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MATTERS

Army Corps Projects Improve Local Flood Protection

The highly anticipated Port Monmouth Flood Control Project is finally underway thanks to \$110 million in federal funding. Protection from flooding will come from a complex system of levees, floodwalls, gates, pumps, beach fill and dunes strategically placed in a rough U-shape to wall Port Monmouth from Sandy Hook Bay and Compton's Creek.

The first phase of the long-awaited project got underway in June. It includes beach replenishment and dune construction along about 2,640 feet of shoreline along Sandy Hook Bay. The eroding beach is being expanded to a 95-foot swath of beach with approximately 400,000 cubic feet of sand. Dune grass will be planted in the winter to help anchor it in place. The Army Corps is also building a groin with 8,000 tons of rock to help keep the sand in place and extending the county's fishing pier by 195 linear feet to accommodate the wider beach.

In the second phase, slightly more than a mile of levees will be built along Main Street on the Port Monmouth side of Compton's Creek. Nearly another mile of floodwalls will be constructed along Port Monmouth

Road and by Route 36 to run behind the residences of Willow Street and the businesses along the highway.

The project is designed to address major flood concerns and to protect the low-lying residential and commercial areas in the Port Monmouth section. While the project has been on the drawing board for nearly 20 years and on the Army Corps of Engineers books for more than a decade, it had not been constructed previously due to lack of funding.

Federal funding comes from the Superstorm Sandy Relief package passed by Congress in 2013. As a result of Superstorm Sandy, more than 750 homes were damaged in Port Monmouth alone in 2012. Of those, about 200 were considered to be substantially damaged, according to Township Administrator Anthony P. Mercantante.

IDEAL BEACH

The Army Corps of Engineers completed another long-awaited beach replenishment project in June. The \$36 million project spanned the borough of Keansburg into Middletown along Ideal Beach up to Pews Creek. It restores the entire beachfront to its original design and appearance

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Weber Named Police Chief

Deputy Chief R. Craig Weber, a life-long township resident, has been unanimously selected by the Middletown Township Committee to serve as the township's next police chief.

"Chief Weber is a well-rounded officer with an outstanding service record, strong ties to the community and impressive educational background," said Mayor Stephanie C. Murray. "We are confident Middletown's long standing record as one the safest towns in the nation will continue for years to come with him at the helm."

Weber joined the Middletown Police Department in December 1993. He has held various assignments in the Patrol Division, Traffic Safety Bureau and the Detective Bureau. After being promoted to Deputy Chief in 2010, he took on the role of Commander of the Technical Services Division.

Weber has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public policy from Monmouth University, and a master's degree in administrative science with graduate certificates in law and public safety administration and human resources administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Weber, who attended the FBI National Academy, has also received a number of awards and commendations.



Chief Weber was raised in Leonardo. He attended the Middletown public school system and the Marine Academy of Science and Technology High School (MAST). He currently resides in the Navesink section of Middletown with his wife and three children.

Official News Published for the Residents of Middletown Township

Middletown 350 Parade & Time Capsule

Sunny skies and cool breezes kissed more than 1,000 marchers during the Middletown 350 parade held on Saturday, June 21st. The parade began at High School North on Tindall Road, headed across Route 35 to historic Kings Highway to Church Street and ended at the Middletown Arts Center, just outside the Middletown Village Historic District.



New & Noteworthy

Reduced Parking Fees Planned

The Township Committee is reducing rates for parking at the Middletown Train Station's main lot from \$450 to \$375 per year for 2015. Parking permits will now be sold on a calendar year basis and will be available for sale online or in person in mid-October 2014 on a first come, first serve basis. E-mail reminders will be sent from the Township Clerk's Office once permits are authorized for sale for the 2015 calendar year.

Coming Soon! Neighborhood of the Month

Stay tuned for details about Neighborhood of the Month, a new community program. Residents can expect concentrated administrative, code enforcement, and police efforts as well as increased communications when their neighborhood is in the spotlight.

Foreclosed and Abandoned Property Owners Getting Fined

The Township is maintaining lists of foreclosed and abandoned properties and taking aggressive actions against property owners and banks who are not maintaining properties to health and safety codes. Owners of abandoned properties that are not in compliance with township property maintenance codes and other state health and safety regulations are currently being fined on a regular basis. The township has even summonsed the presidents of national banks failing to maintain foreclosed properties to appear in municipal court. In instances presenting imminent hazards, the township has begun proceedings to demolish or clean-up properties utilizing municipal resources and contractors and intends on putting processes in place to place liens properties to cover the costs associated with such clean-up efforts.

