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## MATTERS

### Recreation Facilities Get Facelift

The Middletown Board of Education and Township Committee gathered with local youth at Nut Swamp Elementary School to dedicate a new synthetic turf field in time for the school year. This joint project is the first step in a recent shared-services agreement struck between Middletown Township and the Public School District for joint maintenance and periodic upgrades of township and school athletic fields over the next decade. The municipal share will be paid for with increases to recreation fees that were approved last year. The township will handle issuing permits to use the field, said Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante.

"It's amazing to think a few months ago, this spot was an uneven field of grass," said Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger. "Today it's a top-notch facility I am proud to dedicate to our youngest sports enthusiasts."

The turf field is located at Nut Swamp Elementary School adjacent to Normandy Park. It's open to students and local athletic leagues for football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and other sports. The site includes bleachers, goal posts and nets as well permanent markings for various sports.

T&M Associates served as consulting engineer for the project and Precise Construction as the general contractor. In addition to the turf field, a grass soccer field has been created in the space between the turf field and the school. The grass field, however, will not be ready for play until 2014, Township Engineer and Public Works Director Ted Maloney said.

"This field is a testament to the unprecedented spirit of cooperation between the Township Committee and Board of Education that is benefitting every resident in Middletown," Scharfenberger said.

Meanwhile, Middletown Township has moved forward with several improvement projects at township facilities this season. Construction of Clearwater Fields is nearly complete. The two baseball fields, located adjacent to Conifer Village on Route 36, should be ready for play by the Spring of 2014. Water access for irrigation and drinking fountains was made possible through a shared services agreement with Atlantic Highlands, Scharfenberger said.

Improvements have also been made to the baseball fields at Normandy Park located on Nut Swamp Road, the lower soccer field on West Front Street near Everett Road, and the lower soccer field at Lincroft Acres located on Orchard Street. What's more, asphalt pathways and accessible parking have been added to Normandy Park and Bodman Park, located off Market Street, Maloney said.

The township is working on electrical improvements at Kunkel Park, located off Brevett Avenue in Leonardo. Locals, including an Eagle Scout and area residents, have volunteered to help to spruce up the park where a roller hockey rink is located.

Next year, township and school officials expect to construct a second synthetic turf field on the north end of town, possibly at Thorne Middle School and Harmony Elementary School, which are adjacent to each other, Mercantante said.

### Township Mobile App

Middletown Township is launching an app this year for mobile devices that offers timely information such as emergency alerts, important notices, and upcoming events and meetings. Mobile users can also report problems directly to Middletown Marvin via the app. A beta version of the app will be available for the iPhone and Google Droid platforms this year.

In order to receive emergency alerts, however, you must be a registered user of the township's award-winning website, [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org). Registered users get emergency alerts about hurricanes and other weather related emergencies, health issues and major roadwork.

### Coming Soon

Registered users can also opt to receive community announcements via email.

Important alerts will still be sent by text, voice message and email. Please be sure to include your home or local business address when you register since some messages are sent based on geographic location. Registration is not necessary to receive voice messages via landline/home phone. However, residents need to register their cell phone numbers if they want to receive voice messages on them. Register at [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org).

## 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, elections, Committee agenda)

Social Services 615-2085  
Zoning 615-2278

### Other Important Numbers

Board of Education 671-3850  
Library 671-3700  
Sewerage Authority 495-1010

### Website

[www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org)

### Middletown Municipal Television

Comcast Cable Channel 20  
Verizon FiOS Channel 26

### Middletown Emergency Radio

1620 AM

### VIETNAM WAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP HAS JOINED THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S VIETNAM WAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE PARTNER PROGRAM TO THANK AND HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY HOSTING LOCAL EVENTS IN 2015, 2016 AND 2017. FROM LEFT ARE VIETNAM WAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION COMMISSION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS THOMAS GARRETSON, DENNIS BEAUREGARD, MAYOR GERARD P. SCHAFENBERGER, JAMES D'ELIA, RICHARD FURLONG, AND THOMAS HACKETT. GARRETSON, BEAUREGARD AND D'ELIA ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. THOSE WITH IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS CAN CONTACT THE MIDDLETOWN VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT TOWN HALL AT 732-615-2015.



