

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Rick W. Hibell Appointed to Middletown Township Committee

Rick Hibell was voted in unanimously at the Tuesday, February 20th Township Committee meeting. Hibell is filling the vacancy left by Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Ph.D. who resigned this month to take a position on the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Township Committee is excited to welcome Hibell, a lifelong resident of Middletown, to the team. Hibell grew up in Belford, graduated from The Marine Academy of Science and Technology located at Sandy Hook, and he and his wife are raising their family in the Leonardo area. Hibell is also a second generation Fire Chief and owns a marine construction company that is based in Middletown.

Mayor Stephanie C. Murray issued Hibell's Oath of Office as his wife Kelli held the Bible and his proud parents looked on. "As a Fire Chief and business owner, Rick has proven himself to be an effective leader," said Mayor Murray. "He knows how to implement policies and procedures, balance budgets, and collaborate with individuals to get the job done. I'm confident he will serve our town with the same heart and drive that he puts into everything else."

Click [HERE](#) to read the press release.



Mayor Stephanie Murray swore in Committeeman Rick Hibell at the February 20th Township Committee meeting.

Congratulations to Our New Police Officers!



Mayor Steph Murray performed a ceremonial swearing in for Middletown's four newest officers at the Township Committee Meeting on February 20th. Pictured from left to right: Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski, Police Officers Joshua Revette, Joseph Pesany, Felipe Caamano and Donald John Porter, and Deputy Chief Stephen Dollinger and Police Chief Craig Weber.

Recent Community Events

"Maple Sugaring" at Poricy Park

Committeeman Tony Fiore and his family attended the Community Science "Maple Sugaring" event at Poricy Park on Saturday, February 17th. Children and adults received some hands on instruction on how to tap maple trees and got a taste of some of the freshest syrup around!



To check out all our Recreation Department offers, click [HERE](#) to visit their 2018 Calendar of Events!



Ideal Beach Community Association 2018 Kickoff Meeting

Mayor Steph Murray and Committeeman Tony Perry attended the Ideal Beach Community Association's 2018 Kickoff Meeting on Wednesday, February 14th to discuss the various community outreach programs that IBCA provides to Middletown residents. IBCA is a non-profit organization created to protect, improve, and preserve all that is great about living in the Ideal Beach Neighborhood of North Middletown and improve the quality of life in the community. Click [HERE](#) to visit IBCA's website.

Mater Dei Seraph Strong Gala

Mayor Steph Murray and Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino attended the annual Mater Dei Seraph Strong Gala and gift auction fundraiser on Saturday, February 10th. The event was held at the Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury and the proceeds are used for the education

and the future success of Mater Dei Prep.



Monmouth Medical Center Outreach

Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Committeeman Tony Perry joined mayors and committee members from local towns on Thursday, February 8th to meet with the senior leadership and members of the Board of Trustees of Monmouth Medical Center.

Enter Our Neighborhood Photo Contest - Deadline Wednesday, 2/28!



[Click the picture for more information or to submit a photo!](#)

Middletown Township Public Library Announces Logo Contest Winner

In recognition of the Middletown Township Public Library's upcoming centennial anniversary, the Board of Trustees and Library Administration ran a logo contest that was open to all Middletown students in grades 6-12.

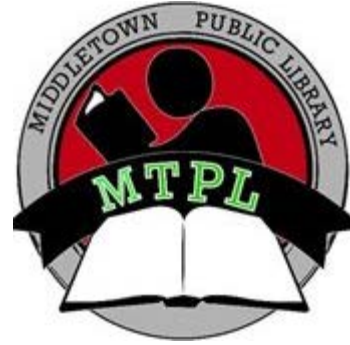
Students were tasked with modernizing the library's logo. After reviewing many submissions, the Board of Trustees selected three logos to present to the public to vote on.

The winner was announced and awarded at Wednesday's Library Board meeting. **Congratulations to Ryan Kelly, a senior at Middletown High School South for capturing the mission of the MTPL in his logo – to enrich, empower, and educate our community!** Ryan has taken Graphic Design courses throughout his high school

career and researched the “library” brand by looking at logos from other libraries. He designed the new logo by using a combination of Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator and used freehand drawing tools in Illustrator.



