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MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

Middletown Breaks Ground on New Town Hall



Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee celebrated the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Town Hall in June. Pictured from left: Township Attorney Brian Nelson, Brandywine President Eric Moore, Committeeman Rick Hibell, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante

Beginning in January, the Township of Middletown, in collaboration with Brandywine Acquisitions & Development, will begin the construction of a new Town Hall building on Kings Highway and Route 35.

The new Town Hall will be a 72,000 square foot, three-story, energy-efficient facility that will consolidate approximately 55,000 square feet of operations currently located in seven different facilities across town. The new facility will allow the town to consolidate most of its services under one roof which will benefit the community and offer a "one-stop-shop" to take care of municipal business such as paying taxes, getting a passport, or applying for a dog license. The new building will allow for the growth of our Township, which includes better amenities and resources and will enable Middletown to take on a greater regional role through shared services and consolidation of smaller surrounding municipalities.

Demolition will soon begin on the Johnson Gill Annex building (1 Kings Highway) and the Planning & Community Development building (3 Penelope Lane). Starting in January, the Township's Building, Zoning, Code Enforcement, Fire Prevention, Finance, Purchasing, Tax Collection/Assessment, Human Resources, IT and Planning and Community Development departments will be moving to Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) in Leonardo.

Residents applying for building and zoning permits or paying taxes will need to go to Croydon Hall. For construction updates and videos, visit www.middletownnj.org/municipalcomplex.



Middletown has been named the #1 safest small city in New Jersey and 7th in the nation for 2019, according to *The Top 50 Safest Small Cities in America*, a new report from Frontpoint Security. "I couldn't be more proud that Middletown is continually recognized as one of the safest places to live, not only in the Garden State, but also across the country," said Mayor Tony Perry. "The men and women of our world-class Police Department are extremely proactive about targeting crime and working with the community to address any issues the town may face."

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Tax Collector's Message



Tax Collector Debbie Marchetti

I am extremely honored to assume the position of Tax Collector for the Township of Middletown and I will strive to do my very best for its residents.

Here is some important information regarding the November 2019 tax quarter. The second half of the 2016 Homestead Benefit Credits have been applied to the November 2019 tax quarter. Adjusted bills were mailed by September 30th. Applicable taxpayers will receive an adjusted bill indicating the new amount due. Fourth quarter taxes are due November 1, 2019. The last day to pay without interest is by 4:00pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

REMINDER: Due to the Accelerated Tax Sale process, all payments received after the November 12th deadline must be made with certified funds (Cash, Bank Cashier Check or Money Order).

Thank you!

Mayor for a Day



In May, five elementary school students participated in the Township's 6th annual Mayor for a Day Program. The program is offered to elementary schools as a PTA/PFA fundraiser prize.

The following students came to Town Hall and were sworn in by Mayor Tony Perry: Ridge A. Dellett from Bayview Elementary School, Rory Violet Bedford from Leonardo Elementary School, Ryan McDonough from Lincroft Elementary School, Cecilia Grace Sobelman from Middletown Village Elementary School and Christian Kelly from New Monmouth Elementary School. Each student and his or her family had the opportunity to speak with Township officials about local government and leadership so they were prepared to serve as Mayor of their school the following day.

MIDDLETOWN REMEMBERS 9/11



On Wednesday, September 11th, Middletown Township held a silent wreath laying and candlelight tribute through the World Trade Center Memorial Gardens to honor the 37 residents we lost in the World Trade Center attack 18 years ago. More than 500 people attended the service, including 9/11 victims' family members, neighbors, Township Committee members, 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.

Notice to Residents Regarding Tax Bill Payment:

Due to the new Town Hall construction, your first quarter tax bill (due 2/10/20) will be paid at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road) instead of the Johnson Gill Annex. All tax bills will be paid at this location until the new Town Hall is complete.

Call 732-615-2086 with any questions.

Township Directory

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies	9-1-1
Police Department Non-Emergency	615-2100
Municipal Offices (All numbers have a 732 area code)	
Main Number	615-2000
Animal Control (Monday - Friday, 8am- 5pm)	615-2097
Animal Control (holidays, nights & weekends)	615-2100
Building & Inspections	615-2106
Community Development	615-2281
Court Administrator	615-2036
Code Enforcement	615-2106
Crossroads (substance abuse services)	615-2269
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
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Senior Center	615-2265
Tax Assessor	615-2089
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Township Administrator	615-2013
Township Engineer	615-2110
Township Clerk (elections, marriage/birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Twp. Committee agenda)	615-2015
Social Services	615-2085
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Other Important Numbers

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Message From Mayor Tony Perry

It is no secret that development has been a much-debated topic amongst the residents of Middletown, especially with the recent court-mandated Village 35 and Taylor Lane developments. Development has been an ongoing concern, but this issue is not something unique to Middletown. It has plagued us and municipalities across the State of New Jersey for years.