## Passport & Guide to Middletown Township

Middletown Township is celebrating the 350th anniversary of its founding in 1664. The township along with many local community organizations have planned nearly four dozen activities, events and programs with historic twists to mark this very special milestone. A calendar of community events, 350 years' worth of history, maps and points of interest can be found in the Middletown 350 Passport & Guide to Middletown Township. The 32-page book includes a place to collect passport stamps as mementos of the events you visit.



A commemorative edition of the full-color book can be purchased for \$5 at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway; the Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street; and the Bayshore Annex, 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth. The book can also be downloaded from [www.middletownnj.org/middletown350](http://www.middletownnj.org/middletown350). Details about community events and additional activities that may be scheduled as the celebration gets underway can be found on the website and on Facebook at Middletown350.



Red Hill Road circa 1895

## Tax Collector's Message

For the November 2013 Tax Quarter, the last day for payment without interest is November 12, 2013. Payments received after 4:00 p.m. November 12, must be made with certified funds or cash. The tax sale will be held December 30, 2013. To avoid publication and Cost of Sale/Mailing fees please pay by November 27, 2013 with cash or certified funds (bank cashier check, or money order). Internet credit card and ACH payments are prohibited after 4:00 p.m. on November 12, 2013 due to the accelerated tax sale process. February 2014 taxes will be available for on line payment January 1, 2014.

Payments made before November 12th, can be made by check, cash and credit card. Payments are accepted at the Tax Office. Window hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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](http://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.

## Home Rehabilitation Program

If you are a Middletown homeowner, you may be eligible for a home rehabilitation grant/loan 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 exclusively for low and moderate-income households to repair or replace older systems in the home such as plumbing, heating, roof, or electric. Handicap accessibility improvements are also eligible.

Please note: If your home was damaged by Superstorm Sandy, these funds may not be used in combination with other funds received for the cost of repairs. Home Rehab grants/loans MAY become available to Sandy damaged households under certain, very limited circumstances.

For more information about the Middletown Township Home Rehab Program, please call (732) 615-2281. Applications are available online at [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) under Forms and Resources-Planning.

### FY2013 Household Income Limits

Household Size	Gross Income
Max	
1 person	\$46,050
2 people	\$52,600
3 people	\$59,200
4 people	\$65,750
5 people	\$71,050
6 people	\$76,300
7 people	\$81,550
8 people	\$86,800

## 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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### Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger holds open office hours on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 am to noon. No appointments are necessary. Residents are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis to discuss any concerns or issues they may have related to township government. Residents are invited to contact the Mayor's office any time at 732-615-2024.

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### Message from the Mayor

# 2013: A Busy, Productive Year

*The year 2013 has been an extremely busy, productive year for Middletown Township. To bring everyone up to speed on the myriad positive things happening in town, I thought I would devote this column to providing an overview on a number of the proposals we on the governing body are undertaking this year.*

*Clearly, our most important initiative has been the recovery effort in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. While the rebuilding process has been slow, tedious and at times, frustrating, the sections of Middletown most affected by the storm have made great strides in restoring their neighborhoods. With the federal funds finally getting into the hands of the residents and businesses, and the private donations disbursed through the Middletown Disaster Relief Fund (MDRF) created by former Mayor and current Committeeman Anthony Fiore, construction activity in the Bayshore area continues to escalate. In addition to rebuilding homes, I am happy to report that the long-planned Bayshore Flood Control project is slated to begin this winter. This project will provide extensive protection to areas that were hardest hit by Sandy and have experienced chronic flooding in the past. The Township Committee will also continue to press our federal legislators for relief from skyrocketing flood insurance premiums for homeowners within these protected areas.*

*Another area of focus for the Township Committee has been economic development. The Middletown Economic Development Committee, formed in 2012, has been meeting regularly to map out a plan for increasing commercial activity in town as a way to lessen the demands on residential taxpayers to fund essential services and infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.*

