for observation. Any dog or cat that does not have a Rabies vaccination, or can't provide documentation, must be isolated from human contact under quarantine for four months or humanely euthanized. Once Rabies incubates within a person or animal, without immediate treatment, the disease will become fatal.



Due to the Township's shared service agreement with surrounding towns (Hazlet, Holmdel and Highlands), the Health Department now has an updated Animal Control & Recovery Emergency Response and Transport Vehicle to properly and safely handle such issues.

Middletown Township requires all dogs and cats to be inoculated with a Rabies vaccination. Both must be licensed and provide an up-to-date Rabies shot. Throughout the year, the Health Department conducts one Cats-Only Rabies Clinic in September, and two to three Dogs-Only Rabies Clinics between October and the following January. (Upcoming Dogs-Only Rabies Clinics are on October 20th and December 1st). These clinics are free of charge. A resident may also go to any other clinic in the State to get a free shot. A portion of the license fee that you pay allows for these free clinics.

The Health Department cannot emphasize enough the importance of not interacting with wildlife, stray cats and unknown dogs, even if they appear friendly. Do not let your pet roam free where they may come in contact with infected wildlife without your knowledge. If you or your pet are bitten or scratched by any animal, wild or domestic, please seek medical assistance immediately. Middletown Animal Control can be reached at 732-615-2097 during business hours. They are also available 24/7 by contacting the Police Department at 732-615-2100.

Middletown's Make a Difference Month

FOOD AND CLEANING SUPPLIES DRIVE



All non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, personal items, and paper products are needed.

All donations will be collected and added to the Middletown Township Social Services/ Middletown Helps It's Own Household Pantry located at 180 Main Street, Port Monmouth. Questions? Call Social Services at 732-615-2085



Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program: A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Non-point source pollution is a contamination of our groundwater, waterways, bays, and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil, washing cars, and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways and ocean. They also can soak into the ground and contaminate the groundwater below. The collective impact of non-point source pollution threatens aquatic and marine life, recreational water activities, the fishing industry, tourism, and our precious drinking water resources.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we are asking for your help to do something about it.

By sharing a portion of the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep these common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water and it saves the high costs of clean-up once it becomes polluted.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to comply with federal requirements, the Township of Middletown has adopted ordinances to prohibit various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution, including ordinances regarding Pet Waste, Wildlife Feeding, Litter Control, Improper Disposal of Waste, Containerized Waste/Yard Waste Collection, Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting and Illicit Connection.

Here are some ways you can help reduce nonpoint source pollution:

Place litter in trash receptacles. Place litter, including cigarette butts and fast food containers, in trash receptacles. Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Avoid overuse of fertilizers. Do a soil test to see if you need to add fertilizer. Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall. If you use fertilizers, follow the label directions carefully.

Use alternatives to 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.

Clean up after your pet. Animal wastes contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause the closing of bathing beaches. Pet owners or their keepers must pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. Dispose of wastes in the garbage or toilet.

Don't feed wildlife. Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Dispose of yard waste properly. Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains. Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Refer to our website, www.middletownnj.org, for the Township's rules, guidelines, and schedule for leaf and brush collection.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products. Many common household products contain toxic ingredients. Use natural and less toxic alternatives whenever possible. Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies.

Recycle used 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.

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.

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

Keep pollution out of storm drains. The Township has labeled and marked all storm drain inlets. Labels remind residents that these storm drains are connected to local waterways. Do not let sewerage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Don't dump boat sewerage overboard. Dumping boat sewerage overboard introduces bacteria and viruses in the water. It may also be illegal. Boat owners should always use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities at marinas.

It is important to remember these easy things you can do to assist with restoring the health of our streams and environment. Please refer to Middletown Township Ordinance Chapter 423 & Chapter 540 for our adopted stormwater pollution ordinances. Additional stormwater related topics can be found at www.cleanwaternj.org and www.middletownnj.org.