Township Employee Earns Life Saving Award

For his heroic actions, Public Works Employee Arthur Watkins received the Life Saving Award. Watkins was painting the halls of the Middletown Arts Center when he heard a noise coming from an office. An employee was eating their lunch when they apparently got a grape stuck in their wind pipe and began choking. Fortunately, Watkins performed the Heimlich maneuver and saved the employee's life.

New Police Officers Hired

The Police Department hired seven new officers and promoted one officer this summer. Patrol Officer Kevin Gardiner, who joined the force in 2001, has been promoted to Sergeant. Patrick Leonard, William Casey Rodewald, Michael Heaton, Thomas Foster, Stephanie Geisel, Jesse V. Toma, and Erica Weeks have joined the department as Patrol Officers.

Veterans Counseling Available

The Mobile Vet Center of Lakewood, NJ offers weekly counseling and outreach services in Middletown Township. VFW Post 2179 located on Route 36 hosts the MVC on Thursdays, thanks to a partnership made possible through the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee. MVC provides counseling services to combat veterans and veterans who experience trauma while on active duty. They also provide services to the family members of these veterans as well as family members of those who have fallen while on active duty. Call 908-607-6364 for an appointment.

Businesses Survey Underway

The Middletown Economic Development Committee is conducting a survey among business owners as part of an ongoing effort to retain, expand and attract businesses. Business Owners are encouraged to visit www.middletownnj.org to complete the survey. The Economic Development Committee expects to present the final data to the Township Committee later this year.

Sloan Kettering Coming to Town

Middletown is pleased to welcome Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to the community. The 285,000 square foot outpatient facility is taking up residence in the vacant Lucent building on Red Hill Road. This world class facility will generate new local revenue and hundreds of high-paying jobs. Comprehensive ambulatory oncology services will be delivered by Memorial Sloan-Kettering clinicians, and will be similar to their outpatient facilities in Westchester, Long Island and Basking Ridge.



From left are MSK Medical Director for the Regional Care Network Ephraim Cooper, MD, Mayor Stephanie Murray, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Committeeman Anthony Fiore, Monmouth County Freeholder Thomas Arnone, Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Committeeman Gerard P. Scharfenberger during the facility's groundbreaking. It's set to open in 2016.

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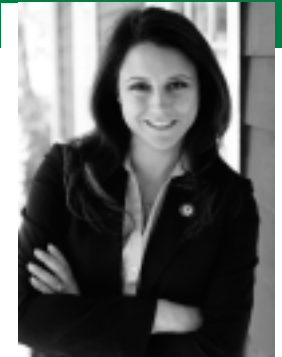
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Message from the Mayor

2014: With A Nod To The Past We Move Ahead



As the year draws to a close, while the leaves start to turn and the air becomes crisp, the Township Committee and I reflect not only on all that has happened this year, but what is left to come in the balance of 2014.

This year we marked the 350th anniversary of the 1664 founding of our special town with a year long celebration which proudly spanned the community. This year boasted scores of special events, the production of memorabilia, and several historical milestones. Of particular note, our Middletown 350 parade was held in June, with over 1,000 participating in a march from High School North through the Middletown Village Historic District. The parade culminated in a time capsule burial at the Middletown Arts Center, enjoying town-wide participation from residents, schools, community groups, legislators, first responders, and public servants. Before the end of the year, Anniversary Plaza, furnished with personalized bricks purchased by residents, will be finished. The circle will once again be complete as residents gather in this area to mark community milestones – as they have been doing for hundreds of years. A big thank you to our residents and local businesses – as all of this has been done through fundraising and the generosity of those who love our town. At the time of writing this, the pinnacle of the 350 celebration has not yet come – Middletown Day on September 27th. This year, we are expecting a celebration cake for all from the Cake Boss and a fireworks display worthy one of the first settled towns in all of New Jersey.

Though completion of the Port Monmouth Flood Control project is years away, the project continues to progress steadily. Additionally, the Ideal Beach replenishment project has been a great success and residents are enjoying a beautiful, wide, stretch of the Middletown shoreline. The Township Committee and I are optimistic about the future of our Bayshore, and will continue to fight for protective measures to ensure its safety and affordability.

This year, I had the privilege of swearing in the eighth police chief in Middletown history, Craig Weber. Our Chief is a lifelong resident with an exemplary service record and an impressive education. As the largest municipality in Monmouth County and one of the largest in the state, we are confident Middletown will remain one of the safest places to live in the nation and continue to move forward with Chief Weber at the helm.

A banner year for those who serve the community, we presented two Keys to the Township to our longest serving

volunteer firefighters, Dennis Murphy of Belford Engine, and William Kennelly Sr. of Lincroft. Both men have been serving Middletown for over fifty years and continue to do so. Middletown is fortunate to have such devoted volunteers in our town. We are honored and we thank them for their service.

