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The 2018 Township Committee

Front row from left: Deputy Mayor Kevin M. Settembrino and Mayor Stephanie C. Murray. Back Row from left: Committeeman Rick W. Hibell, Committeeman Anthony P. Fiore and Committeeman Anthony S. Perry

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Township Adopts Budget with Zero Percent Municipal Tax Increase

In April, the Township Committee adopted a municipal budget 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 Steph Murray.

Your tax bill funds three distinct budgets: the school budget, the county budget, and the Township's municipal budget (see chart for percentages). "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."

While the Township only has oversight over the municipal budget, Middletown Township is responsible for collecting and distributing the taxes for all taxing entities.

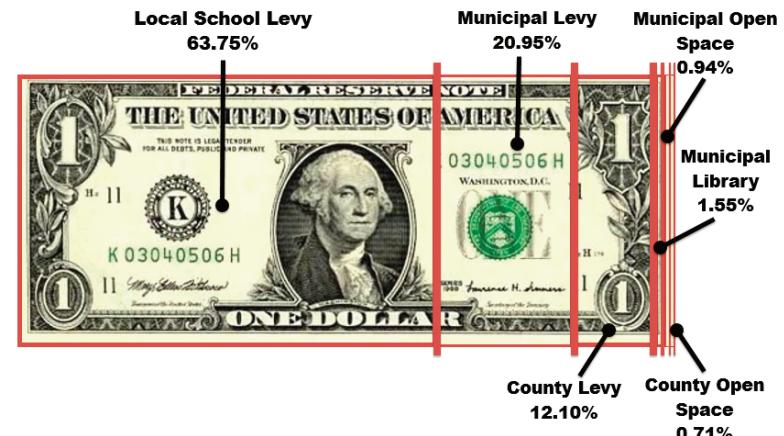
Visit middletownnj.org/budget for more information.

Tony Perry and Rick Hibell Appointed to 2018 Township Committee

TWO NEW COMMITTEEMEN WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED TO THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE THIS YEAR AFTER STEPHEN MASSELL RESIGNED IN OCTOBER TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX BOARD AND GERARD P. SCHARFENBERGER, PH.D. WAS APPOINTED TO THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS IN NOVEMBER.

TONY PERRY WAS SWORN IN AT THE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING. FORMER SENATOR JOE KYRILLOS ISSUED HIS OATH OF OFFICE AS HIS WIFE ALANNAH HELD THE BIBLE. RICK HIBELL WAS SWORN IN AT THE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING. MAYOR STEPH MURRAY ISSUED HIBELL'S OATH OF OFFICE AS HIS WIFE KELLI HELD THE BIBLE.

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Work Continues on Port Monmouth Flood Control Project

The Port Monmouth Floodwall Project that began in 2014 through the Army Corps of Engineers and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has been moving along steadily. It is part of a large-scale \$110 million project to reduce flood risk and coastal shore damage along Raritan and Sandy Hook Bay. The floodwall begins west of the pier extension and concludes prior to the overpass at Pews Creek. The project was originally introduced over twenty years ago but never received proper funding, so long-time residents such as



A new 195-foot fishing pier was added with walking paths to the beach area.

Charlie and Cathy Rogers are thrilled to finally see it come to fruition. "I've seen firsthand the frequent and devastating damage caused by flooding during coastal storms," said Mr. Rogers who is also the Director of the Office of Emergency Management for the Township. Both

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LEONARDO RESIDENTS LAUNCH NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER LEONARDO

Residents of Leonardo came together in April for the first meeting of the Neighborhood Committee for a Better Leonardo (NCBL).

The NCBL is a resident action group that consists of locals from Leonardo who seek solutions for their shared problems at the community level. The mission of the group is to create positive change and greater communication within the neighborhood. Committeemen Tony Perry and Rick Hibell, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Police Chief Craig Weber and Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski attended the meeting to answer questions residents had regarding township or police related issues.



Leonardo resident and Committeeman Rick Hibell spoke to residents at the NCBL.

Rehab Grants Available For Homeowners

If you are a Middletown homeowner, you may be eligible for a home rehabilitation grant/loan of up to \$25,000 from the Township's Home Rehabilitation Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program is for low and moderate income households. Call (732) 615-2281.

FY2018 INCOME LIMITATIONS

Household Size	Gross Max Income
1 person	\$50,350
2 people	\$57,550
3 people	\$64,750
4 people	\$71,900
5 people	\$77,700
6 people	\$83,450
7 people	\$89,200
8 people	\$94,950

Bayshore Village Celebrates Grand Re-Opening!

Real estate firm and developer Community Investment Strategies hosted the grand re-opening of Bayshore Village, a senior community in Port Monmouth that was devastated by Superstorm Sandy over five years ago. Through the collaborative efforts of our elected officials, Community Investment Strategies, Middletown Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, PRC Management, and the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, residents were able to move back home to a state-of-the-art disaster resilient building. This event was a celebration of the residents' homecoming and a positive reminder of what can be accomplished when people come together for a good cause.

Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger and Township Committeeman Tony Fiore along with members of the Middletown Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, Community Investment Strategies, Freeholders Tom Arnone and John Curley, and Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso at Bayshore Village's long-awaited ribbon cutting ceremony. Everyone was thrilled to welcome former and new residents home!



Tax Collector's Message

Happy Spring! Homestead Benefit Credits have been applied and adjusted. May 2018 tax bills were mailed to applicable homeowners on March 29, 2018.

The 2018 Final/2019 Preliminary tax bills will be mailed in July. The August quarter due date is August 1, 2018. Please review your tax bill for the last day to pay without interest. Quarterly tax payments can be made online at www.middletownnj.org. Thank you!

Tips on How to Reduce Mosquito Risk

Warm weather is approaching and with it will come mosquitoes. Mosquitoes ruin the enjoyment of outdoor activities and can spread diseases like West Nile virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Zika Virus and heartworms to people, household pets, and horses. Mosquitoes need standing water to grow. It only takes about a week for mosquito eggs to hatch, grow, and then fly away as adults ready to bite. **By removing standing water from around your home, you can greatly reduce the risk of mosquitoes.** Here are some tips:

- Check for sources of standing water that can breed mosquitoes around the home such as tires/tire swings, bird baths, buckets, wheelbarrows, pool covers, children's pools & toys, clogged rain gutters, plastic tarps, garden ponds, fountains, and uncovered trash cans
- Throw out items that hold water but are not wanted or needed (like old tires)
- Cover or turn over items that are wanted but don't need to hold water (like buckets)
- Change the water at least once a week in items that should hold water (like bird baths)
- Put fish in garden ponds or fountains

To protect family, pets, and self:

- Use mosquito repellants containing DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR3535 (*always read and follow product label directions*)
- Keep window and door screens in good repair
- Ask your veterinarian about the proper medicines or vaccines for your cats, dogs, or horses

Need some extra help? Call the Monmouth County Mosquito Control at 732-542-3630.