TOWNSHIP MOVES FORWARD WITH GREEN ROOF PAVILION AT PORICY PARK

Last year, Middletown was awarded a \$20,000 Sustainable Jersey grant funded by the PSE&G Foundation to construct a green pavilion with a living roof in Poricy Park. On Monday, September 17th, Township officials and members of the Poricy Park Conservancy attended a groundbreaking for this modular green roof that will have various forms of vegetation and includes an irrigation system. The pavilion will be used as an outdoor classroom for children to learn about the positive impact that green infrastructure has on long-term sustainability. The grant funds, along with a donation from the Poricy Park Conservancy and Township monies, will enable the Township to move forward with these plans.



Beach Parties Were a Summer Highlight

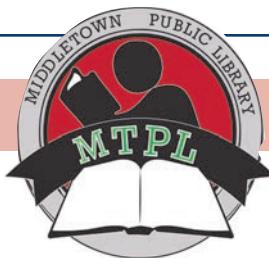


The Middletown Recreation Department held its annual Ideal and Leonardo Beach parties this summer. Families enjoyed games, music, dancing, and prizes. After the party, many stayed to watch the *Movie in the Park Series* featuring "Coco" and "Sherlock Gnomes".



Students Help Reduce Sign Pollution at Poricy Park

On Tuesday, June 12th, Committee-man Tony Perry cut the ribbon on the Township's new central bulletin to reduce sign pollution at Poricy Park Nature Center created by Middletown High School South students Hayley Lawrence and Jake Mark. Hayley and Mark did this project as part of their Structured Learning Experience Program. The program works jointly with the Middletown Recreation Department to help participants develop valuable life skills.



Fall Events for Adults

To sign up for events, please visit www.mtpl.org and click on Calendar under Quick Links.

RETIREMENT: HOW NOT TO END UP TIRED, BORED AND LONELY

Date: 10/22/2018

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Community Room

Presented by local author Joel Smith who has interviewed hundreds of retirees over 15 years to gain insight into a successful life. These interviews, along with sound scientific research, form the basis of the recommendations in his book. Joel Smith was Clear Computing's co-founder, vice-president, and Chief Technology Officer. He was educated at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, receiving a B.S. in physics.



Frankenstein Film Discussion with Max Alvarez

Date: 10/24/2018

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: Community Room

Film historian Max Alvarez has been examining film and society through a microscope for decades. His cinema talks are rich in historical and cultural information and bolstered with humor and witty anecdotes about motion pictures and their colorful creators.

RANDY ACCARDI: A ONE-HOUR SPECTACULAR OF JAZZ STANDARDS, CABARET AND 40S-60S HITS

Date: 10/27/2018

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Community Room

Randy is an accomplished performer, director and choreographer who has worked in musical theater nationwide over the past 25 years. Hailing from Off Broadway, he combines music with dance, sparking old memories and creating new ones. Come and join Randy and be prepared to be dazzled by his charm and dynamic energy. A one-hour spectacular of Jazz Standards, Cabaret and 40s-60s hits.



The Legend of the Freedom Quilts and the Underground

Date: 11/3/2018

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Location: Community Room

Performed in period costume, Trish Chambers discusses the history, legends and personal stories that make up the rich heritage associated with the Underground Railroad. She explores how African traditions and the use of story cloths documented

the history of tribes and set the stage for the slaves to learn the lessons needed for survival during their arduous journey to freedom. African slave songs (Spirituals) and the lessons contained in them are also discussed. Using a facsimile of a freedom quilt, the presentation also shares one family's legend regarding the use of quilt patterns and the survival lessons associated with them.

By George: Songs of George Gershwin Concert

Date: 11/10/2018

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Community Room

Presented by **The Essential GEORGE GERSHWIN**

Barbara McCarthy and accompanist on piano, Regan Ryzuk. Enjoy an evening of Gershwin classics like " 'S Wonderful," "How Long Has This Been Going On?", "I've Got a Crush on You," "A Foggy Day," and more. Learn the stories behind the songs as McCarthy takes us on a journey through Gershwin's life and musical history.