When I pass by Taylor Lane, it also hurts me to see trees cleared, dirt piles and large machinery where open land used to be. I feel the same anger and disappointment and would love to file law suits that would

Mayor Tony Perry generally holds open office hours on the second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway. Visitors are seen on a first-come basis. Mayor Perry is also available by appointment. Please call 732-615-2024 for more information.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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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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TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

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2019 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:
Back row: Committee members Rick W. Hibell, Patricia A. Snell and Kevin M. Settembrino. Front row: Mayor Anthony S. Perry and Deputy Mayor Anthony P. Rose.

prevent developers from altering untouched land. However, I am reminded that previous Middletown Township Committees have filed such suits all the way to the State Supreme Court and lost because NJ Municipal Land Use laws give the Township very little latitude.

So what do developments such as Taylor Lane, Four Ponds and Village 35 have in common? They were all developments that were soundly rejected by our Planning Board and overturned by the courts. While they were not able to be prevented, each was dramatically reduced in scale and size by negotiated settlement agreements initiated by the Township Committee. In fact, Village 35 was reduced in size and scope by over 400% by the Township Committee's redevelopment agreement.

So what is Middletown doing to help slow down the rate of development?

In order to help mitigate unnecessary development, the Township is taking the following steps:

1. We are in the process of revamping our Master Plan, which outlines the Township's building requirements and restrictions. While the current Master Plan has been amended over the years, it is generally updated about every decade. The new Master Plan will update and streamline ordinances with inconsistencies to provide for greater enforcement. It will also detail new traffic circulation patterns, update open space and recreation requirements, as well as place an emphasis on green sustainability for new and existing developments.

2. Middletown took the unprecedented step of withdrawing from court proceedings that commenced in 2015 to address unrealistic affordable housing obligations imposed upon municipalities throughout New Jersey by the Supreme Court. Middletown is one of only a few municipalities to achieve certification from the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing before the Supreme Court reshuffled the deck again. Since 2008, 350 new affordable housing units have been constructed, representing 31% of the 1,119 total residential units built since that time.

This is not an assault on Middletown's most vulnerable residents; we simply should not be bossed around by special interest groups who profit from high-density quotas thrust upon us by entities that are funded by the builders themselves.

These builders don't live in Middletown and they don't care about our residents or our history. They have a right to make a living, but I do not agree that their bottom lines should be fattened because they overbuild. This Township Committee is trying to prevent the astronomical development that these requirements dictate, which is why we can no longer participate in this egregiously unfair process. It is time for the Legislature to step up to the plate and do its job to create sensible housing regulations and get this process out of the courts. We are ready to help our leaders in Trenton find those solutions. We cannot be mutually exclusive from one another and must work together to fix this issue.

3. Something that the Township has been putting a lot of effort into is improving already-existing developed land. For example, the Township has hired a consultant to conduct a redevelopment investigation for the entire Route 36 Corridor. I am frequently asked why Route 36 has not kept pace with Route 35 and the very reason for this investigation is to provide innovative solutions to help rehabilitate and reinvent the Route 36 Corridor. Another area we are trying to revitalize is the Belford Seafood Co-Op. Both of these areas are crucial to the economic success of our town. Ninety percent of our tax base comes from residential units, while only 10 percent comes from commercial properties. We have a responsibility as a Township Committee to encourage responsible redevelopment which helps shift the imbalance of tax collection between residents and businesses across town. This not only creates jobs, but also prevents residents from the impact of a greater tax burden.

I understand and appreciate your frustration and concerns, and I share them as well. As Mayor, I promise to continue to look for innovative ways to prevent high-density development while revitalizing existing areas. When I was sworn in, I committed to every resident to have an open mind, and I will continue to be here to listen to your ideas and concerns as we seek solutions together.

All the best,

Naturalization Ceremony



Mayor Tony Perry had the honor of speaking at a Naturalization Ceremony held at the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. During the ceremony, 53 people from 30 nations took the Oath of Allegiance and became U.S. citizens, six of whom call Middletown home. Mayor Perry welcomed our fellow Americans and encouraged them to continue to exhibit the drive and determination that inspired them to become citizens of our great nation.

Small Business Roundtable



In recognition of Small Business Week in May, Mayor Perry, the Middletown Township Committee and Freeholder Director Tom Arnone hosted a Small Business Roundtable at the Middletown Arts Center. Thirty local businesses attended to exchange ideas, discuss improvements, network and learn more about the Township's new partnership with the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce.

Say No to NESE Pipeline



Mayor Tony Perry urged Governor and Middletown resident Phil Murphy and the NJDEP to deny all permits associated with the Williams/Transco Northeast Supply Enhancement Project at the Last Chance Rally to Stop the NESE Pipeline, claiming it would negate all that our communities have done to revitalize our beaches and fishing industry.



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on July 1st for the inaugural **FREEDOM FEST** for **FIREWORKS, FOOD & FUN!**



MIDDLETOWN CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

Middletown Township celebrated its 3rd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th at Poricy Park Nature Center. National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and is a chance for residents to engage with the officers in a fun and informal way. Middletown Township's First Responders featured equipment displays and had a great time interacting with the kids. Hundreds of residents came out and enjoyed live music played by Patrolman Jesse Toma, games, a dunk tank, an impaired driving simulator, contests and more!