Meanwhile, our Veterans Affairs Committee is working with Committeeman Tony Fiore to honor Middletown residents killed in action. More than 25 streets already bear the names of brave soldiers who gave their lives fighting for our country. Commemorative signs with the soldier's full name, branch of service and tour of duty will be placed at these locations.

Sloan Kettering has begun to move forward with their new state-of-the-art outpatient facility on Red Hill Road. We welcome them to the community as they will generate new local revenue and hundreds of high paying jobs.

Several public information initiatives are moving forward. Nearly 600 users have downloaded our new mobile app. With the app, you can send in service requests, get important alerts and more. It's available in your app store under "My Middletown." Additionally, we are working with our Public Information Office on an updated Guide to Middletown. It includes an overview of township services, recreation, and history. A new outreach program called Neighborhood of the Month is on the horizon as well as new television programming for our cable channel at no cost to the taxpayer.

We're advancing several equipment upgrades to enhance township services. Among them is an overhaul of the radio communications system to improve coverage inside and outside dwellings in Middletown. We're also acquiring an asphalt recycler to improve the quality of road repairs and a new salt/salt brine distribution system that can treat 20 miles of wintry road per trip compared to a standard salt spreader which covers about two miles.

Before the year is out, I expect to hold two more sessions of Mayor on the Move. Check the website for locations and times where you can meet with me to discuss township matters. You can also contact me via email at mayor@middletownnj.org or at the Mayor's Office at 732-615-2024. It has been both an honor and a privilege to have served as your mayor in 2014 and I look forward to continuing to serve the community in the years to come.

Stephanie C. Murray

Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Stephanie C. Murray generally holds open office hours the first Monday of the month excluding federal holidays from 5pm to 7pm and the fourth Thursday of each month from 9am to 11am at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway. Visitors are seen on a first-come basis during open office hours or by appointment. Call 732-615-2024 for more information.

MIDDLETOWN SHRAP DISTRIBUTES \$1.5 MILLION

Middletown Township has given more than \$1.5 million in federal grant monies to township residents whose homes were damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Funding comes from the Superstorm Sandy Homeowner/Renter Assistance Program (SHRAP). The township is the only municipality in New Jersey that has applied and been approved to administer the SHRAP directly to its residents.

"I'm very glad the township received approval to administer the SHRAP to our residents who were hit so hard by Superstorm Sandy," said Mayor Stephanie C. Murray. "The amount of funds expended so far clearly demonstrates the program is sorely needed here. We will continue to do everything we can to help our families recover from the storm."

Middletown initially received a \$1.5 million slice of Monmouth County's \$9 million SHRAP allocation to assist homeowners struggling to recover from the historic storm. Middletown's program is available to residents whose homes were determined be substantially damaged and that need assistance with housing-related expenses. Applications had to be accepted by June 30, 2014. No new applications can be accepted. Payments are not made directly to residents. The township has requested additional funds and was recently informed that it would receive another \$400,000.00.

Flood Preparation and Safety

After getting flood insurance, there are several things you can do to minimize losses in your home and ensure your family's safety.

Safeguard your possessions – Create a personal "flood file" containing information about all your possessions. Keep it in a secure place, such as a safe deposit box or waterproof container. This file should have a copy of your insurance policies with your agent's contact information, a room-by-room inventory of your possessions, including receipts, photos, videos and copies of all other critical documents, including financial records.

Prepare your house – Make sure your sump pump is working. Install a battery-operated backup in case of a power failure and a water alarm to alert you if water is accumulating in the basement. Clear debris from gutters and downspouts. Raise electrical components at least 12 inches above your home's projected flood elevation. Place the furnace, water heater, washer, and dryer on cement blocks at least 12 inches above the projected flood elevation. Anchor any fuel tanks.

Have a family emergency plan – Create a safety kit that includes drinking water, canned food, first aid, blankets, a battery-powered radio, and a flashlight. Post emergency telephone numbers by the phone and teach your children how to dial 911. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to be your emergency family contact. Plan and practice a flood evacuation route with your family. Know safe routes from home, work, and school that are on higher ground. Have a plan to protect your pets.

During a flood – Go to higher ground and avoid areas subject to flooding. Do not attempt to walk across flowing streams or drive through flooded roadways. If water rises in your home before you evacuate, go to the top floor, attic, or roof. Listen to a battery-operated radio for the latest storm information. Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if advised to do so. If you've come in contact with floodwaters, wash your hands with soap and disinfected water.