History of the Jersey Shore

Date: 11/13/2018

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Community Room

Join local author and photographer Kevin Woyce for a colorful tour of New Jersey's coastal history, from the long-ago days of pirates, shipwrecks, and lighthouses to the founding of today's most popular beach resorts. The hour-long lecture will be illustrated with original photography and vintage images. For anyone who has ever wondered why there is an elephant-shaped building on the beach in Margate, a concrete ship stuck in the sand off Cape May Point, or a town called Ship Bottom.

The "Campfire Guitar Sing-a-Long" with Joseph Verga

Date: 11/28/2018

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Community Room

Back by popular demand: Join Joe Verga and gather 'round the campfire for a good old-fashioned sing-along. Joe plays acoustic versions of your favorite popular standards, pop, rock, folk, country, Broadway, and movie tunes. Don't miss this laid back night of fun, laughs, and music trivia with lots of audience participation encouraged.

Shore Voices Holiday Concert

Date: 12/5/2018

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Community Room

Shore Voices is a group of women who sing 2, 3, and 4 part a cappella music of all types. They sing barbershop arrangements as well as partner songs, TV themes songs, and many others. The group was founded 5 years ago by director Pat Dunphy, a former barbershop quartet champion, chorus director, and singer with the NJ Chamber Singers.

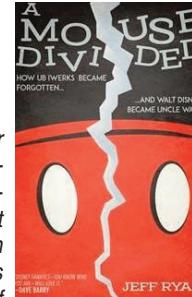
'A Mouse Divided: How Ub Iwerks became forgotten and Walt Disney became Uncle Walt'

Date: 1/19/2019

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Community Room

This presentation by author Jeff Ryan features behind-the-scenes pictures, fascinating trivia about who Walt Disney was, who the guy with the weird name of Ub Iwerks was, and of course loads of animation (can't put animation in a book!). In 1928, two very different best friends invented Mickey Mouse and the success tore them apart. Walt Disney and Ub Iwerks's friendship is a story of betrayal, love, war, money, power, tragedy, intrigue, humor, despair, and hope. You'll love them both—when you don't want to drop anvils on their heads. Discover the men behind the mouse, and the mystery behind the magic.



REVOLUTIONARY NEW JERSEY

DATE: 3/9/2019

TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM

YOU MIGHT BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING FASCINATING, UNUSUAL AND SHOCKING IS ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR IN NEW JERSEY, BUT MANY DREADFUL REALITIES OF WARFARE IN THE GARDEN STATE HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN. JOIN BOB MAYERS, AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN, AS HE REDISCOVERS NJ BATTLE AND ENCAMPMENT SITES THAT HAVE BEEN LOST OR NEGLECTED BY HISTORY. IT'S AN EXCITING ADVENTURE AS DESCRIBED IN HIS LATEST BOOK "REVOLUTIONARY NEW JERSEY".



Children & Teens

Bright Star Theatre: A Dickens Tale

Date: 12/18/18

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



"Elephant Mountain"

Author Linda Johnston Muhlhausen

Date: 2/2/2019

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Community Room

How many young women decide to leave their husband-to-be at the altar and run off to join the Peace Corps? Local author Linda Johnston Muhlhausen will read from and discuss her recently published novel, "Elephant Mountain," inspired by her experience in the Peace Corps in Uganda, East Africa. The year is 1971, a turbulent time in America, and the start of what would become the brutal regime of Ugandan dictator, Idi Amin Dada.

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George Washington Remembers New Jersey

Date: 2/25/2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Community Room

George Washington was no stranger to New Jersey. From Trenton to Princeton to Morristown to Monmouth to Middlebrook, (and more), the General spent more time here than in any other state. Join General Washington (historical interpreter David Emerson of History on the Hoof) as he reminisces about his brightest and darkest moments during the battles and encampments of the "Cockpit of the Revolution."

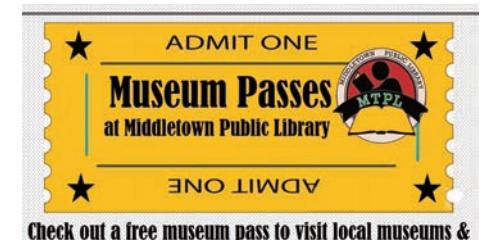


Does Your Child Need a Math or Reading Tutor?