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Middletown Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department Perform "Jaws of Life" Drill

Over the spring, members of Middletown's Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department came together to perform a practice vehicle extrication using hydraulic tools ("jaws of life") and other hand tools at the Middletown Fire Academy. The drill was an opportunity for new members to learn some of the basics and for more experienced members to gain new techniques. A sincere thank you to our first responders for the time and dedication they put in to keep us safe!



MTPD Hosts Inaugural Senior Youth Week Academy & Police Youth Week



Over the summer, the Middletown Township Police Department hosted its inaugural Senior Youth Week Academy for the 12/13 year-old age group. Thirty adolescents participated in this interactive academy that enabled them to get a more in-depth look at what it's like to be a police officer. The entire week was based on a former case that the MTPD solved and the goal was to teach the importance of proper note taking and working together to solve a crime.



The MTPD also held its annual Police Youth Week Camps. There were over 120 children, between the ages of 8 to 11, who participated in this program that gave them their first exposure to law enforcement at the recruit phase. The Police Youth Week program 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, the K-9 unit as well as the U.S. Coast Guard's role in law enforcement.

Thank you to the MTPD officers who continue to make Youth Week possible: Sgt. Gardiner, D/Sgt. Gigante, Cpl. Seymour, Cpl. Kennedy, Cpl. Riffert, Ptl. Carr, Ptl. Cruz and Ptl. Burke, D/Lt. Bailey and Det. Dellatacoma.




Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Middletown Township Police Department's K-9 Unit visited Saint Leo's School in Lincroft to discuss the role of local government and the police. Sergeant Brian McGrogan and his K-9 partner Jax, along with Patrolman Frank Mazza and K-9 Maverick, spoke about the responsibilities of the Police Department and the different jobs of their K-9 counterparts.

Middletown is hiring

School Crossing Guards

The Middletown Township Police Department is now hiring Crossing Guards. Shifts take place before and after school with a minimum of 3.5 hours per day.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/jobs for additional information and to fill out an application.



The Middletown Township Police Department promoted Officer John Soltysik to the rank of Sergeant and hired four officers in August. Michael R. Allen, Daniel Flannigan, Matthew Geiss and Michael A. Masiello accepted their Oaths of Office and were ceremonially sworn in by Mayor Tony Perry at the Township Committee meeting on Monday, September 23rd.



Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Committeeman Rick Hibell, Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski, new Patrolmen Michael Allen, Michael Masiello, Daniel Flannigan, Sergeant John Soltysik, Patrolman Matthew Geiss, Mayor Tony Perry, Police Chief Craig Weber and Committee members Kevin Settembrino and Patricia Snell



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World War II Memorial Street Signs Installed

In honor of Memorial Day, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Pat Snell and Public Works Director Ted Maloney proudly unveiled the new World War II Memorial directional sign (at the corner of Leonardville Road and Hosford Avenue) along with Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) President Dennis Beauregard, his grandsons and VAC members Mike Quilty and Bob Siemer. Middletown Township partnered with the Veterans Affairs Committee to install directional signs for all four of our war memorials across town. These monuments pay homage to our fellow Middletown residents who sacrificed their life for our nation.



Thorne Middle School Hosts Annual Memorial Day Ceremony in Honor of Corporal Thorne



Thorne Middle School held its annual Memorial Day ceremony honoring the school's namesake, U.S. Army Corporal and Medal of Honor recipient Horace "Buddy" Thorne, as well as other local veterans who have served our nation. The student-run ceremony paid homage to Corporal Thorne and was a

reminder of the sacrifices made by those in the armed services that allow us to enjoy our freedom as Americans. Corporal Thorne's sister, Anita Keyser, presented Thorne Principal Tom Olausen with a replica of a plaque that was erected in Burg-Reuland, Belgium this past September in memory of Corporal Thorne who made the ultimate sacrifice at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944.

Middletown High School North Wins the NJSIAA State Group III Championship

The Middletown North Girls Varsity Softball Team won the NJSIAA State Group III Championship for the first time in the school's history by defeating Chatham 5-0 in the finals on June 2nd. Mayor Perry congratulated the coaches and team on behalf of the Township Committee and applauded them for making Middletown proud!



Middletown Remembers Fallen Soldiers at Annual Memorial Day Parade



American Legion Post 338 in Leonardo held its annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27th to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty. Firefighter Fred Gorseger, a 50-year volunteer of Middletown Fire Company No. 1, served as the Grand Marshal of the parade. Everyone marched to the American Legion Post 338 where there were several speakers who reminded the community about the importance of Memorial Day and paying homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Mayor Tony Perry echoed this sentiment and recognized his guest of honor, Anita Keyser, the sister of U.S. Army Corporal and Medal of Honor recipient Horace "Buddy" Thorne. Perry commended Anita for embodying the spirit of remembering those we have lost and encouraged others to follow her example. This was followed by a laying of wreaths, rifle squad and playing of Taps.