*This year has been extraordinarily successful in terms of attracting new business to Middletown. Most notable among these is the proposal to bring a Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to the vacant Lucent Building on Red Hill Road. This is a win/win on several levels. The former Lucent building had been the subject of numerous tax appeals over the years, costing the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost revenue. Under the new agreement, the revenues for the town will increase to almost \$180,000 per year, a significant jump over previous years. The project will also bring in nearly 300 high-paying jobs. This will have a direct positive impact on the housing market and the local retail economy. Other economic development projects of note include the new BBMK Medical Building on Route 35, and Ice World, a state-of-the-art ice skating facility that is part of the Middletown Swim Club complex.*

*Perhaps no other aspect of economic growth is more important to the economy than small business. I am proud to report that Middletown has had a significant number of small businesses open this year including Abby's Quilting, Athena Learning Center, C2 Education, Cirius Fitness, Mike's Bagel, Sonic, Prosecco Italian Bistro, and Zoni's Coal Fired Pizza.*

*The Township Committee has also embarked on an ambitious campaign to expand and improve our township's athletic and recreational facilities. Through an unprecedented spirit of cooperation between the Township Committee, Board of Education and township sports leagues, we have been able to create a long-term plan at no cost to the taxpayers. The results have been immediate and phenomenal, with two new multi-sport fields completed just prior to the opening of school and numerous improvements to other existing fields currently underway.*

*The move to single stream recycling has also been one of the biggest success stories of the year. Since allowing for the co-mingling of recyclable materials through single-stream recycling, the tonnage of collected recyclables has skyrocketed by 64 percent. Conversely, there has been a significant decrease in the volume of trash picked up during regular collections. The result is a one-year increase in revenues for the town (over \$40,000) and a decrease in the "tipping" fees (over \$200,000) the town must pay landfills for non-recyclable household trash.*

*Another spectacular event that is unique to Middletown is the town's upcoming 350th anniversary in 2014. The Middletown 350 Steering Committee, chaired by Deputy Mayor Stephanie Murray has been busy preparing dozens of events, displays and activities to commemorate this special event. The official kick-off of the celebration happened at Middletown Day 2013.*

*Finally, anyone who is a regular visitor to the Middletown Township website is already aware of the many features and benefits to be had. Now, the entire state knows what a tremendous resource it is. In March of this year, the Middletown Township website was named the number one website in New Jersey by the prestigious Monmouth University Polling Institute. This is a testament to the collective efforts of the Township Committee, administration, technical staff and resident stakeholders who pooled their knowledge and embarked on a five-year program to revamp and create a website that has now officially been recognized as the best in the State of New Jersey.*

### Attention Property Owners!

#### ASSESSMENT PROCESS CHANGING

The assessment process throughout the county is changing. In March 2013, Governor Chris Christie signed into law Chapter 15 P.L. 2013 known as the Assessment Demonstration Program to begin in tax year 2014. The Monmouth County Board of Taxation and the Monmouth County Assessors have decided to be the first in the state to take on this project. Although you will note many changes over the next 5 years, it is important to be aware of the MAJOR changes for 2014. The following dates have been changed:

#### ASSESSMENT POSTCARDS – November 15, 2013

Assessment Postcard Notices for tax year 2014 (usually received in February, 2014) will be mailed on or about November 15, 2013. THIS CARD GIVES YOU THE 2014 ASSESSMENT.

#### APPEALS – January 15, 2014

The appeal deadline for all appeals of the assessment to the Monmouth County Board of Taxation is now JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR (used to be April 1st). For further information, please contact the tax assessor's office at 732-615-2089.

# Historic Cemetery Restorations

Four more of the township's historic cemeteries have received some much needed attention this year thanks to the Community Affairs Council. All four burial grounds restored by the council are located on Kings Highway in the Middletown Village Historic District.

The next burial ground slated for restoration by the Community Affairs Council is Crystal Stream Cemetery in Navesink. The all-volunteer committee hopes to have as many burial grounds restored as possible over the next year as part of the Middletown 350 celebration. Restoration efforts have been made possible with assistance from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Inmate Labor program, Middletown Public Works, 7-11 of Belford, Toscanella's Village Café, Beacon Awards and Signs, Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 35 and M&S Waste Services.

Seventh and eighteenth century cemeteries are nestled in wooded areas among residential neighborhoods throughout Middletown. Some have been abandoned by their owners long ago and are overgrown with weeds, fallen branches and briars, according to Middletown Landmarks Commission, which manages the Adopt a Cemetery program. If you or your group is interested in restoring an historic cemetery, contact the Landmarks Commission at [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) or 732-615-2015.