Take advantage of free ongoing math tutoring and reading buddies through June. Registration required. Visit www.mtpl.org and click on Calendar under Quick Links to register for time slots.

Creating Writing Workshops

Start with a writing exercise at each meeting, work on personal writing projects, and share with each other for constructive feedback. For teens entering grades 6-12 on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 PM. Visit www.mtpl.org and click on Calendar under Quick Links to register.





MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER
36 CHURCH STREET
732-706-4100
WWW.MIDDLETOWNARTS.ORG

Middletown Arts Center's Fall 2018 Events

The Middletown Arts Council, the 501c3 organization that operates the Middletown Arts Center, has many SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES for 2019!

Your sponsorship dollars will help us present enriching arts programming to the community and provide scholarship opportunities for families who could not otherwise afford classes and camps.

Available sponsorships include:

- * MAC Business Partners (advertising opportunities at the MAC and on our social media)
- * Summer Concert Series (sponsor one or more of our outdoor Summer Concerts!)
- * Summer Camp Sponsor (send a needy child to arts camp for a week!)
- * Event Sponsorship (sponsor a community/arts event at the MAC)
- * Teen Arts Project Sponsorship (sponsor a teen arts project at the MAC)

For more information about sponsorship opportunities and the benefits for your business, please contact Maggie O'Brien at mobrien@middletownnj.org.



A Day OFF From School is a DAY ON at the MAC!

When the Middletown Schools are closed, the Middletown Arts Center IS OPEN with fun and enriching arts programming for your children. The Day Off Camps, featuring the Doodle Dude, Miss Fish, and guest instructors, offer half and full day programs with before and after care available for working parents. Half day programs are \$25 for Members and \$30 for Non-Members. Full-day (9am-3pm) programs are \$50 for Members and \$60 for Non-Members. Upcoming fall "Day Off" dates are November 5-9, December 27, 28, and a half day "Noon Year's Eve" party on December 31. Call 732-706-4100 to register.

In the Gallery

New Jersey Water Color Society through November 4
(Closing Reception)

Open Community Exhibit – November – December

NEW CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

If you haven't visited our website lately, check out our new fall and winter programming. There are many classes that you can jump right in to! New offerings include Classic Ballet offered by the prestigious Princeton Ballet Company, Painting Workshops with Grace Grupe-Pillard, Glass and Mosaic classes, Film and Video Production classes, Yoga and Meditation for Teens, and lots more. Interested in a program that you don't see? Let us know! Visit www.middletownarts.org for more information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AWAITS YOU AT THE MAC!

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS WITH THE COMMUNITY? THE MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES INCLUDING A TEEN ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL, EVENT VOLUNTEERS, AND OFFICE ASSISTANTS. NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS AND INSTRUCTORS ARE ALSO NEEDED. HONOR SOCIETY COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD HOURS APPLY.

Upcoming Events...

October 26-28	Mater Dei Seraphs
November 3	Comic Book Show
November 9	Special Friends Dance Social
November 16	Club MAC
November 17	Medium Jennifer Lall-Davino Fundraiser
November 24	Performing Arts
December 2	Ensemble Holiday Show
	Township Christmas
	Tree Lighting
December 14-15	Elf the Musical, Jr.
December 14	Club MAC Elf Party
December 19	Fairview Fix
	Community Band
	Holiday Concert
December 21	Club MAC
	Gingerbread Party
December 31	Doodle Dude's "Noon Year's Eve" Bash



For more information, visit www.middletownarts.org.

MAC Pack Event:

Dance Social featuring DJ JAY The Dance Man November 9th from 7-10pm

Students must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone. RSVPs suggested. 732-706-4100.



EVERYONE HAD A 'ROARING' GOOD TIME WITH THIS YEAR'S NEWEST EDITION TO MIDDLETOWN DAY, CRUNCHY THE T-REX!





MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

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

Facilities

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

Poricy Park Nature Center
345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown
(732) 615-2260

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

Tonya Keller Community Center
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown
(732) 615-3250

Seasonal Brochures

The Recreation Department publishes seasonal brochures to showcase the various programs and events offered throughout the year. Pick one up at the Recreation Office (345 Oak Hill Road) or visit www.middletownnj.org/recreation.

Registration

Register for programs and classes online at middletownnj.org/signup. No telephone registrations accepted. Fees listed are for residents. Non-residents may register for a higher fee if space permits.

Volunteers

Looking for something fun to do? Do you need community service hours? If so, come help us out! Adult and youth volunteers are always needed at our special events! For more information, send an email to: MtownVolunteer@middletownnj.org.

Special Events

VISIT THE SPECIAL EVENTS SECTION OF RECREATION'S WEBPAGE FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS AND MORE EVENTS. FEES LISTED ARE FOR RESIDENTS; NON-RESIDENT FEES APPLY. MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/EVENTS

Harvest Hullabaloo

Saturday, October 20, 5:00-8:00pm
Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank
Fee: FREE!



Turkey Soccer Shootout

Saturday, November 17, 10:00-11:00am
Croydon Turf Field
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo
Fee: \$5 + non-perishable item. Ages 6 to adult.
Pre-registration preferred.



North vs. South Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 17,
11:30am
Croydon Turf Field

Interested in playing?
Email recreation@middletownnj.org.
Want a Shirt? \$10

Community Science: Craft Stick Creations

Saturday, November 17, 3:00pm
Poricy Park
Fee: \$3. Ages 3+. Pre-registration required.



Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

Friday, November 23, 11:00am show
(8:40am ferry)
Belford Ferry Terminal, 10 Harbor Way, Belford
Fees: Orch - \$134 Adult/\$100 Child (under 12)
OR 2nd Mezz - \$112 Adult/
\$77 Child (under 12)
Tickets on sale 10/3

SANTA FERRY RIDE

Saturday, December 1
3 Options: 8:30am; 10:30; 1pm
Belford Ferry Terminal
Fee: General (ages 1+): \$17 / Infants (ages -1): \$5
Pre-registration required. Tickets on sale 10/3.
Tickets must be purchased in person.
Limited seats available.



Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 2, 5:00-8:00pm
Middletown Arts Center
36 Church Street
Middletown
Fee: Free!



10th Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive

Saturday, December 8
(start times vary by division)
Croydon Hall Gym, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo
Co-Sponsor: Middletown Social Services.
Pre-Registration required before 11/21.
Fee: \$55 per team, plus one unwrapped toy per player. Adult teams wanted!

Community Science: Colonial Candle Making

Saturday, December 15, 3:00pm
Poricy Park
Fee: \$3. Ages 3+. Pre-registration required.

Upcoming Senior Center Programs

The following programs are held at the Senior Center at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo). Call 732-615-2265 for additional information.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY PARTY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1:00PM

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1:00PM

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1:00PM

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
THE GRAMERCY AT LAKESIDE MANOR \$32
SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 1

UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1PM
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY 12/13

PRE-NEW YEAR'S PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 11:30 AM
SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 21
\$14.00



Adult Programs:

The following are held at the Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo)

Indoor Co-Ed Volleyball

Tuesday, 7:30-9:30pm

Sept 18- Dec 18 (No 11/6 or 12/4)

Age 18+. Ongoing 12-week sessions. Fee: \$48

Weekly drop-in fee: \$5

Yoga

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30pm

Age 18+. Ongoing 8-week sessions. Fee: \$60

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 (does not include uniform)

The following programs are held at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road, 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. Call the office at 732-615-2260 for more information.



Rental Equipment

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 groups – both girls and boys – can complete 90-minute programs. They are scheduled after school or on weekends. Programs fulfill current badge requirements. Specifics can be found online.



In May, the Township celebrated the renovation and renaming of Middletown Preschool (formerly Just For Toddlers), along with Township officials, teachers, students and parents at the preschool.