Recovery – Soon as floodwater levels have dropped, it's time to start the recovery process. If your home has suffered damage, call your insurance agent to file a claim. Check for structural damage before re-entering your home to avoid being trapped in a building collapse. Take photos of any floodwater in your home and save any damaged personal property. Make a list of damaged or lost items and include their purchase date and value with receipts. Some damaged items may require disposal, so keep photographs of these items. Keep power off until an electrician has inspected your system for safety. Boil water for drinking and food preparation until authorities tell you that your water supply is safe. Prevent mold by removing wet contents immediately. Wear gloves and boots to clean and disinfect. Wet items should be cleaned with a pine-oil cleanser and bleach, completely dried, and monitored for several days for any fungal growth and odors.

General Election Information

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

The final day for voter registration and/or voter registration changes is Tuesday, October 14, 2014 to be eligible to vote in the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 (Polls will be open 6:00am to 8:00pm).

Voter registrations are taken in the Township Clerk's Office from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Monday through Friday throughout the year. You may also obtain a Vote by Mail Ballot application at the Office of the Township Clerk. If you have any questions regarding the General Election or any Election process please call the Township Clerk's Office at 732-615-2015 or email townclerk@middletownnj.org.



Leave Your Mark on Middletown 350

Anniversary Plaza, located next to the Middletown Arts Center, marks the spot where a 50-year time capsule was buried at the close of the Middletown 350 parade. The plaza features engraved, personalized bricks donated by Middletown families and organizations. Whirl Construction donated labor and equipment to install the bricks. Marturano Recreation Company donated two benches. Engraved bricks will continue to be added to the plaza as orders are received. Call 732-706-4100 or visit middletownarts.org to buy a brick for your family, business or organization.

Help Reduce Non-Point Source Pollution

Non-point source pollution is a contamination of our ground water, waterways, and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering. 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 contaminating the ground water 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. But there's good news — we can make simple changes to keep our environment clean. Here are just a few ways we can reduce non-point source pollution.

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

FERTILIZERS: Fertilizers contain nitrates and phosphates that, in abundance, cause blooms of algae that can lead to fish kills. Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall.

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS: Many common household products (paint thinners, moth balls, oven cleaners, etc) contain toxic ingredients. Use natural and less toxic alternatives whenever possible. Contact your County Solid Waste Management Office about household hazardous waste collection.

MOTOR OIL: Used motor oil contains toxic chemicals that are harmful to animals, humans and fish. Do not dump used motor oil down storm drains or on the ground. Recycle all used motor oil by taking it to a local public or private recycling center.

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

PET WASTE: Animal wastes contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause the closing of bathing beaches. Pet owners should use newspaper, bags or scoopers to pick up after pets. Dispose of wastes in the garbage or toilet.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS: An improperly working septic system can contaminate ground water and create public health problems. Avoid adding unnecessary grease, household hazardous products and solids to your septic system. Inspect your tank annually and pump it out every three to five years depending on its use.

BOAT DISCHARGES: Dumping boat sewage overboard introduces bacteria and viruses into the water. Boat owners should always use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities at marinas.

SAVING CRYSTAL STREAM CEMETERY

At the age of 87, Ed Jones of Navesink has more memories than most people. However, when he gazed at the grounds of Crystal Stream Cemetery he could recall better days for the historic African-American burial ground.

When Jones, a life-long Navesink resident, heard that a Save Our Cemeteries program in Middletown was created to restore local cemeteries, he put forth a request to clean up the Crystal Stream Cemetery located just three-quarters of a mile north of Locust Point Road. Known as “Lou” to friends and neighbors, he is an active member of Quinn Chapel, the A.M.E. church that has been affiliated with the cemetery since the 19th century. As the population of the church has been aging, he has assumed additional responsibilities including taking care of the cemetery for the past 20 years. However, with limited funds and a lack of manpower, nature had taken its own course and many of the more than 300 graves could not be seen.



As he walks the cemetery, Jones can easily identify where many friends and family members are buried. His long time employment

with Childs Funeral Home of Red Bank, which has handled many of the burials in the cemetery, has also given him a historical perspective of the hallowed grounds. Even when there is no headstone, he knows who is buried in the plot. Among the families that are well known in the area are Keyes, Pleasant, Pitts, Steward, Patterson, O’Neal, Perkins, Smack, Braxton, Scruggs and Westbrook. There are also some headstones of descendants of slaves and free blacks of the 1700s who took the names of early settlers of Middletown, including Taylor and Stillwell.