From left are Community Affairs Council members Craig Finnigan and John Giordano, Mayor Gerard Scharfenberger, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden and Community Affairs Council members Lori Anne Oliwa and Mitch Gotsky.

## Shadow Lake Update

About four acres of Shadow Lake were hydro-raked this summer to remove invasive aquatic vegetation including the Eurasian water-milfoil and Water chestnut. Aquatic herbicide treatments were then applied this fall as part of an aquatic management plan to improve water quality at the lake located off West Front Street at the Stevenson Tract.

# Facts About Development

Whenever a major development application is submitted to the Township's Planning or Zoning Board, the question that is invariably asked of the Township Committee is: "why can't you just tell them no?" Unfortunately, the answer is not as simple as the question may imply. There are strict laws governing land use in New Jersey that are rooted in our very Constitutional rights.

Both the zoning and planning boards are independent bodies. Their review process is dictated by state laws that provide criteria for determining if an application meets the terms of the statute. Thus, an application cannot be denied simply because a board does not want it. There must be sound legal grounds to deny an application based on some conflict with existing laws or local zoning restrictions. Under state law, the Planning Board, with the aid of the planning staff, drafts a Master Plan. After public notice and hearings, it is adopted and zoning ordinances setting out what is permitted or prohibited are adopted by the Township Committee.

Making matters worse, the state dictates to the Planning Board and Township Committee that much of the new housing in Middletown has to meet the Supreme Court's affordable housing quotas. This requirement severely limits the local zoning powers of the township since state law requires that we provide for an obscene number of affordable housing units, which total over 2,000 units to date. Middletown has aggressively challenged this affordable housing mandate and is currently awaiting the Supreme Court's decision.

About 30 percent of our households are at or below the state's requirements to qualify for affordable housing. It is our position that the law and the Supreme Court decisions that started all of this were intended to stop towns from being "exclusionary," in other words from purposely acting to keep lower income families out.

Middletown has never done that. In fact, Middletown developed plenty of affordable housing through the free market in the 1970s and 1980s, long before there were court-imposed mandates to do so. Middletown has never been opposed to affordable housing designed in a sensible and meaningful way that does not detract from the quality of life of our community.

What we do oppose are huge mandatory numbers for new construction on top of our already abundant supply of existing affordable housing. Governor Christie tried to abolish the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and unburden towns from this oppressive mandate, only to be overruled by a court order. Middletown is currently pursuing a legal challenge to what we see as a grossly unfair and costly system that takes away the town's ability to decide its own development destiny. We are hopeful that the Supreme Court will understand our legal position and rule in Middletown's favor and allow us to decide on how we develop, not a court order. We must be mindful that until the laws change dramatically or the courts make major changes, the problems towns face relative to affordable housing requirements and their associated quotas will unfortunately continue to be a burden on local taxpayers.

Fortunately, Middletown has very strong, knowledgeable Planning and Zoning Boards that do everything within their legal powers to limit the negative effects of development on the township. The boards must always be diligent in giving an applicant a fair and impartial hearing, while protecting the township from a

legal challenge in the event that an application is turned down. The latter is often an inescapable part of the process. As a result, it is imperative that the boards not overstep their bounds and follow the law so the township can defend its position if it ends up in court.

Even with all of the pressure on the town from court mandates and COAH quotas, Middletown's efforts to rein in overdevelopment have been largely successful. Evidence of this lies in the fact that Middletown's population has remained flat from the year 2000 until now. This is also reflected in the number of students attending Middletown public schools. In fact, the number of students in Middletown schools is actually lower now than in 1980. In 1980, there were a total of 11,379 students. During the 1970's there were over 13,000 students in the Middletown School system. As of 2011, there were 10,190. In addition to controlling development, Middletown has a very aggressive open space program that has successfully preserved hundreds of acres of developable land over the years and in working with Monmouth County, thousands of acres have been preserved.