Middletown Township Fire Department Welcomes 14 New Firefighters



Congratulations to the graduates of the MTFD Fire Academy! The twenty-three individuals from Middletown and surrounding towns went through a 20-week training and the MTFD added 14 new firefighters to its all-volunteer department. Mayor Perry, along with Ex-Fire Chief and Committeeman Rick Hibell and Committeewoman Pat Snell, praised the graduates for their commitment to serving and protecting our community. Best of luck to our newest firefighters – be safe!



VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HOLDS KIA STREET SIGN DEDICATION TO HONOR KOREAN WAR VETERAN WILLIAM J. MALCOLM

In March, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) held its 53rd KIA Street Sign Dedication honoring William J. Malcolm. Malcolm served as a U.S. Army soldier in the Korean War and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country in the conflict. Malcolm Way, located in the Four Ponds at Lincroft development on Middletown-Lincroft Road, was dedicated in his honor. Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, Committeewoman Pat Snell, members of Middletown's VAC, Vice President of K. Hovnanian Homes Dave Fisher, as well as residents of the Four Ponds community came together to pay tribute to Malcolm.



In May, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) donated 16 POW/ MIA flags to our 11 Firehouses and 5 First Aid Squads to fly at their buildings. Committeeman Rick Hibell accepted the flags as a member of the Middletown Township Committee and Ex-Fire Chief. We thank the VAC for their generosity and everything they do in honor of those who have served our nation.



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Thinking About Adding a Furry Friend to the Family?

If your family is looking to add a new pet to the household, be sure to do some research first! Properly vetting where you buy your animal will allow you to be aware of red flags and hopefully prevent any heartaches later. Most people select their animal based on emotions and can get caught up in big eyes and adorable furry faces but are blind to some basic information, such as the history of the animal, that should be seriously considered when making the decision.



Whether you are adopting an animal from a shelter/pound or purchasing from a pet store, kennel or breeder, do your homework! Spend a few minutes to research the facility and find out what other patrons have to say. Look to see if they have been inspected by the Health Department and ask for copies of those reports. See what protections are afforded to you under the NJ Division of Community Affairs regarding the purchasing of pets. If financing options are offered to you, read the fine print as many unsuspecting consumers don't know that balloon payments still exist and pets can be repossessed! Also look up the name of the animal breeder that may be off-site or out of state.

Always have your new pet checked out by a veterinarian immediately. Proper healthcare and knowing what to expect will give your family many years of love and enjoyment.

General Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

The 2019 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5th. Polls will be open from 6:00am to 8:00pm for registered voters. To find out where you vote, visit www.middlestownnj.org/voterregistration. To check if you are registered to vote, you may also contact the Township Clerk at 732-615-2015. Mail in Voter applications may be obtained in this office for submission by mail up to seven days prior to the election. If you have a question about the upcoming General Election, please contact the Township Clerk's Office at 732-615-2015 between the hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday or visit www.middlestownnj.org/townshipclerk.

Take a Trip to the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency



Are you planning to travel abroad this year? Don't wait until the last minute to apply for or renew your passport!

For more information and/or to book your appointment, please call the Middletown Passport Acceptance Agency at 732-615-2014, visit www.middlestownnj.org/Passports or head to our Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency at the Clerk's Office located at 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.

Applications are accepted by appointment between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Walk-in applications are accepted between the hours of 9:30am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday. Passport application fees are set by the U.S. Department of State and can be found at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/requirements/fees.html>. Middletown's Passport Acceptance Agency also can take your passport photo on site for \$10.00.

****IMPORTANT**** Fees should be the same for every official Passport Acceptance Agency. Before you agree to have a third party passport service assist in expediting your passport, please call us first and make sure you are not paying extra for a service you do not need.



The holiday season is fast approaching and there are many families in Middletown who do not have the financial resources to put a hot meal on their tables. Each year, the Middletown Township Health Department's Social Services Division is able to provide meals for these families through their annual food drive.

All types of canned/non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products are welcome throughout the year, but especially around the holidays. Another way to help during this season of giving is to donate a turkey or ham to a needy family, especially the free ones you may earn through the many supermarket promotions. In addition, we are always looking for individuals, groups and businesses to adopt underprivileged households during the holiday season. Many families face the tough choice of paying bills over seeing their children's face light up when opening a surprise gift, and your donations can help ease some of that stress.

The Family Adoption Program is fairly simple but very rewarding. The Middletown Social Services Department provides a small shopping list of items that a child would like as well as a few things for moms and dads. As a "foster" family, we ask that you kindly provide a few of the listed items or gift cards to the adopted family in hopes that they too may have a special day.

Donations are accepted at the Health Department's office (180 Main Street in Port Monmouth) or call Kathy Straniero at 732-615-2085 to arrange for your donation to be picked up.

Township Announces New Green Pavilion at Poricy Park!



The Township recently celebrated the opening of the Green Pavilion at Poricy Park. We look forward to using the pavilion's living roof and Learning Kiosk as an outdoor classroom for Poricy Park Nature Center programs and as a sustainability education tool for the community to learn about green roof infrastructure. The pavilion was partially funded by a \$20K Sustainable Jersey grant, a private donation made to the Poricy Park Conservancy from the Ellis Family as well as Township monies.