Port Monmouth Floodwall Project story

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he and his wife Cathy have helped push for the floodwall and have watched its construction with excitement and relief. "I am ecstatic that it's finally come to a point where I see something being done to protect the residents of Port Monmouth," said Mrs. Rogers.

When the project is complete in 2022, there will be 7,882 linear feet of floodwall and 3,655 linear feet of levee, which will do much to prevent the type of flooding the area experienced in Superstorm Sandy. Some other flood control measures included in the project are replenishing beaches, creating dunes, reinforcing the marina's bulkhead, site grading, drainage, and building a steel roller gate closure across Old Port Monmouth Road. Also, a 195-foot fishing pier was added with walking paths to the beach area.

The Middletown Township Committee has been integral in getting this massive project up and running. Three members were serving on the Committee during Superstorm Sandy (Murray, Settembrino, and Fiore) and have seen the devastation that such flooding can cause. The 8 feet of flooding caused damage to over 750 buildings in Port Monmouth alone

and served as a launching pad to finally get the project off the ground, according to Committeeman Fiore. "I served as Mayor during this time and we rallied with thousands of residents of Port Monmouth to demand flood mitigation so there would never be another flood like Sandy. Congressmen Smith and Pallone were instrumental in helping us secure the funding to complete the entire project." Recently, the Township Committee voted to acquire over ten acres of wetland that is subject to flooding in Belford to continue the wall and protect surrounding residences.

By the time the project is completed, Port Monmouth will have added protection on all sides to negate further flooding issues and add resiliency for Port Monmouth residents and their homes for years to come.



Debbie Voelbel and Bill Dixon from the NJDEP Division of Coastal Engineering, Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante, Committeeman Tony Fiore, Director of Public Works Ted Malone, David Gentile and Ken Johnson from the Army Corps of Engineers with Cathy and Charlie Rogers

Message From Mayor Stephanie C. Murray

*S*ince being sworn in as your Mayor for the third time, many wonderful things have happened in our Township. Last month, we were able to adopt a budget with a zero percent municipal tax increase while still protecting the quality of our core government services. The Township Committee and I are committed to putting you as taxpayers first, and are glad that we could do this despite the rising costs from pensions and other obligations.

We also welcomed two new Township Committee members, Tony Perry and our former Fire Chief Rick Hibell, to our 2018 team. Former Committeeman Steve Massell accepted a seat on the Monmouth County Tax Board, and



At the Mayor's Cup 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!

our "Forever Mayor" Gerry Scharfenberger was appointed to the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. While we will miss their input, we are fortunate to gain the insight and expertise of our new Committee members. I'm also extremely confident that Gerry will continue to do great things for Middletown as a Freeholder and devoted community leader.

This year, I had the distinct honor and pleasure of swearing in two of the women featured in our "Female Firsts" cover story: Kim Kraynock, our Township's first female Emergency Medical Services Chief, and Hayley Beekman, our first female Fire Captain. The Township continues to show young girls that they can aspire to be and do anything they put their minds to.

2018 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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RICK W. HIBELL, COMMITTEEMAN
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PREMIER GRAPHICS, PRINTER

The Mayor's Office was proud to receive an Award of Gratitude from Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 for their help with their annual Charity Ball. From left: Mayor Steph Murray, Assistant to the Mayor Maureen Raisch, Public Information Officer Tara Berson, and Assistant Public Information Officer Jessi Ticino



The Township has also been proud to stand against JCP&L's proposed Monmouth County Reliability Project. We were elated over Administrative Law Judge Gail Cookson's decision to deny the MCRP and are confident that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will make the right decision for Middletown and the other four towns along the proposed 10-mile route.

As Mayor, one of my main goals has been to make sure that our residents feel heard and are kept in the loop with decision-making. Many of you expressed an interest in pursuing a "No Knock Registry" in our town, so we introduced the No Knock Ordinance which enables residents to register on an annual basis to prevent individuals from soliciting on their property. There will also be public

The History of the Township Logo

The Township logo is a long-standing symbol of our wonderful proud heritage. It depicts the Sachem Pompora, who was the Lenape chief who sold the land that encompassed Middletown to the first settlers. It is a fitting tribute to our past and a reminder to present day residents of those who were responsible for giving us the wonderful place we are fortunate enough to call home. I think I speak for the entire Township Committee when I say that I am proud of our Middletown heritage and the recognition of those responsible for laying the groundwork for our community



information sessions in May and September regarding a proposed microgrid solution in the Bayshore area which will reinforce the Township's power supply during emergency situations as well as help insulate critical facilities such as Naval Weapons Station Earle, multiple fire departments, and our schools. This microgrid configuration would be powered by already-existing local energy resources and could also function independently if power were to fail.



I paid a visit to the DPW offices, checked out the garage, and had the opportunity to thank some of the staff for all of their hard work. From left: John Malizia, Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance, Director of Public Works Ted Maloney, Mayor Steph Murray and Assistant Operations Manager Dan Catena.

In an effort to communicate more openly and effectively, we've been ramping up our public information through an increased social media presence and new programming on our municipal TV channels (Comcast Channel 20 and Verizon FiOS Channel 26). We launched two new segments, "A Minute with the Mayor," which promotes important information and happenings in our community, as well as "Meeting Middletown" which showcases our various departments so our residents can gain a better understanding of how each department functions. Our first "Meeting Middletown" program features Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominic Donatelli. It's currently airing on our TV station and is on our YouTube Channel (Middletown

I had the pleasure of meeting with Girl Scout Troop 1382 from Nut Swamp Elementary School in April to discuss what makes our community unique, our local government, and my role as mayor which helped them earn their Celebrating Community badges. They were also featured in a recent "Minute with the Mayor" segment.



Township NJ). Be on the lookout for some upcoming PSAs about how to recycle properly in Middletown and the Township's energy efficiency efforts.

One of my favorite things about Middletown is that we're able to provide the best facilities and services to our residents. We are lucky to have an outstanding Arts Center, municipal library, and recreational facilities that will continue to offer diverse programming for residents of all ages. Be sure to take advantage of our free summer movies and concerts, and the wealth of programming we offer for summer camps. Your support is truly appreciated.

Steph Murray



Mayor Murray Honored at Women in Municipal Government Networking and Award Event

Mayor Murray was recently honored by the Women in Municipal Government (WIMG) Committee at their Networking and Award Event held at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City. Out of the 565 municipalities in New Jersey with over 13,000 elected officials, Steph Murray was one of only five women to receive a nomination.



