

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



## Middletown Kicked Off 2018 Little League Season with MYAA Parade



Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Committeemen Rick Hibell and Tony Perry participated in the 2018 Middletown Little League (MYAA) parade last Saturday, April 14th. Thank you to all the volunteers and best of luck to the players and coaches this season!

## Township Adopts Municipal Budget

The Township Committee adopted a municipal budget this week that reflects an ongoing commitment to hold a tight rein on spending.

Key drivers to the budget this year include several



hundred thousand dollars in healthcare savings due to innovative changes to the Township healthcare programs, shared services agreements with other municipalities, and governmental agencies and operational savings in snow removal costs.

"This year's budget supports our belief that we can protect the quality of core government services, while still cutting costs," said Mayor Stephanie C. Murray.

Your tax bill funds three distinct budgets: the school budget, the county budget, and the Township's municipal budget. "We are very proud that this is the second year in a row that we've been able to give our residents a zero percent municipal tax increase, despite the rising costs of approximately \$2.3 million from pensions and other obligations," stated Mayor Murray. "Additionally, more than 10 of our departments were able to reduce costs in operational expenses."

Visit [middletownnj.org/budget](http://middletownnj.org/budget) for more information. Click [HERE](#) to read the entire press release.

## Celebrate Earth Day By Voting for Middletown to Win a \$20K Grant for a Township Park!



## Township Happenings and Events



Mayor Stephanie Murray participated in the ceremonial swearing in of Titan, the newest member of the Middletown Township Police Department's K-9 Unit at the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, April 16th.

*Left to Right: Mayor Stephanie Murray, K-9 Titan, Titan's handler Patrolman Mike Heaton, and Police Chief Craig Weber.*



The Recreation Department held its annual Daddy Daughter Dance at Jacques in Middletown on Friday, April 13th. The theme this year was 'Masquerade' and over 300 dads and daughters had a blast dancing and enjoying the fun. A big thank you to all who continue to help make this evening such a success!



Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino attended Troop 246's Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony on Sunday, April 15th at the Red Banks Elks Club. Congratulations to Eagle Scouts Stephen Baio, Frank Pinnola, and Conor McCormick on this impressive achievement!

**DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING?  
HOW ABOUT CLEANING OUT YOUR PANTRY AND  
HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED!**

**The Department of Social Services Food Pantry is in need of nonperishable foods, cleaning supplies and personal care items. Donations can be dropped off at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth, Monday to Friday between 9:00AM-1:00PM. Residents can also call Kathy Straniero at 732-615-2085 to schedule a drop-off.**



[The Middletown Township Public Library Presents: Resume Writing Workshop](#)  
[Date: Monday, April 23th](#)  
[Time: 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM](#)



[Middletown Recreation Department Presents: Town Wide Garage Sale!](#)  
[Date: Saturday & Saturday, May 19th and 20th](#)  
[Time: 8:300AM- 4:00PM](#)  
[Location: Town Wide!](#)



[The Middletown Arts Center Presents: RocknRoll](#)

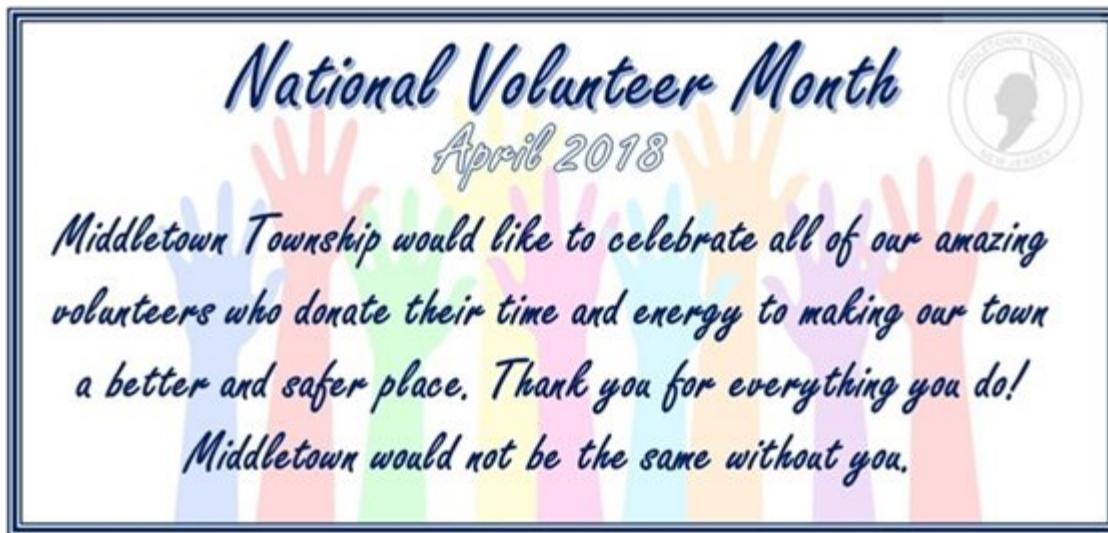
[Location: MTPL Computer Lab \(55 New Monmouth Road\)](#)  
Registration required.  
[Click the image to register and for more information!](#)