**If you suspect a loved one may be abusing drugs,
 please reach out to Crossroads at
 732-615-2277 to speak with a counselor.
 All Crossroads services are offered free of charge.**



The Importance of Sand Dunes



Sand dunes are a vital part of New Jersey beaches, serving as a natural barrier against coastal storms. They are the first line of protection for our Bayshore Community against impacts from storm surges, high waves, damaging winds, coastal flooding and erosion. The dunes also provide habitat for specially adapted plants and animals.

Dunes are formed by sand that becomes trapped on the beach behind or around an object, such as a rock, pile of seaweed, plants or even storm-fencing installed to encourage dune growth.

As wind blows over the beach, sand moves, gets trapped and accumulates, eventually forming a mound. If the mound is far enough above the high tide line and not constantly inundated with water, the mound grows and plants are able to take hold, grow and spread.

Most of the species of plants that grow in dunes grow by means of a specialized root system known as a rhizome. The rhizomes act as huge nets growing underground to help hold sand in place. As sand blows over the plants, more sand becomes trapped around the plants. The plants continue to grow upwards, and as they grow taller they trap more sand until a sand dune is formed.

What can you do to keep our dunes healthy?

- Respect posted signage.
- Do not play or walk on the dunes.
- Use designated cross-over boardwalks across the dunes.
- Avoid nesting birds and disturbing animals.
- Avoid trampling on vegetation.
- Carry out trash / recycling you bring onto the beach.
- Educate others about the importance of dunes.

Development of text and information made possible by Township of Middletown, "Dune it Right" and Education Program Lesson Plan at the NJ Sea Grant Consortium, NJ Sea Grant

UPDATE: US Army Corps of Engineers Port Monmouth Flood Control Project

- The 2600ft floodwall along Port Monmouth Road between the County Marina and the Seabrook Wilson House was completed in July.
- Construction of the 40ft wide tide gate and pumping station in Pews Creek continues with completion planned for April 2020. Testing of backup generators and the three high-velocity stormwater pumps will be performed this fall to set project completion at 85%.
- Utility upgrades and raising of Hwy 36 near Wilson Avenue will begin this fall.
- Surveying and appraisal services have started on the properties affected by the proposed floodwall and levee system to be constructed along Hwy 36 at Creek Road and Main Street. This final phase includes construction of a pump station on Main Street near Renfrew Avenue. Final project completion is expected in late 2021.



Check out the New "Greetings From Ideal Beach" Sign!



Pictured from left:
Committeeman Rick Hilbell, Ideal Beach Community Association VP, Trustee & Recording Secretary Jack LeRoy, Trustee Maureen Winski, President Sandra Vazquez, Art Kaney (the Doodle Dude) and Mayor Tony Perry

The Middletown Township Committee presented a "Greetings From Ideal Beach" sign to the Ideal Beach Community Association at the Monday, July 15th Township Committee meeting held at the Tonya Keller Community Center. The sign was created by Art Kaney (AKA the Doodle Dude) and was installed on the Ideal Beach concession stand. We hope you'll visit the neighborhood to check it out!

Rehab Grants Available for Homeowners!



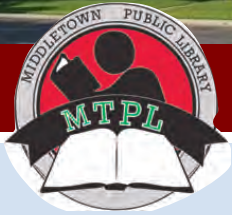
If you are a Middletown homeowner, you may be eligible for a home rehabilitation grant of up to \$25,000 from the Township's Home Rehabilitation Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program is for low and moderate income households. Call (732) 615-2281 for more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

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE MIDDLETOWN DAY SUCH A SUCCESS! VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MIDDLETOWNDAY TO CHECK OUT OUR LIST OF SPONSORS AND PARTICIPANTS. SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT: 9-26-20

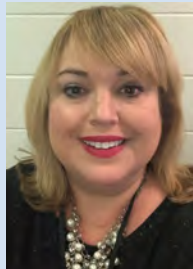


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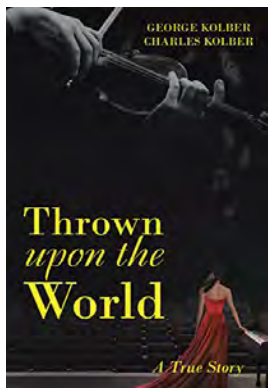
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MIDDLETOWN WELCOMES NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR HEATHER ANDOLSEN!



Heather Andolsen, MLS, CPM joined the MTPL as Library Director at the beginning of September. She comes to the library with a wealth of management experience. She has worked as a librarian for over 22 years at Fortune 500 companies as well as public, academic and special libraries. She most recently served as the Library Supervisor of the Robeson Library at Rutgers-Camden where she managed all operations, including leading the staff and communicating with patrons during a transient period. She was also the Assistant Director of the Burlington County Library System for five years. We wish her the best of luck as she helps propel the library to new heights!

"Thrown Upon the World" Author George Kolber



November 6th~7:30-8:30PM

Meet George Kolber, the author of "Thrown upon the World," a remarkable true story that tells the tale of two families brought together during World War II in Shanghai and the twist of fate that split them apart.