KIA Flag Flying at Town Hall

Mayor Steph 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 it 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBER MIKE FEDOSH was commended for his 27 years of dedicated service to the Township's Environmental Commission. Pictured from left: Mayor Steph Murray, Mike Fedosh, and Committeeman Tony Fiore.



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Perry was the Chief of Staff for Senator Joe Kyrillos prior to his retirement and worked in the Office of the Governor – Sandy Recovery Division. Hibell is a lifelong resident of Middletown as well as a second generation Fire Chief who owns a marine construction company that is based in Middletown.

"The Township Committee is excited to welcome both Committeemen Perry and Hibell to the team," said Mayor Steph Murray. "They each bring a different type of experience and perspective to the table and have the ability to collaborate and get things done."

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



Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger Receives Key to Middletown Township

The Township Committee honored former long-time committee member and mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Ph.D. at a meeting in March. Dr. Scharfenberger was recently appointed to the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders 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, 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.



Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Committeeman Tony Fiore, Mayor Steph Murray, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, and Committeemen Rick Hibell and Tony Perry.



Help Prevent Pollution in Navesink River by Cleaning Up After Your Pooch!

The Middletown Environmental Commission and the American Littoral Society have been teaming up to raise awareness about dog waste pollution in the Navesink River. Analysis indicates that human, domestic animal and wildlife waste is washing into our rivers. Here are simple things you can do if you own or walk dogs:

- Scoop your dog's poop whether on or off your property. If you leave it lying around, the next rainstorm will wash the waste into storm drains which go to local streams and ultimately lead to the river. This is true even if you don't live near or on the river.
- If possible, dispose of the waste by flushing it down a toilet (don't flush the bag). Like human waste, dog waste contains harmful bacteria, which is why we process human waste, and which is why we should also process dog waste. If you can't get yourself to do that, throw it in the garbage. That's better than having it flow into the river.

MIDDLETOWN WINS NJRPA AWARD FOR "MIDDLETOWN 350" PROGRAMMING

The "Middletown 350" year of celebration won the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) Excellence in Special Event Programming award for the 2017-2018 cycle! Mayor Murray spearheaded this initiative, and Janet Dellett, the Director of Recreation, accepted the award on the Township's behalf at Harrah's in Atlantic City on Tuesday, March 6th.

Pictured: Middletown Township 350 Committee

Hometown Sports Hero Award Presented to Middletown High School South Alum and Super Bowl Champ Rick Lovato



Middletown welcomed home Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl champ and Middletown High School South alum Rick Lovato at Town Hall and proudly presented him with the 'Hometown Sports Hero Award'. Pictured from left: Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Committeeman Tony Perry, Philadelphia Eagles player Rick Lovato, and Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino.



MIDDLETOWN CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA!

DEPUTY MAYOR KEVIN SETTEMBRINO (PICTURED) AND COMMITTEEMAN TONY PERRY VISITED LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA, A NATIONWIDE EVENT IN MARCH THAT CELEBRATES READING AND IMAGINATION.

K-9 JAX VISITS PORT MONMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MAYOR STEPH MURRAY, OFFICER BRIAN MCGROGAN, AND POLICE DOG JAX VISITED THE STUDENTS AT PORT MONMOUTH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MARCH. OFFICER MCGROGAN TAUGHT THE KIDS ABOUT ALL OF THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT JAX, A BLOODHOUND, DOES FOR THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Middletown Celebrates 2018 Fire Chief Elections

Mayor Steph Murray, Committeeman Tony Perry, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, Middletown Township Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Deputy Chief Steve Schweizer, Company Chiefs Russ Mount III, John Friedmann and Bernie Chenoweth, and their families celebrated their elections at the Lincroft Fire Station.



Middletown Welcomes Newest Addition to K-9 Unit – Titan!

Mayor Steph Murray swore in Titan (with his handler Officer Mike Heaton) at the Township Committee Meeting on Monday, April 16th.



Project P.L.U.S. Completion Ceremonies

Mayor Steph Murray and Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger congratulated 5th grade students who participated in the 7-week Project P.L.U.S. (Peer leaders Understanding Students) after-school drug awareness program at one of the several completion ceremonies this year.



Two Outstanding Individuals Receive Life Saving Awards

Mayor Steph Murray presented former Fire Chief Tony Citarella with a Life Saving Award for rescuing a 9-year-old child from a house fire in the Old Village section of town on New Year's Day. Pictured from left: 3rd Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, First Assistant Chief Russell Mount III, Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Mayor Steph Murray, award recipient Tony Citarella, and Deputy Chief Steve Schweizer.



Police Officer Nicholas Manochio received a Life Saving Award for saving a dog that fell into a frozen creek in Lincroft. Pictured from left: Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski, Deputy Chief Steve Dollinger, Police Chief Craig Weber, Mayor Steph Murray, Officer Nicholas Manochio, Brody the dog, and his owners, the Sullivan family.

Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 Hosts 52nd Annual Charity Ball to Honor a Special Child

The Middletown Elks's Special Children's Committee held its 52nd Charity Ball at the Gramercy in Hazlet in March. This year's honoree was 12-year-old Caleigh Brennan who was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at the age of 4 and has spent years smiling in the face of many challenges. *Pictured from left: Caleigh's father, Marc Brennan, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, Honoree Caleigh Brennan, Mayor Steph Murray, Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Caleigh's mother, Brandi Brennan, Committeeman Tony Perry, and Caleigh's sisters.*



Middletown's EMS Cadets Visit Monmouth County Sheriff's Office

The Middletown EMS Cadets took a tour of the Monmouth County Sheriff's facility in Freehold earlier this year. The purpose of the visit was to educate the cadets on what happens in the 9-1-1 Communications Center and the role dispatchers play in an emergency.



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DONATION OF 11 SETS OF PET OXYGEN MASKS FROM CANINE COMPANY

ALISON THARP, CANINE COMPANY'S MONMOUTH COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, PRESENTED SPECIALLY-DESIGNED PET OXYGEN MASK KITS TO MAYOR STEPH 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.

Township Briefs

RABIES CLINICS

The Health Department's Animal Control Division conducts free Rabies clinics. Rabies vaccinations for cats are held in September. Dog clinics are conducted in October and January. Please check www.middletownnj.org for specific dates and times. In addition, Animal Control gets periodic lists of clinics held in surrounding towns, which are also free. Remember, all dogs and cats must be licensed in Middletown Township. Call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 for more information.