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

Chorus Concert for Peace and Harmony  
Dates: Sunday, April 29th  
Time: 3:00PM  
Location: Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)  
Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors.  
[Click the picture to learn more!](#)

## Middletown Recognizes National Volunteer Month

*National Volunteer Month*  
*April 2018*



*Middletown Township would like to celebrate all of our amazing volunteers who donate their time and energy to making our town a better and safer place. Thank you for everything you do!*

*Middletown would not be the same without you.*





**“VA CLAIMS CLINIC”**  
*co-hosted by*  
**Greater Monmouth AFCEA &  
Department of Veterans Affairs/Newark RO**

**Who should come?** Veterans, Service-members and dependents looking for information about VA benefits

**Where:** **Middletown Township Library**  
55 New Monmouth Road  
Middletown, NJ 07742

**When:** **Thursday, May 3, 2018/5:30PM – 7:30PM**  
Learn about VA benefits, including compensation, pension, vocational rehabilitation & employment and education benefits

More information contact Jennifer Myers at 973-297-3384

**Bringing the VA to Veterans!**

## New This Summer: Trip Camp!

Formerly known as [Trail Blazers/Navigators](#), teens will go on various field trips in this newly-renovated program for grades 7, 8 and 9. All trips will begin and end at the Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue). Registration is done per week, not per trip. The fee is \$225 per week (Monday-Thursday). Visit [this link](#) and click on Grades 7-8-9 to view Week 1 through Week 6.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup) to register.





[Click on the picture to learn more about the 4th Annual Antique Car Show at Poricy Park!](#)



## Roadwork & Detours

### Lane Closures on Middletown Lincroft Road at GSP Overpass Continuing through Next Weekend

Starting on Monday, April 23rd Middletown Lincroft Road at the GSP Overpass will have intermittent lane closures between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27th, the road will be completely closed throughout the weekend and will reopen at 5:00 a.m. Monday, April 30th.

### Roadwork on Highway 35 Between Chapel Hill Road & Apple Farm Road

Highway 35 between Chapel Hill Road and Apple Farm Road will have lane closures between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from Monday, 4/23 through Friday, 4/27.

### 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, 4/23 through Friday, 4/27. Detours will be in place to follow. Please plan alternate routes. If you have any questions, contact Traffic at 732-615-2045.

## MONMOUTH COUNTY 2018 PAPER SHREDDING DATES



[Click HERE for more info](#)

- March 24** – Marlboro Municipal Complex, 1979 Township Dr.
- April 14** – Atlantic Highlands Municipal Harbor Parking Lot
- April 21** – Freehold Township Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza
- May 5** – Aberdeen Municipal Lot, 1 Aberdeen Sq./141 Church St.
- May 12** – Keyport Fireman's Park, West Front Street
- June 16** – Upper Freehold Municipal Bldg., Rt. 539
- June 30** – Middletown High School North, 63 Tindall Rd.
- July 14** – Spring Lake Heights Elementary School, Rt. 71 & Brighton
- September 16** – Manasquan, 4th Ave. parking lot - Corner of Main St. & 4th
- October 13** – Asbury Park City Hall Parking Lot
- November 17** – Bradley Beach, Ocean Ave. off Main Street Lake Terrace

**All events are 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. unless the truck fills first.**

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

A large, stylized American flag background with stars in the upper left and stripes across the center and bottom.

**Middletown's Annual Memorial Day Parade**

**May 28th, 2018**

The American Legion Post 338 and Middletown Township welcome residents to come together for the Annual Memorial Day Parade to honor those who have served our country. Parade begins at Bayshore Middle School at 10:00 AM.

[Click the picture to see upcoming Township events!](#)

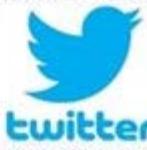
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