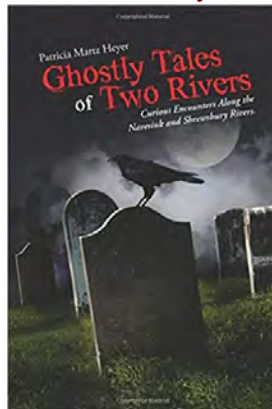
BLUE JERSEY BAND

November 9th~2:00-3:30PM

The Blue Jersey Band brings an eclectic mix of swing, gypsy jazz and bluegrass to their performances. With Frank Ruck on mandolin, guitar and vocals, Ellen Ruck on guitar and vocals, and John Burton on bass guitar, they provide a lively and swinging evening of music.



Ghosts of the Two Rivers



November 12th~7:00-8:30PM

Local author Patricia Heyer is back with her latest presentation "The Ghosts of Two Rivers: Spirits of Navarumsunk." The main crux of the presentation is the identification and description of the eight specific forms of ghosts which are sharing this little peninsula with us. At least one ghost tale will be presented for every

category we discuss and the audience will be invited to share their own experiences as well.

Classical Guitarist Chris Crincoli

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Chris Crincoli attended William Paterson University in NJ and afterwards attended the Mannes Schools of Music on a scholarship. At Mannes, he mastered the fundamentals of music theory as he was exposed to some of the best performers in the world. He participated in master classes with Elliot Fisk, Frederick Hand, Michael Newman, Ben Verdery, Jason Vieux and David Leisner. After Mannes, he went on to study Music Therapy at Montclair State University.



Classical Piano Concert

February 1st~ 2:00-3:00 PM

Marina Young received her musical education at the Gnessin Institute in Moscow, Russia. After graduation, she taught piano at the world-renowned Gnessin School of Music for the Gifted. In 1980, Marina Young emigrated and in 1983 she joined the faculty of the Mason Gross School of Arts at Rutgers University where she mostly taught graduate and doctoral students. Ms. Young has also regularly given solo recitals at several colleges and in other venues, and has performed as a soloist with the New Jersey State Orchestra and Monmouth Symphony Orchestra. She has received many awards for teaching excellence.

Children's & Teen Programming

10/31 at 10:00AM-Allergy-Safe Halloween Parade!
Come in costume for our food-free Halloween Parade. There will be several "trick or treat" stations along the parade route giving out only NON-FOOD "treats": stickers, coloring pages, etc. Let's make Halloween safe for all of our children!

11/4 at 4:00PM-Author Tara Lazar Visits!
Author Tara Lazar will visit and read her book, "The Monstore," as well as share her newest book, "The Upper Case: Trouble in Capital City"! She's a very funny author- kids & adults will enjoy her time with us. All are welcome. Books are available for purchase and signing.

11/5 at 11:00AM - "Igor and the Masters of STEM"
Now that he has the keys to the lab, Igor has been busy engineering new and exciting inventions. His latest invention transports ancient and modern day masters of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to YOUR stage bringing these STEM masters to life! Meet ancient Egyptian engineer, Khufu the Great, mathematician Pythagoras, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison, Madame Curie and more! Best suited for grades K-5.

11/5 at 7:00PM- "Preparing for Success"
Frank Somma, a motivational speaker with a focus on communication, will present "Preparing for Success" for teens (ages 16-21). This program focuses on setting goals and weekly planning to aid in being successful.

11/7 at 10:00AM- "Animals are out of this World"
"Animals are Out of This World" presented by Eyes of the Wild & Wallaby Tales is back by popular demand! Miss Kim will be back with an array of animals which may include a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, a porcupine, an Australian sugar glider, a roller pigeon and a coati mundis ferret.

11/11 at 3:30PM - Creature Creator Robotics
In Snapology's Creature Creator Robotics & Coding class, your animal lover will create an animal-inspired robotic model and make it come to life using code! Students will learn about gear ratio, sensors, simple machines and programming as they build insects, dolphins, gorillas and more crazy creatures. Children are sure to have a wild time as they build, learn and play with these interactive animal creations! Ages 7+ Registration required.

11/13 at 4:00PM-Walking Down the Runway of Your Life

The Barbizon School will present a personal development program for tweens & teens on how to make a good first impression and present yourself on an interview whether for a babysitting job or college admissions.

11/21 at 4:00PM - Author R.C. Staab & Dog Visit!
Author R.C. Staab & his dog Jack visit to read their bilingual book, "I'm my own dog. I'm Jack" by R.C. Staab & Mario Lopez. The book is the real-life story of Puerto Rican puppy, Jack, who wanders away from his neighborhood & gets lost.

12/12 at 4:00PM - Pete the Cat Saves Christmas
In this rockin' spin on the traditional tale "The Night Before Christmas," Pete the Cat proves that giving your all in the spirit of Christmas is the totally groovy thing to do! There will also be a holiday sing-a-long.



The ARTS MATTER! Get Involved!



The arts foster personal development, promote health and healing, enrich our lives, encourage civic engagement and stimulate economic development. There are lots of ways for adults and teenagers to get involved. Become a member, make a

donation, volunteer or join the Teen Arts Council to share your time and talents with the community. If you are an artist or performer and would like to teach or exhibit, call 732-706-4100.