Under the direction of committee members Mitch Gotesky, John Giordano and Ray Veth, the restoration of the cemetery took place in late July. A small army of volunteers from the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Department and community minded business owners worked for two days to clean up the grounds. Included among them were Jim Davis of Whirl Construction, Chip Nolan of Skytop Landscaping, Bob Strauss of Mr. Fix It Home Repair, Steve Powers of Guaranteed Plants & Florist of Locust, Peter VanNortwick Properties Inc, and Craig Finnegan of Finnegan Surveying. Providing food and snacks for the workers are Food Circus of Atlantic Highlands, Lisa and Jim Bryer of Hole Lot of Bagels in Middletown, Jay Patel of 7-11 in Campbell’s Junction and Julian’s Bait Shop of Atlantic Highlands. Fred Pachman, a Scout Leader at Troop 32 in River Plaza will be coordinating a follow up cleanup and gravestone plotting by his Boy Scout troop.

Also contributing were Lori Anne Oliwa and Larry Caminiti of the Middletown Community Affairs Council along with Peter Van Nortwick and Bob Johnson of the Middletown Historic Landmarks Commission. John Schneider, a professional videographer, offered his services to record the history of the cemetery and created a documentary located on his web site JerseyBayshore.com.

by Ray Veth, Landmarks Commission

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from the 1970s. The result is a much wider beach with repairs and reinforcement to the dune system. Additional dune planting will take place during the winter planting season.

BELFORD WATERWAY

The Army Corps also dredged Shoal Harbor and Compton’s Creek in Belford in early summer. The project, which was also funded with federal dollars from the Superstorm Sandy Relief package, brings much needed relief to boaters and businesses that depend upon the waterways being navigable such as the Belford Seafood Co-Op and the Belford Ferry.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Administrative Code

Middletown’s administrative code and land use ordinance can be viewed on-line. Visit the Township Clerk’s section of the www.middletownnj.org or look for a button on the home page to access the information.

Meeting Calendar

The meeting schedules for the Township Committee, the Planning Board, Zoning Boards can be found on at www.middletownnj.org/calendar.

Traffic Summonses

Visit www.NJMCdirect.com for a fast, secure, convenient way to access traffic ticket information. A convenience fee is charged for online payments. Checks and money orders are accepted at the Municipal Court office.

Tax Collector’s Message

For the November 2014 Tax Quarter, the last day for payment without interest is November 10, 2014. Payments received after 4:00pm on November 10th must be made with money order, bank cashier check, or cash. The tax sale will be held December 30, 2014. To avoid publication and cost of sale/ mailing fees please pay by 4:00pm on November 26, 2014 with cash or certified funds (bank cashier check or money order). Once the list goes to the paper for publication, no changes can be made. Internet credit card and ACH payments are prohibited after 4:00pm on November 10, 2014 due to the accelerated tax sales process. February 2015 taxes will be available for online payment January 1, 2015.

Payments made before November 10th can be made by check, cash and credit card. Payments are accepted at the Tax Office. Window hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm. To avoid lines, please mail check and tax stub to Tax Collector, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.

ACH or credit card payments can be made at www.middletownnj.org. Online payments (bill pay) authorize your bank to print a check and mail it to the Tax Office. Please allow ample time for bank processing and mailing. Online payments are not considered certified funds. If returned they will be treated as a returned check and a fee may apply. There is a convenience fee imposed by the banks for all credit card payments.

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 615-2094

(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 615-2094

Mayor’s Office 615-2024

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

*(parking permits, voter registrations,
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Social Services 615-2085

Zoning 615-2278

Other Important Numbers

Board of Education 671-3850

Library 671-3700

Sewerage Authority 495-1010

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Phone App: My Middletown

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MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

Middletown Recreation

180 Main St.
Port Monmouth
732-615-2260
recreation@middletownnj.org
Register for programs 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.

Facilities

Croydon Hall Gym

900 Leonardville Road,
Leonardo
732-615-2260

Tonya Keller Community Center

50 Bray Avenue,
North Middletown
(732) 615-3220

Senior Center

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

Special Events

Visit www.middletownnj.org/content/special-events-for-family-and-youth for details and more events.

Coming Soon! Youth/Teen Ski/ Snowboarding Trips 2015:

Tentative dates are Saturday, January 24, 31 and February 7 and 14. Location and price to be announced. Detailed registration information should be available by late October.

Intro to Brazilian Jujitsu

Youth and adult classes will be held at the Garden State Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy, 336 Rt. 35 Red Bank. Stay tuned for details.

Adult Programs

The following are held at the Tonya Keller Community Center.

Adult Ceramics

Thursdays 7:00–10:00pm
Ages 18 and older. Fee \$65.00.
Greenware not included.

