Township Introduces 0% Percent Tax Increase for Second Year in a Row

The Township Committee introduced a zero percent tax increase at Monday evening's Township Committee meeting. The proposed 2018 municipal budget represents an ongoing commitment to minimizing costs while maximizing revenue and services.

“The Township Committee and I are committed to putting taxpayers first and have made a consistent effort to cut costs without sacrificing core government services,” said Mayor Stephanie C. Murray. “Despite rising costs of approximately $2.3 million from pensions and other obligations, the Township Committee was able to sharpen the pencil to avoid any further strain on our residents and taxpayers.”

Read more HERE.

K.I.A. Flag Now Flies at Town Hall
On Monday, March 19th, Mayor Stephanie Murray, the Township Committee, and Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger joined members of the Veterans Affairs Committee and Vietnam Veterans of America to raise the K.I.A. flag at Town Hall. This flag, which is mandatory to fly at government buildings in New Jersey, honors veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The bill that mandates this flag requires that the K.I.A. flag be flown beneath the American and Missing in Action flags. The flag now flies along with the American Flag and POW/MIA flag.

Watch the flag being raised by clicking [HERE](#).

**Freeholder Scharfenberger Honored at Township Committee Meeting on March 19th**

On March 19th, the Township Committee honored former long-time committee member and mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D. Dr. Scharfenberger was recently sworn in as a Monmouth County Freeholder, and the meeting was a chance for the Township Committee and residents to thank him for his years of dedicated service to Middletown.

Freeholder Scharfenberger served over thirteen years on the Township Committee, including six terms as Mayor and two terms as Deputy Mayor. Among his many notable accomplishments are bringing Memorial Sloan Kettering to town, forming the first municipal Veterans Affairs Committee in the state, working tirelessly to help rebuild post-Superstorm Sandy, and spearheading the Township’s Economic Development Committee. Freeholder Scharfenberger, whose energy, passion, and leadership as a public official is unmatched, was presented with a proclamation, a Key to the Township, and a commemorative clock.
He will be missed by those he served in Middletown, but will certainly continue to do great work for our town and county as a Freeholder.

Watch the Latest Minute with the Mayor Segment!

Check out the latest Minute with the Mayor segment filmed on Tuesday, March 14th at the Lincroft Fire Company. Middletown's fire chiefs, volunteer firefighters and Township Committee members joined Mayor Murray to discuss local news and events in Middletown.

This latest segment features the Canine Company's generous pet oxygen mask donation to the MTFD, Administrative Law Judge Gail Cookson's denial of JCP&L’s proposed Monmouth County Reliability Project, and recognizing Mike Fedosh for his 27 years of dedicated service to the Township's Environmental Commission.

Click HERE to watch the video!

Upcoming Garbage and Recycling Pickup Dates:

South Zone:
Recycling: Saturday, March 24th (Due to weather cancellation on Wednesday, March 21st)
Garbage: Tuesday, March 27th and Friday, March 30th
Bulk: Friday, April 6th

North Zone:
Garbage: Monday, March 26th and Thursday, March 29th
Recycling: Wednesday, March 28th
Bulk: Thursday, March 29th

Easter Outreach

Do you have an extra ham? Middletown’s Social Services Department would like to put together food baskets for needy families for Easter.

If you would like to donate a ham, please contact Kathy Straniero at 732-616-2085.
Come join Middletown Recreation, the Arts Center, and the Education Association for an Easter fun-filled day! The first 500 children will receive goodie bags. Enjoy the famous Doodle Dude, arts and crafts, a picture with the Easter Bunny (bring your own camera), an egg decorating contest and more! Click the picture to learn more!

There will be no egg hunt at the Easter Eggstravaganza.

Please take note: the Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Friday, March 23rd was cancelled due to the snow.

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 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.

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, 3/26 through Friday, 3/30. Detours will be in place to follow. Please plan alternate routes. If you have any questions, contact Traffic at 732-615-2045.
Click on the picture to learn more about the Middletown Township Home Energy Audit Program.

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