Although the planning process is guided by state law, the public can and does play a very important role. When an application comes before a board, the public is encouraged to attend meetings and provide input, either through oral testimony or written comment. This is extremely valuable for the Planning Board, since many issues and potential flaws in an application will only come to light through this exchange with the public. Here are some points to remember when appearing before the boards:

- Review the zoning ordinances that govern development on the proposed property.
- If you oppose an application, have concrete reasons and facts based on conflicts with the applied variances as to why the application should be turned down. Just saying you don't want it is not grounds for denying an application.
- Remember per state law Planning Boards cannot say no to an application just because it generates additional traffic, even on already busy roads.
- Also per state law the addition of children to the school district also cannot be used as a reason to deny an application to develop land.
- Whenever possible, provide expert testimony to support your position.
- Always remember to present your position in a respectful manner. Insults or threats will only damage what may be a very legitimate objection.

In closing, it is a well-known fact that New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the union. As such, it is critical that all future development be scrutinized and any negative impacts to the community mitigated as much as humanly possible within the law. The Middletown Township Committee is dedicated to keeping development in town to a minimum within the constraints of what the law will allow. To that end, we have aggressively pursued expanding the amount of dedicated open space in town, either through direct purchase or conservation easements, while fighting destructive policies like excessive government-subsidized, low and moderate affordable housing that threaten the remaining open spaces and quality of life we all currently enjoy.

Keep listening for news about this important issue.

By Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Ph.D.



### NEW POLICE OFFICERS HIRED

EIGHT MONMOUTH COUNTY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING TWO FROM MIDDLETOWN, WERE HIRED TO JOIN THE RANKS OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. FROM LEFT ARE SGT. WILLIAM COLANGELO, PATROL OFFICERS JASON TROSHANE, ROSANNIE A. MURILLO, JOHN F. WALSIFER II AND NICHOLAS J. HAINES, DEPUTY CHIEF DARREN SCHWEDES, PATROL OFFICER CHRISTOPHER P. MENENDEZ, DEPUTY CHIEF CRAIG WEBER, POLICE CHIEF ROBERT OCHE, AND PATROL OFFICERS SAVVAS ROUMELIOTIS, BRENDAN B. SANTIAGO, AND JOSHUA C. MIDOSE.

## 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.

## Flood Map Information Available

Middletown has entered the Community Rating System Program in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide discounted flood insurance rates for residents. The annual CRS progress report will be available for review on the township website and at the Township's Inspections Department.

The Township Inspections Department can provide Flood Insurance Rate Map information to determine whether a property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area, the Base Flood Elevation, and whether mandatory flood insurance is required because of a property's location. Staff can provide information regarding special rules for building in the floodplain and ideas for protecting your property from flood damage. The department also has copies of FEMA elevation certificates for buildings constructed in the floodplain since 1991. Information is available by calling (732)615-2106 with the property's street address and block and lot number.



## Superstorm Sandy Recovery

The majority of property owners affected by Superstorm Sandy are working with the Inspections Department to recover from the historic storm. The state has developed a number of grant programs to help homeowners, landlords and businesses with the recovery process. The Inspections Department encourages anyone who has not yet been in contact with the township to call 732-615-2106 for more information.

## 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.

## Poricy Park

345 Oak Hill Rd. | 732-842-5966 | [www.poricipark.org](http://www.poricipark.org)

### Mother Nature's Camp

Tues, 11/5; Thurs, 11/7; Fri, 11/8; Mon, 11/11

9:00 am to noon OR to 3:00 pm

Tuesday is Feathers Are Fabulous, followed by Call of the Wild on Thursday, Treasure Hunt on Friday and Eco-Quest on Monday. Appropriate for children pre-K through 5th grade. Half Day: \$40 Members; \$45 Non-members. Full Day: \$58 Members; \$66 Non-members. Sibling discounts and extended care hours available.

### 10th Annual Trail Run/Walk

Saturday, December 7

Check-in 8:30 a.m.; Race 9:30 am

This annual favorite is held in conjunction with the Jersey Shore Running Club. Events include a 5K Run/Walk, 2K Fun Run for Kids, and a 5-Mile Run. The Trail Run is open to all ages to run or walk. The 5-Mile race is part blacktop. Awards ceremony follows. Fee if registered by 11/25/13 are: 5K Run/Walk & 5 Mile Run: \$22; 12 years old & under \$15; 2K Fun Run \$12. Add \$5 after 11/25/13 or on race day. Free T-Shirt to the first 100 paid registrations. Register online or download form and mail/drop-off payment.