Cardio Sculpt

Tuesday 6:30–7:30pm
Age 18 and older. Ongoing 5-week sessions. Fee \$30.00

Circuit Training

Thursday 7:00–8:00pm
Age 18 and older. Ongoing 5-week sessions. Fee: \$30.00

Personal Training

Monday & Wednesday 5:00–6:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30–9:30am
Saturday 9:30–10:30am
Age 18 and older.
Ongoing 5-week sessions.
Fees are \$110.00 twice per week or \$55.00 once per week.

Pilates

Tuesday 7:00–8:00pm
Age 18 and older. Ongoing 5-week sessions. Fee \$30.00

Yoga Stretch

Saturday 8:30–9:30am
Age 18 and older. Ongoing 5-week sessions. Fee \$30.00

The following are held at the Croydon Hall Gym.

Indoor Co-Ed Volleyball

Tuesday 8:00–10:30pm
Age 18 and older. Fee \$48.00
Beginners Yoga
Tuesday 7:00–8:30pm
Age 18 and older.
Ongoing 10-week sessions.
Fee \$65.00

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)

The following programs are held at the Tonya Keller Community Center.

Free! Open Recreation

Junior Hours (Grades 1–6) are Monday to Thursday, 3:00–5:00 pm;
Teen Hours (Grades 7–12) are Mondays 6:30–8:30 pm and Wednesdays 3:00–5:00 p.m. Registration is easy. Stop by to see what we have to offer.

Junior Ceramics

Thursday 3:30–5:00pm
Grades 1–6. Ongoing 10-week sessions. Fee \$35.00.
Greenware not included.

Teen Ceramics

Monday, 6:30–8:30pm
Grades 7–12. Ongoing 10-week sessions. Fee \$45.00
Cost of greenware not included.

Just For Toddlers Preschool

Young Toddlers
Friday 9:30–11:30am
Age 18–35 months with parent. Three consecutive 10-week sessions September through May.
Fee \$160.00 per session

Preschool (3 Year Olds)

Tues, Wed, & Thurs 9:00–11:00am
Three consecutive 10-week sessions from September through May, 30 classes per session. Fee \$350.00 per session

Pre-Kindergarten

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 9:00–11:30am
Three consecutive 10-week sessions from September thru May, 40 classes per session. Fee \$540.00 per session

Senior Center Events

The Senior Center welcomes independent Middletown residents 60 and older. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. Weekly activities, trips and special events held year round. Transportation available to registered members by reservation.



Halloween Birthday Costume Party

Thursday, October 30, 1:00pm
Prizes given for the Best, Scariest, and Funniest costumes. Taliercios catered lunch available for \$12.00 per person at 11:30am. Sign up for lunch by October 22.



Thanksgiving Potluck Celebration

Thursday November 6, 12:00pm
Come enjoy an afternoon of food and friends.
Sign up by October 30.

Crazy Hat Bingo

Thursday, November 13, 1:00pm
Prizes given for craziest and funniest hat.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 2 12:15 p.m.
Join us for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony followed by hot chocolate and ornament making.

Christmas Party

Thursday, December 11
Shine your shoes for this annual fun affair. Menu includes main dish, side dish, dessert and drinks. Cash bar available. Door prizes. Fee \$32. Call for location and registration.



Holiday Tea & Dessert Buffet

Tuesday, December 16, 1:00pm
Enjoy tea and desserts while decorating a Gingerbread House. Fee \$3.00

Pre-New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 30
Party with entertainer Bob Breschia. Menu includes main dish, side dish, dessert and drinks. Cash bar available. Door prizes. Call for location and registration register.

NEW!

SCHOOLS OUT FUN!

Brought to you by the US Sports Institute, children ages 5–12 will have the chance to play up to 4 different sports each day at Croydon Hall. Join us for a fun morning when schools are closed! Sneakers, snack and water are required.

Monday, October 13
9:00am to 12:30pm. Fee \$40

Nov. 3, 5, 6, 7 (NO Nov 4)
9:30am to 12:30pm.
Fee \$100.00

RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS

FREE! Halloween Hullabaloo

Saturday, October 25
5:00-8:00pm
Poricy Park Conservancy
345 Oak Hill Rd, Red Bank



TURKEY SOCCER SHOOTOUT

Friday, November 21
6:30-7:30pm
Croydon Hall Gym
900 Leonardville Rd, Leonardo
Ages 6 to adult.
Fee \$5.00 + non-perishable item.

FREE! HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 7
5:00-8:00pm
Middletown Arts Center
36 Church St., Middletown

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT & TOY DRIVE

Saturday, December 6 at 8:00am
St. Catherine's Gym
20 Shore Acres Dr. Middletown
Co-Sponsor: Middletown Social Services.
Pre-Registration required by Nov. 19.
Fees apply.