FLU CLINICS

The Middletown Township Department of Health and Social Services provides free Influenza vaccinations to residents. These flu clinics are held in the fall, usually mid-to-late October. Visit www.middletownnj.org in late September for more information regarding the clinic times and locations. Contact the Health Department at 732-615-2095/2096 for more information.

EMERGENCY ALERTS & COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS

Make sure you're in the know! Sign up to receive alerts about emergencies, flooding, weather alerts, road closures, power outages, and other information relevant to the community at www.middletownnj.org/emergencyalerts. Since some alerts can be targeted to a specific geographic area, we recommend you register with your street address.

To receive our weekly Middletown Minutes e-newsletter and get e-mail notifications about Township news, community events, meeting agendas, etc., visit www.middletownnj.org/subscribe.



Female Firsts OF MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP



MAYOR STEPH MURRAY
WITH
CAPTAIN BEEKMAN,
JANET DELLETT,
COLLEEN LAPP,
SERGEANT COLANGELO
AND DETECTIVE
GODLEY AT
TOWN HALL.

For decades, Middletown has had a strong group of intelligent and talented women leading our town and helping our community thrive. In the 1980s, Olga Boeckel was elected to the Township Committee and chosen to serve as the first female Mayor. The Township also appointed its first female Planning Director, Faith Hahn, around the same time.

This year celebrates the milestone of electing women to leadership positions in the first responder departments. In January, Kimberly Kraynock became the first female Emergency Medical Services Chief, and Hayley Beekman was elected as the first female Fire Captain. Both were sworn in by Mayor Stephanie Murray who is currently serving her third term and is on the shortlist of only five female mayors in the Township's history.

Middletown has a multitude of incredible women who are in high-level roles, but there are only a handful who are currently serving as the first female department directors or as high-ranking emergency services personnel. In addition to our emergency services female firsts, other firsts include: Colleen Lapp, the Township's first female Chief Financial Officer, Janet Dellett, the first female Recreation Director, Kelly Godley, the Middletown Township Police Department's first female police officer and detective, and Patricia Colangelo, the MTPD's first female sergeant.

To follow is a snapshot of how these six women carved the pathway to their current status. "This is an historic time for Middletown," said Mayor Murray. "By sharing these women's stories and acknowledging their achievements, we hope to inspire future female leaders who want to make a difference in our town."



NAME: **COLLEEN LAPP**
TITLE: Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown and Fair Haven (through shared service)

PREVIOUS (RELATED) JOB BEFORE ROLE AT TOWNSHIP:
Borough of Red Bank – Chief Financial Officer

NUMBER OF YEARS WORKING

FOR TOWNSHIP: 4.5

CHALLENGES/ADVANTAGES OF BEING FEMALE IN THIS ROLE:

I have heard comments, both with positive and negative intonation, about how surprising it was to see a female hired into this position. Neither affected me. I am confident in my abilities and take pride in being recognized for my skills and not my gender.

WHAT MAKES YOU MOST PROUD TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN IN YOUR JOB ROLE FOR THE TOWNSHIP?

I think there are positions that have traditionally been filled by men. Sometimes, the people that are recruiting look to what they know, and that could include gender. I feel that the Township Committee and Administration in Middletown do not make decisions based on past practice or comfort. So, in addition to being proud that I am the CFO of one of the largest municipalities in the state, I am also proud that they had the confidence in me as a CFO based on my knowledge and experience; the fact that I am female is a bonus for all.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE FEMALE FIRSTS:

Do not let gender or any other unrelated factor ever hamper your goals. Pursue your dreams and decide your path. Then achieve it all by being the best and surrounding yourself with others who support you regardless of gender. If others seem to discount your drive and abilities based on something like gender, then recognize that is not the place for you and move on. Do not dwell on those experiences as they offer no benefit to your growth as a professional nor as a person. Always try to be recognized for your accomplishments on the whole. Do not satisfy yourself by being the best of a sub-section, just go for the brass ring of being the best. Period.

NAME: **JANET E. DELLETT**

TITLE: Director of Recreation

PREVIOUS (RELATED) JOB BEFORE ROLE AT TOWNSHIP:
Aquatics Coordinator at Montclair State University; Outdoor Recreation Supervisor at Rutgers University; Director of the Tonya Keller Community Center

NUMBER OF YEARS WORKING FOR TOWNSHIP: 9
(6 years as Director of Recreation)

CHALLENGES/ADVANTAGES OF BEING FEMALE IN THIS ROLE:



Throughout my collegiate and professional careers there have been times when I was faced with adversity due to my gender. I'd be lying if I said

I've never been looked down upon as a woman in the field of recreation - particularly when it comes to sports. Since I'm a woman it's been inferred that I don't know the rules of the game, but rather than running from the problem, I chose to look past other's insecurities to push myself forward. I actively participate in trainings and educational courses in order to stay current with trends and knowledge in my field, thus helping me to become a strong female leader in recreation.

WHAT MAKES YOU MOST PROUD TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN IN YOUR JOB ROLE FOR THE TOWNSHIP?

I am proud to be the first female Recreation Director, but what makes me even prouder is being a respected member of a great team of department heads and not singled out by my gender. I feel confident standing among my colleagues and knowing that together there are no barriers or biases. We are a team chosen to lead our community and do so on an even playing field.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE FEMALE FIRSTS:

Stay true to you and always be able to face the woman in the mirror. Decide what values are most important, determine your goals, set them, and achieve them. Repeat. "There is no force more powerful than a woman determined to rise." Volunteer and get involved in local organizations and activities that tie into what you want to do or believe in. This will help you network, gain experience, and make you more well-rounded. Don't ever let someone tell you that you can't do something because you're a woman. Get in the game and prove them wrong.

NAME: **KELLY ANN SCHULKES-GODLEY**

TITLE: Special Victim's Unit: Detective First Class

PREVIOUS (RELATED) JOB BEFORE ROLE AT TOWNSHIP:
Served in United States Air Force; Security Police Officer during my active duty tenure

NUMBER OF YEARS WORKING FOR TOWNSHIP: 24 years
CHALLENGES/ADVANTAGES OF BEING FEMALE IN THIS ROLE:

I was treated differently in many ways. There was no female locker room when I joined the police department and I was actually fitted in men's uniform attire because there were no female uniforms at that



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time. My co-workers were either overcompensating for the fact that I was a woman by being over-protective or by avoiding me completely. Eventually, as they saw me proving myself over and over again, they accepted me as one of their own.

WHAT MAKES YOU MOST PROUD TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN IN YOUR JOB ROLE FOR THE TOWNSHIP?