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED!

In order to present the Outdoor Summer Concert Series and other free events, the MAC needs sponsorships for 2020. Generous support from individuals, businesses and organizations helps the Middletown Arts Center, operated by the non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the Middletown Township Cultural & Arts Council, provide affordable quality arts programming to the community. THANK YOU in advance for your support of the MAC!

All I Want for Christmas is...

A Middletown Arts Center gift certificate! Good for classes and MAC programs for children & adults, a gift certificate is the perfect holiday gift.

Come spend some time at the MAC to get in the holiday spirit with:

- Miss Deena's Holiday Dance Recital - December 7
- Middletown's Christmas Tree Lighting - December 8
- Elf, Jr. The Musical - December 13 and 14
- Club MAC's Elf Party - December 13
- Fairview Fix Student Winter Concert - December 19
- Club MAC Gingerbread House Party - December 21

Visit www.middletownarts.org for more information.

Day Off From School Program



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

November 4-8, December 27, 30, 31, 2019 and January 20, February 17 and April 6-10, 2020

Mark Your Calendar...

The Middletown Arts Center has an exciting line-up of events and activities for all ages. For a full listing of events, workshops and classes, visit www.middletownarts.org. There is something for everyone!

- ~ Savor - International Flavor, Local Art Fundraiser: 11/ 2
- ~ New Jersey Watercolor Exhibit Reception: 11/ 3
- ~ Art Society Exhibit: 11/10 - 12/ 8
- ~ Rally Cap Comedy Show: 11/ 15
- ~ Comic Book Show: 11/16
- ~ Musicians on a Mission Event: 11/17
- ~ MAC Music Café: 11/ 22
- ~ Lincroft Music Recital: 11/24
- ~ Performing Arts Ensemble Performance: 11/29
- ~ The Wag Concert: 11/30
- ~ Elizabeth White Creative Performance: 1/11 and 12
- ~ Dunbar Repertory Company's "Camp Logan" 2/21-23 & 2/28-3/1
- ~ Annual Handbag Bingo: 3/ 6
- ~ Holocaust Event: Coming in April

Visit www.middletownarts.org for more information!



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RECREATION

Fall 2019

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

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 or visit www.middletownnj.org/recreation.

Registration

Register for programs and classes online at register.communitypass.net/middletown. 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! Follow us on Facebook @Middletownrec, Instagram @middletown-recnj or email mtownvolunteer@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



MIDDLETOWN
PRESCHOOL

Join in on the fun with our love for learning in our small teacher-to-student ratio classes. Our certified Early Elementary Education teachers have over 50 years (combined) of classroom management. The age-appropriate curriculum includes: social skills, arts & crafts, stories, music, numbers, letters, shapes, colors, science, sight words, writing skills, physical education and games. All students must be the appropriate age for the class by October 1st.

The schedule mirrors the Middletown Public School year, in most cases. Classes begin in September and end in June (10 months).

Young Toddlers

Mondays, 9:30 - 11:30am
Age 18-35 months with parent
Fee \$65.00 per month, \$650/program

PreK3

Tues., Wed. & Thurs., 9:00am - 12:00pm (half day) OR 9:00am - 3:00pm (full day)
Fee: \$2,940 (\$294/mo; half day) OR \$4,400 (\$440/mo; full day)

PreK4 - 4 Days per week

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs.,
9:00am-12:00pm (half day) OR
9:00am- 3:00pm (full day)
Fee: \$3,920 (\$392/mo; half day) OR \$5,920 (\$592/mo; full day)

PreK4 - 5 Days per week

Monday through Friday
9:00am -12:00pm (half day) OR
9:00am - 3:00pm (full day)
Fee: \$4,900 (\$490/mo; half day) OR \$7,400 (\$740/mo; full day)

Before or After Care options are available on an hourly rate of \$10 per hour. Before Care begins at 8:00am and is offered to all classes, except Young Toddlers. After Care is only available for our Full Day students. The Full Day option ends at 3:00pm; After Care would be until either 4:00pm or 5:00pm.

If you are looking to extend your child's day on a particular day or would like to see how well they transition to a full day class, a Daily Afternoon Drop In program is available. This runs from 12:00pm - 3:00pm for \$15 per day.

For more information or to register, please visit: www.middletownnj.org/preschool or call 732-615-3230.

The following Youth and Adult programs are held at the Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road)

Adult Programs:

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 with Maria from Hot and Soul Yoga

Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm
Age 18 and older. Ongoing 6-week sessions. Fee \$65.00
Weekly drop-in fee: \$12.00

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)

Poricy Park Programs

Community Science: Electricity
Saturday, November 16
3:00pm-4:00pm
Fee: ages 5-12 \$3.00

Community Science: Slime
Saturday, January 18
3:00pm-4:00pm
Fee: ages 5-12 \$3.00

Community Science: Maple Sugaring
Saturday, February 22,
3:00pm-4:00pm
Fee: ages 5-12 \$3.00

Community Science: Poricy Animals
Saturday, March 21
3:00pm-4:00pm
Fee: ages 5-12 \$3.00

Community Science: Owl Pellets
Saturday, April 18
3:00pm-4:00pm
Fee: ages 5-12 \$3.00

Community Fossil Hunt
Sunday, April 28
11:00am-1:00pm
Fee: ages 5-12 \$5.00, 12+ \$8.00

Spring Break Camp: Eggs
Mon-Fri, April 6-10
9:00am-12:30pm
Fee: ages 3-5 \$105



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MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

Special Events

Visit the Special Events section of Recreation's webpage for specific details and more events at www.middletonnj.org/events. Fees listed are for residents; non-resident fees apply.