### 26th Annual Holiday and Craft Shop

Fri, Nov. 29 – Sun, Dec 8

Fri, Dec 13 – Sun, Dec 15

The shop is open from 10 am to 4pm on each day. Items include beautiful ornaments, quilts, stockings, jewelry and more handcrafted by park members. A portion of proceeds are donated to Poricy Park.

### Handmade Quilt Raffle

A handmade king/queen sized quilt has been donated by the Rebecca's Reel Quilters Guild. Value \$1,000. Raffle tickets \$1.00 each; All proceeds benefit park. Purchase tickets at the Nature Center. Drawing December 15th.

### Candlelight Reception

Saturday, December 28, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

We'll pour you a cup of warm cider while you enjoy the sweet sounds of our minstrel Tony Sloan Children must be supervised by an adult. Walk-ins welcome. Meet at the Murray Farmhouse.

### Thursday Explorations

Mornings 9:30–11:30 a.m. or Afternoons 12:00–2:00 p.m. Hikes, nature stories, crafts and appropriate for children 3 1/2 to 6 years old. Class size limited. Pre-paid registration required. Fee: Members \$18 per session; Non-members-\$20 per session. Multiple session and sibling discounts.

### Traditional Yoga

Saturdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Exercises tailored by certified instructor to suit the needs of each participant. Teens and adults. Wear comfortable clothing; bring mat if possible. Pre-paid registration required. Meet at the Nature Center. Fee: \$12 members; \$15 non-members

### RAIN GARDEN COMING TO PORICY PARK

A Rain Garden will be added to the eco-friendly features of Poricy Park, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the 2013 New Jersey American Water Environmental Grant program. The rain garden is a collaboration between the Middletown Public Works and Planning departments, Green Team Action Committee and Poricy Park Conservancy. The garden will be a landscaped shallow depression planted with native wet-tolerant plantings to serve as a stormwater management system by collecting rainwater from specific rooftops and adjacent lawn areas to trap, remove and filter non-point source pollutions while increasing groundwater recharge. It will be approximately 450-square feet in size and incorporate various native trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials and grasses.

## Jonya Heller Community Center

50 Bray Avenue, North Middletown (732) 615-3250

### Just For Toddlers Programs

Classes generally run parallel to Middletown Public School Schedule

### Mommy & Me (18-35 months)

Fridays from 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Introduction to social skills, open play, circle time, music, short stories and craft time. Fall session runs through 12/6; Winter 12/13/13–2/21/14; Spring 2/28–5/9/14. Fee for 10-week session: \$160 resident, \$192 non-resident

### 3 Years Old

Tues-Thurs, 9:00am–11:00 a.m. OR 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Valuable skills, such as alphabet and number recognition, counting, coloring, reading stories and music are taught. Fall session runs through 12/4; Winter 12/10/13 – 2/26/14; Spring 2/27/14 – 5/15/14. Fee for 10-week session: \$350 resident, \$420 non-resident.

### Pre-Kindergarten

Mon-Thurs, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

This is a structured program that teaches kindergarten readiness skills. Fall session runs through 12/9/13; Winter 12/10/13 – 3/4/14 and Spring 3/5 – 5/22/14. Fee for 10-week sessions \$540.00 resident, \$648.00 non-resident.

### Open Recreation

Junior Hours (Grades 1 – 6) are Tuesday–Friday, 3:00–5:00 p.m.; Teen Hours (Grades 7–12) are Mondays, 6:30–8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3:00–5:00 p.m. Registration is easy and free.

## Senior Center Events

**Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737 Phone: 732-615-2265**

*The Senior Center welcomes Middletown residents 60 and older to become members. A variety of special events, trips and weekly activities are offered throughout the year. Transportation is available to registered members by reservation. Events are held in the East Wing unless noted otherwise.*

### PRE-THANKSGIVING COVERED DISH

Friday, November 8, noon to 2:30 pm

Celebrate the upcoming holiday with your friends! Bring a dish that serves 4–6 to share. If you don't cook, bring dessert. Register by 11/5.