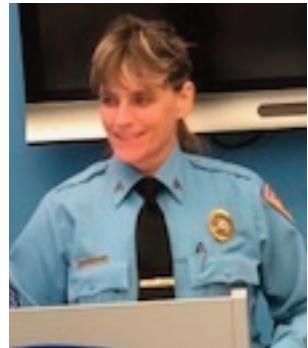
To be quite honest when I found out that I would be the first female officer that Middletown Township Police Department was going to hire I was definitely intimidated, but I knew that my military training had prepared me for what I was about to face. I am very proud of the accomplishment that I've achieved and for setting the course for those who follow me.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE FEMALE FIRSTS:

Always remember to be professional and to have self-worth and self-respect. Everything else will fall into place if you remember those rules.

NAME: PATRICIA M. COLANGELO

TITLE: Sergeant, Middletown Township Police Department
PREVIOUS (RELATED) JOB BEFORE ROLE AT TOWNSHIP: I've been with the MTPD since starting my law enforcement career. I come from a long family line of law enforcement and military professionals, including my father, three brothers, uncles, brother-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.



NUMBER OF YEARS WORKING FOR TOWNSHIP: 23 years
CHALLENGES/ADVANTAGES OF BEING FEMALE IN THIS ROLE:

The biggest challenge is that the majority of people, both men and women, prefer to speak with a male supervisor over a female supervisor. It is a little daunting but it is a challenge that I rise to when faced with it. Being a leader requires strong character and you have to be able to balance your ability to lead with being personable with the men and women you work with every day. Men and women inherently see things a little differently so finding that balance is key.

I love doing what I do and have found that an important advantage of being a female sergeant is tuning in to my empathetic side. Most women are naturally empathetic and can communicate a little easier which helps in dealing with the day-to-day situations we come across in this profession.

WHAT MAKES YOU MOST PROUD TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN IN YOUR JOB ROLE FOR THE TOWNSHIP?

I was honored and humbled to reach the rank of Sergeant and to be the first female in the history of Middletown Township to achieve that was something I never dreamed of. When I became a police officer here I was this tiny little girl and never even dreamed that I would become the first female sergeant. The road was not easy but hopefully I have opened the door for other female officers who are working hard to achieve rank in law enforcement. It can be done!

ADVICE FOR FUTURE FEMALE FIRSTS:

Just go for it. Get out there and do what you love to do. Be positive and good things will follow. There will be challenges but stay focused and determined and the world is yours!

NAME: KIMBERLY KRAYNOCK

TITLE: EMS Chief
PREVIOUS (RELATED) JOB BEFORE ROLE AT TOWNSHIP: EMS Deputy Chief; EMS Assistant Chief; Port Monmouth First Aid Captain; Lieutenant
NUMBER OF YEARS WORKING FOR TOWNSHIP: I've been a volunteer in Middletown for about 12 years.

CHALLENGES/ADVANTAGES OF BEING FEMALE IN THIS ROLE:



MIDDLETOWN'S CURRENTLY SERVING "FEMALE FIRSTS" (FROM LEFT): EMS CHIEF KIMBERLY KRAYNOCK, DETECTIVE KELLY GODELY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER COLLEEN LAPP, RECREATION DIRECTOR JANET DELLETT, SERGEANT PATRICIA COLANGELO, AND CAPTAIN HAYLEY BEEKMAN.

Many individuals still believe that a man should be in charge of a department of our size. I hope that more people start to take notice of all the capable women volunteering in emergency services organizations and support them in their efforts to pursue leadership roles.

WHAT MAKES YOU MOST PROUD TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN IN YOUR JOB ROLE FOR THE TOWNSHIP?

I feel more accomplished than proud. It's surprising to me that most people still don't realize that our Emergency Services Department is all-volunteer. I've been volunteering for 12 years, so you really don't do it for the recognition. I've sacrificed time and money to train for this important job because I truly want to be here to help our town's residents during emergency situations.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE FEMALE FIRSTS:

Just because it hasn't been done yet, doesn't mean it can't be done. Whatever you do, don't stop trying -- move forward and be better!

NAME: HAYLEY BEEKMAN

TITLE: Captain of the Port Monmouth Fire Company #1 Station 6 - M.T.F.D.

PREVIOUS (RELATED) JOB BEFORE ROLE AT TOWNSHIP:

Lieutenant of the Port Monmouth Fire Company #1 Station 6 - M.T.F.D.

NUMBER OF YEARS WORKING FOR TOWNSHIP: I have been a volunteer in town for 12 years.

CHALLENGES/ADVANTAGES OF BEING FEMALE IN THIS ROLE:

There are a lot of challenges I face as the first female Fire Captain but you have to



expect that. You're walking into what is defined as a "man's job." Your male counterparts want to see and know that you have the strength and ability to do everything that they can.

WHAT MAKES YOU MOST PROUD TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN IN YOUR JOB ROLE FOR THE TOWNSHIP?

What makes me most proud is how much support I received from the members of the PMFC # 1 and the Fire Department in order to achieve the position of Captain. Twelve years ago I would have thought that my current status would be difficult, if not impossible. However, though hard work and dedication, I've made it to where I am now.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE FEMALE FIRSTS:

Always keep your head held high and believe in yourself. Regardless of the position or title you seek, anything can be accomplished.

Spring/ Summer Middletown Township Public Library Events for Adults

The Wag Pop Music Concert

6/5/2018 at 7:00 PM at the MTPL Community Room



The WAG returns. Got songs? Got harmonies? Got fun and unbridled enthusiasm? Then you've got The Wag! Hailing from the Bayshore area of New Jersey, this 4-piece unit has been entertaining and moving audiences for almost 20 years but still sounds as fresh as they did on day one! With three alternating lead vocalists, catchy melodies, and sophisticated harmonies, they will take you on a journey of pop rock delight!

FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASS

For adults

5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20

This is an ongoing class of learning beginners French.

Visit the www.mtpl.org for more information!

Hamilton and Burr, Battle of Monmouth

Date: 6/26/2018 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Community Room

Presented by David Martin, historian from Friends of Monmouth Battlefield.

Burr and Hamilton were parallel prodigies, colleagues, and friends yet they became bitter and deadly enemies, culminating in their tragic duel on the heights of Weehawken on July 11, 1804. Their lives crossed in 1778 at the Battle of Monmouth when both were serving as lieutenant colonels in the American Army. Dr. Martin will offer new analyses of the roles played by Hamilton and Burr at Monmouth and the effect of the Battle on their future careers.

A WASP Takes Wing

Tuesday, July 31st @ 7:00 p.m.