PORICY PARK CONSERVANCY

345 Oak Hill Road
www.poricipark.org . 732-842-5966

Phantasmic Fall Events

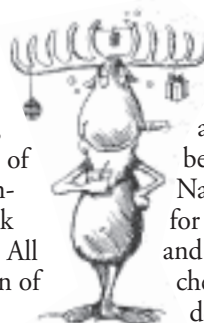
Antique Appraisals & Backward Glances, Spirited Tales, a "Slightly Spooky" Halloween Haunt, the annual Halloween Hullabaloo, Haunted Hikes & History Walks, Scarecrow Creation - what more could one ask for to kick off Fall! Check the Poricy Park website for dates and details.

11th Annual Poricy Park Trail Run

Get your sneakers on! Tie those laces! Limber up your legs! Run or walk through the scenic trails of Poricy Park on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Sign up on line for a 5K Run/Walk, a 5 Mile Run or a Kid's Fun Run.

Holiday & Craft Shop

The 27th Annual Holiday & Craft Shop will open on Friday, November 28. Dates and hours of operation will vary through Sunday, December 14. Call or check the website for shopping hours. All items are handcrafted. A portion of the proceeds benefit the park.



Santa Claus!

Rudolph paw-delivered a note to us - Santa will be back for photos at the Nature Center! Scheduled for Saturday, November 29 and Sunday, November 30; check our website for details.



MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY

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

10th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, October 19, 2:00-4:00pm

Don't miss this special event celebrating 10 years in the library's new building. The concert will feature The Cobra Brothers, a four piece band that performs a wide scope of music including: Blues, Funk, R&B, Jazz, Rock and Country.

The Underground Railroad in New Jersey

Wednesday, October 29, 7:00pm

As commemoration of the 350th anniversary of Middletown and of New Jersey as well as the 150th anniversary of the Civil War comes to a close, the library will present fascinating presentation by Dr. Linda Epps about the Underground Railroad in New Jersey, the escape system that helped slaves escape to freedom. The talk will include a discussion of Monmouth County Underground Railroad landmarks. The program is funded by the NJ Council for Humanities.



MIDDLETOWN
ARTS CENTER

36 Church Street
middletownarts.org
732-706-4100

Savor the Arts

Starting in November 2014, the Middletown Arts Center will offer a unique way to enjoy artistic experiences from around the globe by creating a series of culture-specific events that blend performances with culinary tastings, exhibits, workshops, armchair travel presentations and more. Patrons will have the opportunity to enjoy engaging activities that bring a particular culture to life. An integral part of these evenings will be the enjoyment and exploration of fine wines, artisanal spirits, and/or craft beer along with specialty cuisine of the culture. Each multi-sensory event will be a mini-cultural immersion meant to educate and entertain.

The first Savor the Arts Weekend is scheduled for November 14, 15, and 16 and will feature the culture of Italy.

An award-winning Off-Broadway theatrical performance, "Blood Type: Ragu" will come to the MAC on Saturday night. Armchair Travel presentations on the Alafi Coast and Puglia will also be part of the weekend along with culinary experiences, a "paint and sip" workshop featuring an Italian scene, and more. The MAC will produce a special cookbook featuring Italian recipes from the community. Save the dates and don't miss this trip to Italy!

*Coming in March:
Savor the Arts: Ireland!*

Health Department Message

RABID ANIMALS

Middletown Township Animal Control has had a very busy year responding to sick wildlife. Starting back in late February, Animal Control Officers were responding to numerous calls of skunks acting sick and/or strange. Many skunks were tested for Rabies, but all came back negative. We started to see some raccoon calls and decided to test these sick animals even though the skunks were not rabid. We had assumed that the sick skunks possibly had distemper and we wanted to see if this was the same with the raccoon population.

In early April, we were notified by the State Laboratory that a raccoon tested positive for the Rabies Virus. Over the next few weeks, we found more sick raccoons and they were testing positive. At the time up publication Middletown Township has had 16 raccoons and one fox that were found to be Rabid. As the reports were coming back from the laboratory, we started plotting the locations to see if any one area of town was problematic. What we found was that the cases of rabies were spread throughout the township.

With so many reports, we have been asked numerous times if Middletown is having a Rabies epidemic. First of all, rabies is cyclical and we appear to be at a high point in the cycle as cases are showing throughout the state. I believe one of the reasons we are seeing more cases is because of increased awareness in our residents. Since the first rabid raccoon was found in April, the township has been aggressively sending out alerts through electronic media. These alerts are issued and as a result, Animal Control has received a lot of feedback from the residents about appearing animals appearing sick or ill. As a result, the Animal Control Officers are able to respond to more calls that previously may not have been made to us. By empowering the residents of Middletown with timely information, we have fostered a real time surveillance system.

