

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



*Members of the Township Committee celebrated honoree Caleigh Brennan and her family at this year's Elks Charity Ball on Friday, March 9th. Left to Right: Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, Honoree Caleigh Brennan, Mayor Stephanie Murray, Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Caleigh's mother, Brandi Brennan, and Committeeman Tony Perry.*

## Township Committee Attends Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 Charity Ball on Friday, March 9th

The Middletown Elks's Special Children's Committee held its biggest fundraiser of the year, the 52nd Charity Ball, at the Gramercy in Hazlet on Friday, March 9th. All proceeds from this affair enable the committee to continue its vital work assisting and enhancing the lives of our Special Children.

This year's honoree was 12-year-old Caleigh Brennan. Caleigh was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at the age of 4 and has spent years smiling in the face of many challenges. Caleigh's parents, Brandi and Marc Brennan, and her siblings have done a wonderful job supporting her and helping her thrive.

Middletown Township is fortunate to have an Elks Lodge that is so integrally involved in our community and our children.

Thank you to all who were involved in this very special event!

## Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino Lends a Helping Hand at Meals on Wheels

Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino recently lent a helping hand at the local Meals on Wheels program at the Township's Senior Center. His visit is part of an annual **March for Meals** awareness campaign organized by the Meals on Wheels Association of America. The goal of the campaign is to generate awareness about the growing number of seniors facing the threat of hunger in America and to encourage action on the part of the local community.

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



*Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino helps Senior Center Supervisor Patrice Nugent pack meals to support the March for Meals awareness campaign.*

## Middletown Township Fire Department Receives Donation of 11 Sets of Pet Oxygen Masks from Canine Company



On Wednesday, March 14th the MTFD received a generous donation of 11 sets of specially-designed pet oxygen mask kits from the Canine Company at Lincroft Fire Station #10. Now each fire station will be equipped with masks to deploy on the scene of house fires and other emergencies to help keep our pets safe! Alison Tharp, Canine Company's Monmouth County representative, presented the kits to Mayor Stephanie Murray and MTFD Fire Chief Ryan Clarke in front of Township Committee members, the MTFD Fire Chiefs, members of our volunteer fire department, and the Lincroft family who brought the need for pet oxygen masks to the attention of the MTFD.

## Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 Holds Annual Youth Activity Breakfast Breakfast on Sunday, March 11th

The Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 held its Annual Youth Activity Breakfast this past Sunday, March 11th at the Middletown Elks Lodge in Belford.

The purpose of the breakfast is to honor local youth for their participation in various activities sponsored by the Youth Activities Committee. Such events include the Elks Batter Up Program, the Elks Soccer Shootout, the Elks Hoop Shoot, an Americanism Essay Contest, and the Peer Leadership program.

The children and their parents, along with Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Committeeman Tony Perry and Committeeman Rick Hibell, enjoyed a buffet breakfast hosted by the Elks while the members presented



Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Committeemen Tony Perry and Rick Hibell embraced the opportunity to congratulate the children who participated in the program and thank the Middletown Elks and the children's parents who make their involvement possible. Left to Right: Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Elks Lodge

certificates to the youth who participated in the programs. Thank you to the Elks Youth Activities Committee who do so much for the children in our community!

**Secretary Ed Hahn, Elks  
District Deputy Kevin Baxter,  
and Committeemen Tony Perry  
and Rick Hibell.**

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 website.



## Register Now for Middletown Township Summer Camps!

The Middletown Township Recreation Department is gearing up for a fun-filled 2018 summer camp season! Visit [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) to register online. You can register in-person at the Recreation Administrative

Offices located inside the Nature Center at Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Road. Registration can be made for family members only. To read the press release, click [HERE](#).

## Recent Township Happenings & Events



Members of the Middletown Township Committee marched in Rumson's annual Saint Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 11th. Pictured from left: Committeeman Tony Perry, Mayor Steph Murray, Drum Major of the Ocean County Emerald Society and Middletown Township firefighter Bob Kegley, and Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino.



Committeeman Tony Perry spoke to eighth grade students at Bayshore Middle School for Career Day on Wednesday, March 14th about civic leadership and how to become more involved in the community.



Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 60169 and to all those who came out to support the fundraiser for the Middletown Police Department's K-9 Unit at Texas Roadhouse in Holmdel on Monday, March 12th!



[Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino attended the Grand Opening of Hot and Soul Yoga on Saturday, March 10th. Click the picture to learn more about Hot and Soul Yoga!](#)



[Click the image to learn more about what the MAC has to offer!](#)

## Check Out the New Video Tour of the Middletown Arts Center!

The Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) has created a promotional video to show all of the amazing programs they offer to Middletown residents for all ages and interest levels. If you don't know what is available at the MAC, click [HERE](#) to watch the video and find out!



## Roadwork on Kings Highway & Church Street

There is significant roadwork being done on Kings Highway and Church Street in preparation of the signalization of the roadway. Kings Highway will have lane shifts in place and Church Street will have intermittent closures between 9am and 4pm from Monday, 3/19 through Friday, 3/23. Detours will be in place to follow. Please plan alternate routes. If you have any questions, contact Traffic at 732-615-2045.



[The Middletown Township Public Library Presents:](#)



[Middletown Recreation Department presents: Easter Eggstravaganza!](#)  
[Date: Saturday, March 24](#)  
[Time: 11:00AM- 1:00PM](#)



General Seating offered. For more information, call 732-615-4000

[\*\*Andy & Judy Folk Concert\*\*](#)  
**Date: Tuesday, March 20th**  
**Time: 7:00PM- 8:00PM**  
**Location: MTPL Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road)**  
[\*\*Click the image for more info!\*\*](#)

[\*\*Location: Middletown Arts Center \(36 Church Street\)\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Click the picture to learn more!\*\*](#)

[\*\*The Middletown Arts Center presents: Nigerian Pianist Timothy Ogunbiyi\*\*](#)  
**Dates: Saturday, March 24th from 4:00PM-5:30PM**  
**Location: Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)**  
[\*\*Click the picture to learn more!\*\*](#)

## MIDDLETOWN YOUTH JOB FAIR

**When: Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:johngiordano@yahoo.com))  
or Mitch Gotesky ([732-915-2445](tel:732-915-2445)) [nycred1@aol.com](mailto:nycred1@aol.com)).



[\*\*Click the picture to learn more!\*\*](#)



**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

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/brushleafcollection](http://www.middletownnj.org/brushleafcollection) for more information or to view your brush/leaf 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.

## 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 blue gradient background. At the top, the text "FREE Home Energy Audit Program" is displayed. In the top right corner is a circular logo for "SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFIED". Below the logo, there is an image of a house with a hand holding a digital thermometer or energy audit device in front of it. To the right of the image, the text "Learn how to save energy and money in your home ... FREE!" is written. Below this, a larger text block states: "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, there is a call to action: "Call 877-455-NJNG (6564) or e-mail [savegreen@njng.com](mailto:savegreen@njng.com) and mention Middletown Energy Audit."

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

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