Carol Simon Levin tells the story of the amazing WASPs through the eyes of Ann Baumgartner Carl, the Jersey girl who trained as a WASP. She became the only American woman to test-fly experimental planes during the war, and the first American woman to fly a jet airplane

Shtrykov-Tanaka Concert



SATURDAY, JULY 14TH

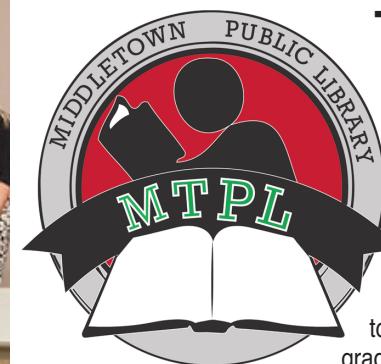
2:00 PM

Maksim Shtrykov, clarinet, and Misuzu Tanaka, piano, will play music by Johannes BRAHMS, Camille SAINT-SAENS, Alexander ROSENBLATT, and Francis POULENC.

MIDDLE TOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY



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 Has a New Logo!

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. 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!

55 New Monmouth Road . Middletown, New Jersey . 07748 . 732-671-3700 . www.mtpl.org

Spring/ Summer Middletown Township Public Library Events for Children & Teens

Summer Reading Program 2018 - Libraries Rock!

For kids and teens in grades K-12

Registration begins June 5th; program runs from June 25th -August 24th

Take the MTPL's Summer Reading Challenge: Read for 1000 minutes (for grades K-5) or read 5 books (for grades 6-12) this summer! Earn prizes throughout the summer for reaching reading achievements, and enter weekly raffles for the chance to win really cool prizes! The library will also have activities and programs throughout the summer to reflect its rocking musical reading theme this year. Check out the library's online calendar for more details!

Maker Mondays

For ages 7-11 on Monday 6/11

Join the library's monthly program for your little makers.

Junior Scientists/Engineers with Snapology

For ages 3-5 and 6-9

6/20 and 7/16

Learn a variety of STEAM skills in these monthly workshops for little makers with Snapology.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

For ages birth-5 years

Join the library's special reading program for your child. Read together and participate in monthly story times and activities. Ask a librarian in the Children's Room about signing up your child.

Storytimes and Crafts

The library has a variety of programs with storytimes and crafts for your infants and toddlers: Magical Musical Me, Lapsit Storytime, Toddler Time, ScienceStarts, Dress for Mess, Simply Storytime, and many more! See more programs and sign up for any of the above programs using the library's online calendar at <http://www.mtpl.org> or call (732)-671-3700.

River Critters with NJ Watershed Ambassador Amber Mallm

For grades K-5 on 7/2

Join the Monmouth AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador as they investigate the critters that live in our streams. Kids will learn about the importance of biodiversity in a stream ecosystem as they identify different bugs & play "Benthic Macroinvertebrate BINGO." Kids will get the chance to interact with live bugs!

Practice SAT Exam with the Princeton Review

For teens in grades 8-12

The Princeton Review will be conducting free practice full length SAT exams. Take the practice test and receive scores and feedback from The Princeton Review.

Practice SAT: Saturday, 7/28

A Library Musical: Vocal Session

For grades 8-12

7/5/2018, 7/12/2018, 7/19/2018, 7/26/2018

Participate in this inventive musical experience. We will be writing our own musical, using popular songs that already exist and tying them together to make one seamless story. Use your writing skills, creativity, and musical skills for this fun experience. Everyone will get a part, and everyone will get a chance to sing. Led by Teen Librarian and certified vocal music teacher, Stephanie. On Mondays we will be writing the script and on Thursdays we will be practicing the music. Make sure to sign up for both the Monday Writing sessions and the Thursday Vocal sessions.

Additional Teen programming includes: The Stock Market Challenge, Math Tutoring, Study Skills, Research Paper Writing Workshops, Choosing a College Major Workshop, Board Game Night, Crochet for a Cause, and more.

You may also volunteer at the Middletown Township Public Library. Pick up an application at the library or find it on our website at <http://www.mtpl.org>.



MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER
36 CHURCH STREET
732-706-4100
WWW.MIDDLETOWNARTS.ORG



Summer at the MAC

Music in the Park Concert Series

Tuesdays

7:00pm – 9:00pm

*Middletown Arts Center Lawn
Free*

The free concerts are held on the Middletown Art Center's northern lawn. The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments. Alcohol is prohibited. Free parking is on site. Call 732-706-4100 for more information.



Summer Camps:

When summertime arrives, the MAC buzzes with summer camp fun! The Middletown Arts Center's Summer Arts Camp offers creative activities all summer long in its beautiful, air conditioned facility with a caring and talented staff.

Join the Fun!

- Morning and afternoon sessions
- Full-day sessions that combine morning and afternoon sessions
- Full-day campers have supervised lunch period
- All camps include a one-half hour period of drop-off and pick-up time at no extra charge
- Before and After Care are also available
- Classes and Summer Camps

Explore all the classes and workshops the MAC has available for adults and children in a variety of art disciplines. From one-day workshops, to weekly classes, the MAC is here to provide the community with opportunities to grow, learn, and create through the arts. Visit www.middletownarts.org to learn more!



Middletown Arts Center's Summer Arts Camps awarded HulaFrog's "Most Loved"

The arts are the focus of the various camp programs that will be offered at the MAC this summer. New components of the ever-popular camp include

an orchestra program run by the New Jersey State Youth Orchestra and a Musical Theater Intensive program with Kathy Connolly that will culminate with a production of "Peter Pan" perfect for aspiring actors and actresses age 10 and older. A "Teen/Tween Program" will engage older students in a variety of arts experiences such as set design, fine arts, costuming, computer art, crafting, yoga, meditation and more while also offering Counselor-in-Training experience and an affordable alternative for the older camper. Miss Fish, Doodle Dude, Steve Cummings, Maggie Messina, Daryl Richardson, Bricks 4Kidz, Snapology, Kidz Art, and Black Rocket Productions round out the offerings. Space is limited and camps fill up quickly. Too busy to figure out a program? Leave the planning to the MAC! Just let the staff know the weeks in which you are interested and they will design a program perfectly suited for your child. Before and After Care and week-by-week options available. Brochures are available at the MAC.

It's a Busy Spring/Summer at the MAC!

Each and every month, the Middletown Arts Center has an exciting line-up of events and activities for all ages. For a full listing of events, workshops, and classes, visit www.MiddletownArts.org. There is something for everyone!

Upcoming Events:

Elements of Abstraction –
Sunday, June 10 at 1:00pm

In the Gallery...

