Former Mayor and Committeeman
Gerry Scharfenberger Sworn in as Monmouth County Freeholder

Committeeman Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D., was elected and sworn in as a Monmouth County Freeholder on Saturday, February 3rd by Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon.

Freeholder Scharfenberger served thirteen years on the Township Committee, including six terms as Mayor and two terms as Deputy Mayor. He has also been a member of the Landmarks Commission, the Middletown Township Open Space Committee, the Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Monmouth County Greenhouse Gas Reduction Committee and the Veterans Affairs Committee.

"Although we will miss him on the Committee, all of his years of dedicated service will be his legacy," said Mayor Steph Murray. "Gerry contributed so much to our Township, and we know that he will continue to do great things for Monmouth County."

We wish Freeholder Scharfenberger much success in his new role!

Hayley Beekman Sworn in as First Female Fire Captain in Middletown's History

The Middletown Township Fire Department, Township Committee, and community supporters came together on Sunday, February 4th at the Port Monmouth Fire Company, Station 6 to swear in the 2018 Line Officers. Among those being sworn in was Hayley Beekman, the first female Fire Captain in the town's history. Mayor Murray administered the Oath of Office and congratulated Captain Beekman on this accomplishment with a certificate commemorating this historic occasion. As Mayor Murray stated, Captain Beekman will serve as a role model, "especially for young women in our community and beyond." We thank and congratulate all of our volunteers for their service!

Mayor Steph Murray 'pins' first female Fire Captain Hayley Beekman.

The Township Committee, the 2018 Middletown Fire Chiefs, and Captain Hayley Beekman at Sunday's swearing in ceremony. From left: Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Committeeman Tony Fiore, Second Assistant Chief John Friedmann, First Assistant Chief Russ Mount III, Deputy Chief Steve Schweizer, Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Captain Hayley Beekman, Mayor Steph Murray, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, and Committeeman Tony Perry.

Middletown Township and New Jersey Natural Gas to Provide Free Energy Audits to Income-Qualified Residents

This week, Middletown Township and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) announced a pilot program to provide free energy audits to income-eligible residents. The program is designed to help qualified NJNG customers in Middletown identify energy-efficiency opportunities to help lower their energy bills.

Click HERE to read the press release.
Watch the latest “Minute with the Mayor” video segment with Mayor Steph Murray, which highlights local happenings and events in Middletown Township. In this edition, Mayor Murray talks about the two Life Saving Awards that were recently given to members of Middletown’s Police and Fire Departments at the Township Committee Meeting on January 23rd.

The program is available on our Municipal TV station (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) as well as on our Youtube Channel.

**Mayor Steph Murray attends Mayor's Cup on Tuesday, February 6th**

Mayor Steph Murray and Committeeman Tony Perry attended the Mayor's Cup on Tuesday, February 6th at Middletown Ice World. High School North battled High School South Ice Hockey in what ultimately ended in a 4-4 tie. Great job to both teams!
Mayor Steph Murray drops the puck to start the game!

VETERANS TAX BREAK: You are eligible for a $3,000 exemption on your 2017 Income Tax return if you are a military veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States on or any time before the last day of the tax year. Click the picture to view the qualifications/fill out an application.

Committeemen Tony Perry and Tony Fiore, along with Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, attended the Middletown Lions Club Annual Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 4th. The Middletown Lions Club sponsors many wonderful programs including thousands of vision screenings across Monmouth County.

South Zone One-Time Collection of Old Garbage and Recycling Cans
Begins Monday, 2/12

Excludes Carts Belonging to Private Haulers
(Franklin, Midco, M&S, Republic, Solterra, etc.)

Middletown Public Works will begin a one-time only collection of old plastic garbage and recycling cans in the South Zone on Monday, February 12th.

Place your old cans upside down at the curb, stacked if possible, on Sunday night (February 11th). Cans must be empty. Cans with trash or recycling inside will not be collected. Cans will be collected throughout the week. Please leave them curbside until they are collected.

Old cans can also be brought to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) Thursdays through Mondays from 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

Private Haulers' Carts

Private haulers are currently collecting their garbage cans. If your garbage cart has not been picked up yet, please remove it from the curb and place it in a clearly visible location on your property. The Township is not able to recycle carts from private haulers since they are deemed private property. Please contact your private hauler if you have additional questions regarding cart retrieval.

If you have any questions regarding the one-time collection, please call the Garbage & Recycling hotline at 732-615-3233 or email recycling@middletownnj.org.

Middletown Health Department Asks Residents to #BeTheDifference in February

The Middletown Township Health Department and Mental Health First Aid are asking residents around New Jersey to #BeTheDifference this February by taking steps to prevent opioid addiction. Tackling this tough issue begins with understanding the problem. By familiarizing yourself with the information below and spreading it to others, we can begin to understand the gravity of this issue and help prevent it.

If you have a friend or family member who you suspect may be abusing drugs and would like to contact a counselor or schedule a substance abuse evaluation, please reach out to Crossroads at 732-615-2277. You can also visit their website by clicking HERE.

To watch the Township's video on the effects of drug and alcohol addiction, click HERE.
Middletown Township Public Library Presents: Mardi Gras Concert
Date: Monday, February 12th
Time: 7:00AM-8:00PM

Middletown Recreation Presents: Community Science at Poricy Park
Date: Saturday, February 17th
Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)
Cost: $3.00 per child
Click the picture for more information!

The Middletown Arts Center Seeks Sponsors and Donors for Upcoming Events!
Please help support the mission of the Middletown Arts Center as it moves into the next decade. Sponsorship is needed for upcoming community events such as the 2018 Free Summer Concert Series and the Achievement in the Arts Scholarship Program.

Click HERE to learn more about Seasonal Influenza from the New Jersey Department of Health.

Mental Health First Aid teaches people how to identify when someone may be experiencing a problem, how to start a conversation and where to go for appropriate care. Learn more: www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org
Location: MTPL
Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road)
Click the image for more info!

Donations of merchandise are also needed for upcoming fundraising events including Bingo night. You can donate online, in person, or by calling the office at 732-706-4100. Please support the ARTS in our community!

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Click the picture to go to the page and follow/subscribe!