Turkey Soccer Shootout

Saturday, November 16, 10:00-11:00am
Croydon Turf Field (900 Leonardville Road)
Fee: \$5.00 + non-perishable item.
Ages 6 to adult.
Pre-registration preferred.



North vs. South Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 16, 11:30am
Croydon Turf Field (900 Leonardville Road)
Interested in playing? Email
recreation@middletonnj.org.

Christmas Tree Lighting

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

Middletown Arts Center,
(36 Church St.)

Cost: Free!



Santa Ferry Ride

Saturday, December 7th at the Belford Ferry
Terminal 8:30am; 10:30am and 1:00pm. Fees: General
(ages 1+): \$17 /Infants (ages -1): \$5 Pre-Registration
required. Tickets on sale now. Tickets must be
purchased in person. Limited seats available.

11th Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive

Saturday, December 14 –
start times vary by division
Croydon Hall Gym
(900 Leonardville Rd.)

Pre-registration required before Nov 22nd
Fee: \$50 per team, plus one unwrapped toy per
player- Adult teams wanted!



Mother-Son Miniature Golf Tournament

Saturday, February 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Monster Mini-Golf, Eatontown
Fee: Adult & Child, \$16 each



Daddy Daughter Dance

Friday, March 6th
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Jacques Reception Center
Fee: Adults \$50; Daughters \$45

EGGstravaganza



Saturday, April 4, 10am – 12pm
Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)
Cost: Free!

Upcoming Senior Center Events

The following programs are held at the
Senior Center at Croydon Hall.
Pre-registration is required. Call
732-615-2265 or register in person at the
Center.

*Halloween Cookie Decorating Class**

Tuesday, October 29th at 12:30 pm

*Halloween Costume September / October Birthday Party**

Thursday, October 31st at 1:00 pm

Salute to Our Local Veterans

*Complimentary Luncheon**

Friday, November 8th at 12:30 pm

*Trip to Axelrod Performing Arts Center to see Guys & Dolls**

Thursday, November 14th at 1:00 pm
\$55.00 per person

Christmas Tree Lighting

Thursday, December 5th at 1:00pm

*Annual Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 10th at 12:00 pm

The Gramercy at Lakeside Manor \$33

Sign up by December 2

*Trip to Hunterdon Playhouse to see their 2019 Christmas Musical**

Wednesday, December 11th

\$90.00 per person

Visit www.middletonnj.org/seniorcenter
for more information.

Township Unveils Plastic Toy Donation & Plastic Bag Collection Bins at Middletown Recycling Center

In April, the Middletown Green Team and Department of Public Works hosted a "Spring Clean & Go Green" recycling event at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). During the event, Mayor Tony Perry cut the ribbon for two new collection bins that will help residents recycle: a plastic toy donation collection trailer and a plastic bag collection bin. Middletown has partnered with Second Chance Toys to collect plastic playhouses, and other gently-used plastic toys, that will be given to underprivileged children.



Mayor Tony Perry cut the ribbon for the new plastic toy collection bin along with representatives of Second Chance Toys, the Middletown Green Team and the Department of Public Works.

The Township has also partnered with ShopRite (Hwy 35 & Harmony Road) to collect and re-purpose plastic bags. Residents can bring clean single-use plastic shopping bags to the Middletown Recycling Center and place them in the new bin. Thank you for supporting the Township's recycling efforts!



The community can now recycle clean single-use plastic bags at the collection bin at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane).

**RECYCLE YOUR APPLIANCES
WITH THE NJ CLEAN ENERGY
PROGRAM AND RECEIVE A
CREDIT OF UP TO \$50 ON
YOUR JCP&L BILL.**

VISIT

WWW.NJCLEANENERGY.COM/RECYCLING
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



NO PLASTIC BAGS!

**DO NOT
BAG
Recyclables**



Collecting recyclables in a bag?
Empty the contents into the cart.



Return plastic bags to retailers.

www.middletownnj.org/recycling
732-615-2109



Middletown Township introduces **Recycle Coach**, a free customized website/smartphone app that streamlines the garbage, recycling and bulk process for residents. It provides:

- Collection calendars
- Alerts/reminders for collection days
- Searchable "what goes where"
- Tips for being a better recycler

www.middletownnj.org/recycling



2019 Leaf Collection Schedule

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

*Zone I will have a 2nd collection beginning 12/16/19.

*Zones A, B, C, D will have a 2nd collection beginning 12/20/19.

Collection start dates are approximate and weather dependent.

For leaf collection status, visit www.middletownnj.org/collection.