Garden State Watercolor Society –
May 31- June 30



MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES LINEUP

JULY 10 – CHAILO
JULY 24 – REVOLUTION REWIND
AUGUST 7 – WEEKLINGS
AUGUST 21 – JERSEY JUKEBOX



FREE Energy Audit Program for Income-qualified Residents

Learn how to save energy and money in your home ... FREE!*



The Middletown Township Home Energy Audit Program was developed to promote awareness of practical resources that will help you save energy and money in your home while bringing us closer to achieving the goal of a sustainable community. Your no-obligation home energy audit will be conducted by a certified auditor from The SAVEGREEN Project® of New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) and provides actionable insights on how to save energy and money in your home:

- In-depth home energy audit to help solve comfort issues and understand insulation levels and energy-efficiency of heating and water systems
- Easy to understand report with energy-saving recommendations
- Learn about rebates and financing incentives available to make energy-efficiency upgrades

Use what you learn to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home. To qualify, you must have an annual household income between 225 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level. For example, this translates to an annual household income between \$55,350 and \$98,400 for a family of four. See [eligibility chart](#) or contact us today to learn more and schedule your FREE home energy audit.

Not eligible? Complete a Comprehensive Home Energy Analysis for \$250 and get a FREE ecobee4 Smart Thermostat. [Learn more](#).

Contact Amy Sarrinikolaou, Director of Community Development for Middletown at (732) 615-2289 for information on Sustainable Jersey and Green Team initiatives.

Contact Christine or Mary-Ellen at [New Jersey Natural Gas](#), and mention Middletown Energy Audit, for details and to schedule your audit.

877-455-NJNG (6564) | savegreen@njng.com



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MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown
732-615-2260
recreation@middletownnj.org

Facilities

Croydon Hall Gym
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo
(732) 615-2260

Poricy Park Nature Center
345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown
(732) 615-2260

Senior Center
Croydon Hall,
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo
(732) 615-2265

Tonya Keller Community Center
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown
(732) 615-3250

Seasonal Brochures

The Recreation Department publishes seasonal brochures to showcase the various programs and events offered throughout the year. Pick one up at the Recreation Office (345 Oak Hill Road) or visit www.middletownnj.org/recreation.

Registration

Register for programs and classes online at register.communitypass.net/Middletown. No telephone registrations accepted. Fees listed are for residents. Non-residents may register for a higher fee if space permits.

Volunteers

Looking for something fun to do? Do you need community service hours? If so, come help us out! Adult and youth volunteers are always needed at our special events! For more information, send an email to: MtownVolunteer@middletownnj.org.



Community Fossil Hunts

Sundays | May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30
11:00am - 1:00pm

Poricy Park Nature Center / Fossil Beds

Ages 5-12 \$5.00 | Ages 13+ \$8.00
Pre-registration required.

Calling all amateur paleontologists! Come dig up some Middletown history at Poricy Brook Fossil Beds. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous Period, 65-72 million years ago. Meet at the Poricy Park Nature Center for a short orientation before traveling to the fossil beds.

An experienced guide will provide you with a trowel and sifter, as well as help you identify your treasures. Please wear rubber boots or old sneakers as your feet will get wet. Sandals, flip-flops, and other slip-on footwear are prohibited. Ages 5+; all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Community Science at Poricy Park

Saturdays | June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15
3:00pm - 4:00pm

Poricy Park Fee: \$3.00 for children 3-12 Pre-registration required. A monthly program designed for elementary-aged children to explore with their parents. A different topic every month, but always involving hands-on science! Past popular topics have included making slime, electricity experiments, making maple syrup, and netting in the pond.



CONGRATULATIONS TO
MIDDLETOWN RECREATION
DIRECTOR JANET DELLETT FOR
BEING ELECTED AS A MEMBER AT
LARGE TO THE 2018-2019
NEW JERSEY RECREATION AND PARK
ASSOCIATION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD!

Bring your beach chairs, blankets and snacks and join us for a free movie in the park!

Summer Lineup:

May 31
Moana

June 28
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

July 26
Coco

August 30
Sherlock Gnomes



Mother — Daughter Colonial Tea

June 2, 2018 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Murray Farm House

Grades K - 5 | Fee: \$12.00 per person

Pre-registration required. Limited space available



The Recreation Department is hosting a tea party! Tea and light refreshments will be served in Middletown's historic 18th century farmhouse, where a period-dressed interpreter will be on hand to instruct in colonial manners. Additionally, children will craft a 18th Century toy.

Youth and Adult Classes

Middletown Recreation offers a variety of classes for kids and adults throughout the year. For a full listing of all sport and exercise classes, please see our website: middletownnj.org/recreation.

Summer Camps

Your child's ticket to a fun-filled summer starts with Middletown Recreation! Mix and match more than a dozen activities, programs and trips to create a personalized camp experience that can last all summer long. Camp options begin June 25 and end August 31.



In addition to familiar camps such as the Pioneers, Buccaneers and Explorers Program, there are new offerings such as Trail Blazers weeklong trip camp, Counselor In Training camp, Multi-Sports Camps, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer and Tennis camps. After care options are available for some camps.

At Poricy Park, Middletown Recreation offers a science-based educational camp for children age 3 to grade 6. Every week has a different engaging topic to explore; visit the website for complete list. Campers' days are filled with hands-on science investigations, experiments, stories, crafts, and lots of hikes. A specialty camp about colonial life (Revolutionary Kids) is also offered at the historic Murray Farmhouse.

For a complete listing of all camp options with specific descriptions and pricing, visit our camp webpage middletownnj.org/camp.

NaviGators Camp

The Recreation Department will again offer an Inclusion Camp for students who qualify. This program is designed to allow children with special needs to participate alongside typically developing peers during summer camp. The inclusion program will be specifically targeted to children who struggle with disorders such as ADHD, disruptive behavior disorders, anxiety disorders, Asperger's Disorder, and associated behaviors, but children with other needs are also welcome to apply.

If you feel your child may require special accommodations to participate in this program, we ask that you fill out our Inclusion Profile, which can be downloaded at middletownnj.org/reforms. This profile is designed to enable your child to have the best possible experience by providing our staff with pertinent information about your child's care. Call the Recreation Department to set up a Meet & Greet with our Inclusion Manager or for more information.



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

Middletown's Annual Memorial Day Parade
May 28, 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.







Middletown Preschool – Registration Underway!
 Classes are available for children 18 months thru Pre-Kindergarten. During these classes, children will learn valuable skills, such as alphabet and number recognition, counting, coloring, reading stories, arts and crafts, music and much more! The Pre-K4 program is a structured program that teaches kindergarten readiness skills. All classes run from September through June. The school schedule runs parallel to the Middletown Board of Education schedule. Please be aware, the age of your child on October 1, 2018 will determine the class he/she will be registered. Rolling admissions available. Visit middletownnj.org/tkcc for more information.

Township Plans to Install Cameras in Our Parks

The Township plans to install cameras in our parks starting at the end of summer/early fall. The intention of the cameras is to deter any criminal activity or vandalism within our parks and to keep the Middletown community safe.