### ANNUAL HOMECOMING DANCE

Saturday, November 23, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Mingle with our special guests, the HS North Key Club! There will also be dancing, games, prizes, and the selection of the Senior Homecoming King & Queen. Admission fee is the donation of one non-perishable food item. Register by 11/21.

### ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 6

We're beginning the season by lighting our Christmas tree and singing some holiday favorites. Call for details.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 12, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious lunch at the Shore Casino with choice of 3 entrees and entertainment by Ernie Massarotti. Door prizes. Tickets \$32 each. Groups of 8 or more should register together. Register by 12/5.

### PRE-NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Friday, December 27, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious lunch at Lakeside Manor with choice of 3 entrees, hats, noisemakers, and entertainment by Bob Brescia. Tickets \$30 each, on sale 11/1 – 12/20.

### WELCOME TO 2014 PARTY

Thursday, January, 1:00 p.m.

Join us as we welcome 2014 with games, music, and dancing. Fee is \$3.00 for dessert buffet. Register by 12/31.

### GIFT AUCTION & CHINESE LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 30, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Bring a new or slightly used item to be auctioned. Register by 1/23/14 for your favorite Chinese lunch. Tickets \$7.00 each.

# MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

[www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org)

## MIDDLETON ARTS CENTER

36 Church Street, Middletown • 732-706-4100 • [middletownarts.org](http://middletownarts.org)

### An Evening with Max Weinberg

to benefit the Middletown Arts Council on Sunday, November 17. Call the MAC for ticket information and reservations.

### SCHOOL CLOSED? SEND THE KIDS TO THE MIDDLETON ARTS CENTER'S DAY-OFF PROGRAM!

The Middletown Arts Center will continue its popular "Day-Off Program" on the days when the Middletown schools are closed. Programs will be offered for half and full days with before and after care available for working parents. Elementary-aged children can enjoy unique and fun-filled arts based programs. Day-Off Programs will be offered on November 5, 7, 8 and 11, and December 23, 24 (half-day program), 26, 27, 30, and 31 (half-day program). Call the MAC for more information and to register.

### Miss Maria's CLUB MAC - A Night Out!

The party starts for children 5 and older with a cool craft, exciting games, and more! Dinner, drinks and snacks included. Parties are held from 6:00–9:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child/ \$15 sibling rate. Pre-register. Upcoming parties are the Thanksgiving Feast on November 22 and the Holiday Party on December 20.



### Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 8, 5:00 pm

Enjoy a free evening of holiday cheer with Christmas caroling, Santa, Tuba Christmas, nostalgic crafts, refreshments, and select acts from our Winter Wonderland variety show.

### Make your Holiday Brighter with Super 50/50 to Benefit the MAC

The Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council will be selling 50/50 tickets to support programming at the Middletown Arts Center. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the MAC. The winning ticket will be selected Dec. 8.

### In the Gallery:

November 2–24

Plein Air Painters of the Jersey Coast  
December 6 – January 2  
An Old-Fashioned Winter Wonderland

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Miss Deena's Dance Recitals - December 7
- Snow Ball - December 13
- New Jersey State Youth Orchestra Concert - December 15
- Benefit Concert/Garden State Players Holiday Concert - December 20.

### Health Department Message

### CATS, CATS, CATS!!

There isn't a day that goes by in Animal Control that we don't get calls regarding cats. Calls range from found cats, lost cats, injured cats, free-roaming cats and cat licensing.

Yes, you read that correctly. Middletown Township licenses cats! We have required cat licensing for well over 20 years. Each September, Animal Control starts the licensing year for cats, while dogs start each January. The license fee for a neutered cat is \$16.00 and \$21.00 for a non-neutered animal. Progressive late fees do apply to non-renewals starting in October.

Many people question the need to license their cat(s). Contrary to the idea that we are just collecting revenue, there is a greater purpose. History shows us that mandatory dog licensing reduced the incidence of canine Rabies. What was once a major issue, canine Rabies accounts for 7 cases over the last 24 years in New Jersey. Cats, over the same time period, accounted for 400 cases of Rabies, 9 in the first half of 2013.