All classes are held at the Tonya Keller Community Center, 50 Bray Avenue, Middletown

Middletown Preschool is 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 school schedule runs parallel to the Middletown Board of Education schedule. Please be aware, the age of your child on October 1, 2018 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 \$65.00 per month, \$650/program

PreK3

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

Fee \$215.00 per month, \$2150/program

PreK4

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

Fee \$275.00 per month, \$2750/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



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Be a Better Recycler!

Please adhere to the recycling requirements in Middletown: Separate recycling from garbage and do not place recycling in plastic bags. Following these rules will help our Township cut down on waste and prevent you from receiving any fines. Remember, recycling in Middletown is mandatory! Visit www.middletownnj.org/recycling for more information.

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ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED	-		Books - Softcover			-		
ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED	-		Cereal Box / Brown Paper Bags			-		
ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED	-	MISCELLANEOUS	Copy / Fax / Office Paper		MISCELLANEOUS	-		
ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED	-		Envelopes			-		
ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED	-		Newspaper (clean)			-		
ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED	-		Non-Metallic Wrapping Paper			-		
ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED	-		Newspaper (used for Pet Waste Projects)			-		
-	ACCEPTED	-	MISCELLANEOUS	Paper Cups / Plates / Food Wrappers		MISCELLANEOUS	Accepted		
-	-	-		Shredded Paper (loose)			Accepted		
-	ACCEPTED	-		Batteries - car			-		
-	ACCEPTED	-		Cooking Oil			-		
-	ACCEPTED	-		Motor Oil / Anti Freeze			-		
-	ACCEPTED	-	MISCELLANEOUS	Propane Tanks		MISCELLANEOUS	-		
-	ACCEPTED (fees apply)	-		Tires - Automobile (< 17" Rim)			-		
-	ACCEPTED (fees apply)	-		Tires - Pickup Trucks / SUV (> 17" rim)			-		
-	-	-		Aerosol Cans (must be empty!)			-		
-	-	-		Batteries - household			-		
-	-	-	MISCELLANEOUS	Bowling & Golf Balls		MISCELLANEOUS	Accepted		
-	-	-		Car Seats			Accepted		
-	-	-		Carpets (3 sections, rolled & tied)			Accepted		
-	-	-		Furniture (sofa, shelves, etc.)			Accepted		
-	-	-		Hoses / Tarps			Accepted		
-	-	-	MISCELLANEOUS	Mattresses / Box Spring		MISCELLANEOUS	-		
-	-	-		Mirrors (COMPLETELY taped)			-		
-	-	-		Latex Paint, lid off (dried)			-		
-	-	-		Plumbing Fixtures			-		
-	-	-		Rubber Products (hoses, etc.)			-		
-	-	-	MISCELLANEOUS	Styrofoam / Packing Material		MISCELLANEOUS	Accepted		
-	-	-		Vinyl Products (manageable size)			Accepted		
-	-	-		Batteries*** - rechargeable			Accepted		
-	-	-		Concrete***			-		
-	-	-		Construction Material*** (drywall, concrete, bricks, roof shingles, wood, etc.)			-		
-	-	-	MISCELLANEOUS	Grass Clippings***		MISCELLANEOUS	-		
-	-	-		Tree Stumps***			-		
-	-	-		Wood***			-		
-	-	-		Construction Material*** (drywall, concrete, bricks, roof shingles, wood, etc.)			-		
-	-	-		Grass Clippings***			-		