Ryan Kelly stands next to his winning logo along with Library Director Kim Rinaldi, Library Board President Bill Bucco and other members of the Board of Trustees.



The MTPL's new logo!

2018 Spring Brush Collection

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

CLICK HERE TO CHECK YOUR BRUSH ZONE.

Please note:

- * Start dates are approximate and weather dependent.
- * Brush may be placed curbside (not in roadway) *within 7 days of zone start date.*

[Click the picture to learn more and to find your brush/leaf zone!](#)

MIDDLETOWN YOUTH JOB FAIR

When: Wednesday, April 11th from 7:00pm until 8:30pm
Where: Middletown High School North (63 Tindall Road)

The Middletown Youth Job Fair, organized by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, is a great way for Middletown youth and employers to meet regarding job opportunities in a relaxed and organized setting.

No registration is required for students.



Employers who would like to join can contact John Giordano ([732-996-7495](tel:732-996-7495)/johngiordano@yahoo.com) or Mitch Gotesky ([732-915-2445](tel:732-915-2445)/nyccred1@aol.com).



[Click the picture for more information!](#)

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

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.

Those who are not eligible based on their income can still [sign up for a Comprehensive Home Energy Audit Analysis for \\$250](#) and receive a free ecobee4 Smart Thermostat.

Click [HERE](#) to read the press release.



The advertisement features a green and white background with a curved design. At the top, it reads "FREE Home Energy Audit Program" in white text. To the right is a circular logo for "SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFIED". Below the title, there is an image of a house with a hand holding a handheld energy audit device. The text says: "Learn how to save energy and money in your home ... FREE! A New Jersey Natural Gas certified auditor will show you how to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home. Terms and conditions apply. Learn more." At the bottom, it provides contact information: "Call 877-455-NJNG (6564) or e-mail savegreen@njng.com and mention Middletown Energy Audit."

[Click the picture to learn more or to fill out an application!](#)

Dog License Renewals — Avoid \$7 Late Fee Starting 3/1

The Middletown Health Department would like to remind residents that all dog licenses should have been renewed by Jan 31st. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so before the next late fee increase starts on March 1st.



[Click the picture to go to the Health Department's Pet Licensing page.](#)

All dogs and cats must be licensed in Middletown. Click [HERE](#) to fill out a license online. You may also obtain a license at the Health Department Office (180 Main Street, Port Monmouth) or through the mail. Call 732-615-2097 or click [HERE](#) for more information.



SUPPORT THE BLOOD BANK

Donate your **blood** and make a **difference**

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by

Lincroft Fire Company

Address: 601 Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft

Wednesday, March 7th

4:30pm – 8:30pm

Please schedule your appointment by contacting Dennis Fowler dennis.fowler@gmail.com or calling: **732.842.5750 x 264** to book your appointment. Appointments are preferred, walk ins welcome. Thank you for being a lifesaver!

- Don't Forget:
- DONORS must present signature ID.
 - PLEASE drink water & eat a full meal before donating.
 - DONORS must be healthy, 16 years of age, with parental consent. (forms provided by C.JBC) and weigh at least 120 pounds.



Ever wonder how to use an Apple computer? Or just wanted to know the differences? There will be a brief demonstration followed by a Q&A session.

Saturday, Feb 24th, 3:00 pm
 Register online at mtpi.org

Middletown Township Public Library Presents: Apple Computers (MAC) Demonstration and Q&A
Date: Saturday, February 24th
Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: MTPL Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road)
Registration is required.
[Click the image for more info!](#)



Middletown Recreation Presents: Breakfast with the Bunny
Date: Saturday, March 24th
Time: 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM
Location: Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)
Cost: \$20.00 per adult \$10.00 per child. Pre- registration required.
[Click the picture for more information!](#)





The Middletown Arts Center presents: 2nd Annual Irish Film Festival
Dates: Friday, February 23rd, 8:00 PM- Midnight with a screening of "Emerald City"
Saturday, February 24th from 11 AM to 11 PM, the festival continues with screenings of over 30 films selected by the festival committee from over 300 submissions.
 Admission is free. Please call 732-706-4100 to register.
[Click the picture to learn more!](#)


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