Middletown would like to remind residents that Rabies, a fatal virus, can be found in raccoons, groundhogs, foxes, skunks, bats, dogs and cats. We urge everyone to vaccinate their dogs and cats and license them. If anyone comes across any ill appearing wildlife, do not try and handle it, rather, call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 or the Police Department after business hours, weekends and holidays at 732-615-2100. We would urge everyone to also visit www.middletownnj.org and register for the citizen alerts to keep up to date on important issues happening throughout the township.

By Rich DeBenedetto, Health Director

Township Creates New Tracking System for Township Vehicles

A vehicular tracking system initially designed to enhance snow plow operations has emerged as daily tool to help managers cut costs and boost productivity.

This web-based Global Position System (GPS) tracks non-emergency vehicles and is predominantly used by departments that regularly have vehicles on the road including Public Works, Building and Inspections and Fire Prevention. GPS devices have been installed in township vehicles including dump and pick-up trucks. Township contractors, such as those hired to help plow snow, can also be monitored through a mobile device that can be plugged into a cigarette lighter, said Management Information Systems Director Todd Costello. He noted the new system is not tied into the GPS already used by the Police Department.

The new GPS is currently available to managers for internal use and can be accessed from desktop computers, tablets and mobile devices. The system tracks vehicle attributes such as travel routes, fuel usage and speed. Without going into the field, managers can use the information to monitor worker productivity and abeyance of traffic laws. They can also plan more cost-effective travel routes, develop daily work plans that are more time efficient and verify contractor invoices, said Costello.

Having GPS devices in township vehicles will also prove to be invaluable during emergencies. We can quickly locate an employee in a medical emergency, track a vehicle if it's stolen and determine which plow is closest to help an ambulance that needs to get down an unplowed street, he added.

RECYCLING

Recycling is mandatory! Recyclables MUST be separated from garbage. Garbage that includes recyclable materials WILL NOT be collected. Violators can be fined. Township ordinance requires recycling of cans, glass bottles, mixed paper (junk mail, newspaper, office papers, coupon inserts, magazines and electronics (computers, monitors, TVs, phones radios, etc.) Visit www.middletonnj.org/recycling for information.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Curbside collection of recyclables is now "single stream." All cans plastic containers, bottles, jars, cardboard, newspapers, office papers and mixed papers (junk mail, magazines, coupon inserts) can be placed into the same Containers. Containers should be covered. Maximum weight is 50 pounds per container. All recyclables are collected twice a month.

Curbside Collection: Co-mingled cans, plastic containers, glass bottles and jars, cardboard, newspapers, mixed paper (junk mail/officer paper).

KANES LANE RECYCLING CENTER

52 Kanes Lane – Thurs-Mon 8:30am to 4:30pm
Electronics (TVs, Computers, Monitors, Phones); Newspapers, Cardboard and Paper; Glass and Plastic Bottles; Metal Cans and Scrap Metal; Used Motor Oil; brush and leaves; tires,* refrigerators* and AC units* (*fees apply)

TRAIN STATION PARKING LOT

Church Street – 24 hours
Bottles, cans and plastic. Items must be sorted by type at this location. All other materials must be disposed of curbside or brought to Kanes Lane as specified above.

RECYCLING CENTER FEES

Automobile Tires (less than 17-inch rim diameter) – 2 each off rim, \$3 each on rim
Truck Tires (pick-up, SUV) – \$7 each, must be off rim
Refrigerators and AC Units – \$10 per unit. Non-freon appliances only.

CURBSIDE FEES

Refrigerators and AC Units – \$25 per unit
Stoves, Washers and dryers – \$20 per unit
TV and Basic Metal Parts – \$20 per unit
Fees must be paid when collection is scheduled.

Zone	Election	Collection District
A	7,17,27,46	1st & 3rd Tuesday
B	3,8,21,36	2nd & 4th Tuesday
C	15,26,37,46A	1st & 3rd Monday
D	13,16,23,33	2nd & 4th Monday
E	4,9,24	1st & 3rd Friday
F	11,14,34	1st & 3rd Thursday
G	2,28,29	2nd & 4th Friday
H	1,22,31,45	1st & 3rd Saturday
I	8,12,18,32	2nd & 4th Saturday
J	30,38,39,44	2nd & 4th Thursday
K	10,20,35,40,41,43	1st & 3rd Wednesday
L	5,19,25,42	2nd & 4th Wednesday

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**as of September 15, 2014*