Combating Rabies is a priority for Middletown. We license cats, and require that each cat have a documented Rabies

vaccination. The license information also allows us to try and identify strays and return them to their owner(s).

Your cat may never leave the house, but another problematic animal may sneak in. New Jersey is home to many species of bats. The Little Brown and Big Brown bats are found to roost in buildings, maybe in your home. They can enter through openings as small as 3/8 of an inch. Once inside, they now pose a risk of rabies to you and your pets. Each year, 30-45 bats test positive for Rabies in New Jersey.

Cases of human Rabies in the United States are predominantly associated through contact with a bat. Most times, the victim never knew they were bitten as a bat bite can go unnoticed while sleeping and may never leave a discernible mark. So if humans can't tell if they were bitten, could your pet tell you? Rabies is a fatal disease. Remember, there is no cure, only prevention. Call 732-615-2097 for more information.

By Richard Debenedetto, Health Department Director

## Middletown Recreation

### Bayshore Annex

180 Main Street, Port Monmouth

Register Online:

[register.communitypass.net/Middletown](http://register.communitypass.net/Middletown)

Phone: 732-615-2260

### RECREATION CLASSES

The Recreation Department offers a variety of affordable classes including: co-ed volleyball, karate, low impact aerobics, ceramics, and yoga. Register online or visit the office from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Resident and non-resident fees apply.

### Turkey Soccer Shoot Out

Friday, November 22, 6:00 pm

Children ages 6-12 are invited to participate. The shoot-out consists of an alternating series of penalty kicks for points. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize receives a trophy and a turkey! Held at the Croydon Hall Gym. Fee to be determined.

### 5th Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive

Saturday, December 7

Registration fee is \$30 per team. We ask that all participants donate an unwrapped toy the day of the tournament. All toys will be given to Middletown Social Services. Space limited in each division. Pre-registration required by 11/15.

### Holiday Train Ride

Date to be announced

Train rides are available at either 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. and will feature visits from Santa and friends, jugglers, caroling, magic and goodie bags. Fee is \$15 per ticket. Free for children younger than 1 year of age, but a ticket is still required. Registrants will be assigned a specific car at the time of registration. It's recommended if you would like to sit with other families that everyone registers early and at the same time. Meet at Middletown Train Station. Pre-registration required.

### Ski & Snowboarding Trips

Saturdays Jan. 11, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb. 22, 2014  
Join the Middletown Recreation Department on a trip to one of the great mountains! Buses will depart and return to Town Hall, Johnson Gill Annex. Fee and trip times to be determined.



FALL 2013

# MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC WORKS

**NEXT BRUSH COLLECTION IS SPRING 2014** Schedule will be posted on website in January 2014.

## FALL 2013 LEAF COLLECTION

Zones	Approximate Start Date	Zones	Approximate Start Date
<b>A B</b>	<b>November 12</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>C D</b>	<b>November 12</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>December 7</b>
<b>E G I</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>F H L</b>	<b>December 13</b>

Do not place leaves at curb more than 7 days before your zone's start date as doing so creates a hazard for pedestrians and drivers. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties or garbage will not be collected. Residents or landscapers can bring leaves to the Recycling Center until June 1st. Brush is accepted year round.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/collection](http://www.middletownnj.org/collection) for updates.

**DO NOT PLACE LEAVES AT CURB AFTER YOUR ZONE HAS BEEN COLLECTED.** Violators are subject to fines of up to \$2,000, up to 90 days imprisonment and/or community service for improper disposal of these materials. Public Works is also authorized to remove improperly disposed materials and assess the cost of removal and disposal against the responsible resident. Removal and disposal costs can be up to \$1,250.



## RECYCLING

Recycling is Mandatory! Township ordinance requires recycling of cans, glass bottles, plastic containers, newspapers, cardboard, mixed paper (junk mail, magazines, office paper and electronics (computers, monitors, TVs, phones, radios, etc.) Violators can be fined up to \$2,000.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/recycling](http://www.middletownnj.org/recycling) for more 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 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 District	Collection
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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## 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](http://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 Board and the township's many boards, commissions and committees can be found on at [www.middletownnj.org/calendar](http://www.middletownnj.org/calendar).

### Traffic Summons

Visit [www.NJMCdirect.com](http://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.