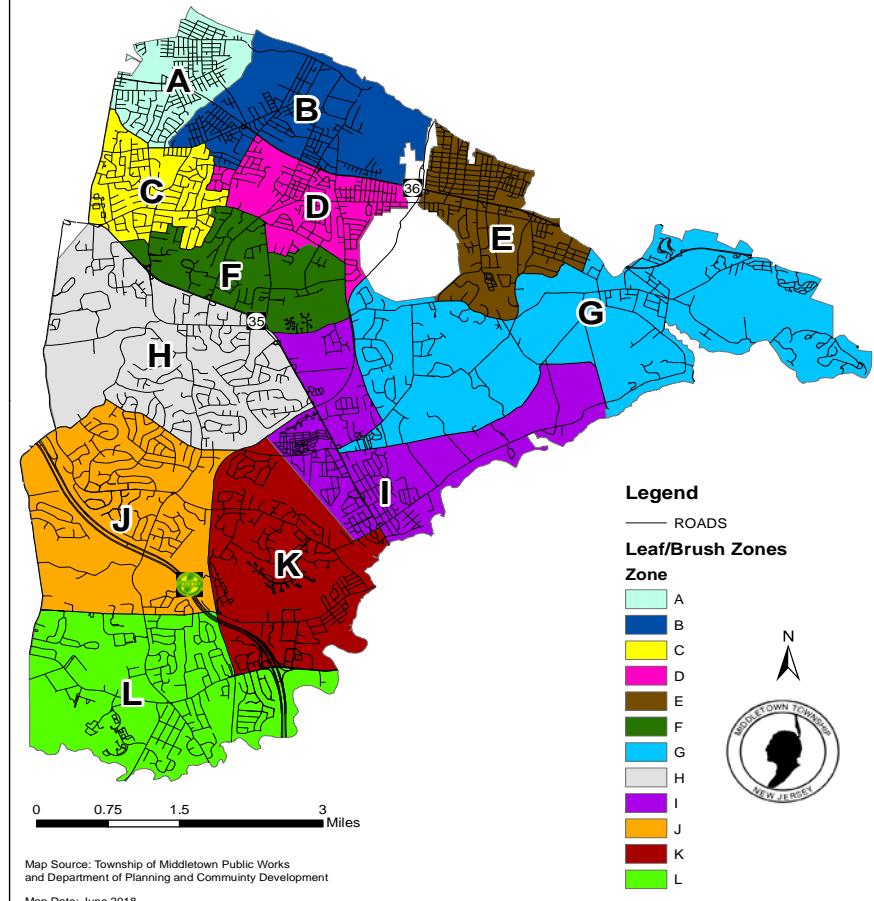
**Must be scheduled and paid for prior to pick up.*

**Accepted at home improvement and electronic stores. Visit www.Call2Recycle.org for more information.

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

The image features a green background with a white border. In the top left corner is the 'recyclecoach' logo, which consists of the word 'recycle' in a green circle and 'coach' in a blue circle, with a small silhouette of a person in the center. To the right of the logo, a hand holds a smartphone displaying the 'Recycle Coach' mobile application. The app's interface includes a header with the 'Recycle Coach' logo and the word 'MIDDLETON' in large letters. Below the header is a date 'Friday, Jun. 1' and a weather icon. The main screen is divided into four sections: 'My Schedule' (with a trash can icon), 'What Goes Where?' (with a magnifying glass icon), 'Be a Better Recycler' (with a recycling symbol icon), and 'Communication' (with a speech bubble icon). At the bottom of the phone screen is a green navigation bar with icons for home, search, and account. At the bottom left of the entire image is the website address 'www.middletownnj.org/recycling'.

Leaf and Brush Zones for Middletown Township



2018 Fall LEAF Collection

LEAF COLLECTION ZONE	ELECTION DISTRICT	START DATE*	LEAF COLLECTION ZONE	ELECTION DISTRICT	START DATE*
A	7, 17, 27, 46	Nov. 7 th	K	10, 20, 35, 40, 41, 43	Dec. 1 st
B	3, 6, 21, 36	Nov. 7 th	G	2, 28, 29	Dec. 3 rd
C	15, 26, 37, 46A	Nov. 16 th	J	30, 38, 39, 44	Dec. 6 th
D	13, 16, 23, 33	Nov. 16 th	E	4, 9, 24	Dec. 12 th
L	5, 19, 25, 42	Nov. 19 th	I	8, 12, 18, 32	Dec. 12 th
H	1, 22, 31, 45	Nov. 24 th	L (2 nd collection)		Dec. 17 th
F	11, 14, 34	Nov. 26 th	A, B, C, D, E (2 nd collection)		Dec. 26 th

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

For leaf collection zone map & collection status, visit www.middletownnj.org/collection.