Join us for Middletown Township's National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 7th at 5:00PM- Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)

This is an opportunity for the community and the police officers to get together and build a more personal relationship.

There will be:

Fingerprinting

K-9 and Police Equipment Demonstrations

Food Trucks

Games

Impaired Driver Simulator

Face Painting and various activities

Make sure you stay for the Music in the Park Concert Series featuring the Weeklings from 7-9PM!



Middletown Day 2018

Saturday, September 22, 2018 | 11:00am – 5:00pm
Croydon Hall Great Lawn . Free

The fall festival boasts activities for all ages including a business and community showcase, car show, craft fair, live local music, children's activities, a petting zoo, hayrides, and a food court. For a complete listing, please see our special Middletown Day website: www.middletownnj.org/MiddletownDay.

Tonya Keller Community Center Activities

Open Recreation

Open Recreation is an afterschool program operating at the Tonya Keller Community Center from 3-5pm, Monday through Thursday of each week. The Open Recreation Programs gives Middletown children a safe place to spend time, socialize, complete homework and expel energy. The program is offered for children grades K-5. A monthly schedule can be found online at www.middletownnj.org/tkcc. Registration is free.

Teen Night

Teen Night is a biweekly program operating at the Tonya Keller Community Center, 6-8pm on Wednesdays, and is offered to adolescents grades 6-12. It provides a place to spend time, relax, complete homework and socialize in a safe environment with peers. Teens are also welcome to attend Open Recreation on Wednesdays from 3-5pm. Registration is free.

Senior Center Events / Programs

PHONE: 732-615-2265

MAY 24 – OLDER AMERICANS LUNCHEON

12:00 noon to 2:30pm

May has been designated as the month to honor all seniors. This event features entertainment, a buffet lunch by Taliercio's, and a ceremony with Dedicated Service Awards to several Senior Volunteers who have given service to the Center and their fellow seniors above and beyond. Tickets are \$12.00.

Call 732-615-2265 to register.

JUNE 14 – SALUTE TO SUMMER

10:15am in the East Wing

Not to be missed, a heartwarming program by the Leonardo Grade School Kindergarten with their performance of summer songs.

JULY 13 – ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

11:30am to 2:30pm in the East Wing

Music, dancing, games, door prizes, and a hot dog picnic lunch are all featured at this fun event. Tickets are \$6.00 and must be purchased by June 29th.

SEPTEMBER 22 – GRANNY'S TAG SALE AT MIDDLETOWN DAY

11:00am to 5:00pm in the East Wing

It is not too early to consider taking a table at the Granny's Tag Sale to sell all your great garage sale items leftover from spring cleaning! Tables are \$10.00 each and will be located inside the air-conditioned East Wing. For an application, please contact Patrice Nugent at the Center at 743-615-2266.

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 was 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.



RECYCLING

Recycling Is Mandatory!

Recyclables must be separated from garbage. Garbage that includes recyclables will not be collected. Violators may be fined. Recyclable items may NOT be placed in plastic bags! Visit www.middletownnj.org/recycling for information.

Recyclable Material	Accepted At:	Accepted At:				
		Recycling		Train Station Recycling Area Open 24 Hours	Curbside Garbage Collection	Curbside Bulk Collection
		Curbside (single stream) Recycling Collection	Kanes Lane Recycling Center (52 Kanes Ln) Thur-Mon 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (Closed Tues & Wed)			
APPLIANCES 	A/C Units	✓ (\$25)*	✓ (\$10)	NO	NO	NO
	Refrigerators	✓ (\$25)*	✓ (\$10)	NO	NO	NO
	Stoves	✓ (\$20)*	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Washer/Dryer	✓ (\$20)*	✓	NO	NO	NO
CARDBOARD 	Cardboard (broken down)	✓ (in cart only)	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Food-based cardboard (pizza boxes)	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
ELECTRONICS 	Computers/monitors/laptop	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	DVD Players/Stereos/VCRs	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Printers/Tel/Fax/Copiers	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Television	✓ (\$20)*	✓ (limit of 2)	NO	NO	NO
GLASS 	Bottles/Jars	✓	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Ceramics/Dishware**	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Household Lightbulbs**	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
	Windows***	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
PLASTICS 	Containers (#1, 2, 5 symbol)	✓	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Containers (#3, 4, 6 symbol)	NO	NO	NO	✓	✓
	Trash/Recycling Receptacles	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Buckets/Storage Bins	NO	✓	NO	NO	✓
	Kid's Toys/Play Equipment	NO	✓	NO	NO	✓
	Coolers/Trash Receptacles	NO	✓	NO	NO	✓
METALS 	Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans	✓	✓	✓	NO	NO
	Aluminum Foil/Trays/Pie Tin	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
	Metal Hangers	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Scrap Metal	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
ALL PAPER 	Ads/Catalogs/Magazines	✓	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Cereal Box/Br Paper Bags	✓	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Copy/Fax/Office Paper	✓	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Envelopes	✓	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Soft Cover Books	✓	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Hardcover Books	✓ (no cover/binder)	✓ (no cover/binder)	NO	NO	NO
	Non-Metallic Wrapping Paper	✓	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Paper Cups/Plates/Food Wrappers	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
	Newspaper (clean)	✓	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Newspaper used for Pet Waste/ Projects	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
MISCELLANEOUS 	Aerosol Cans	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
	Batteries - household	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
	Batteries - car	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Batteries - rechargeable**	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Bowling & Golf Balls	NO	NO	NO	✓	✓
	Carpets (rolled)	NO	NO	NO	✓	✓
	Construction Material***	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Furniture (sofa, shelves, etc.)	NO	NO	NO	NO	✓
	Metal Fence Posts (w/o concrete)	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Motor Oil	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Grass Clipping/Tree Stump**	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Latex Paint, lid off (dried)	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
	Plastic Hangers	NO	NO	NO	✓	NO
	PVC piping	NO	NO	NO	✓	✓
	Rubber Products (hoses)	NO	NO	NO	✓	✓
	Tires - Automobile (< 17" Rim)	NO	✓ (\$2 off rim/\$3 rim on)	NO	NO	NO
	Tires - Pick-up Trucks/SUV	NO	✓ (\$7, off rim only)	NO	NO	NO
	Propane Tanks	NO	✓	NO	NO	NO
	Vinyl Products (manageable size)	NO	NO	NO	✓	✓

*Must be scheduled and paid for prior to pick up.

**Accepted at home improvement and electronic stores. Visit www.Call2Recycle.org for more information.

***Contact the Monmouth County Landfill at 732-683-8686 for disposal.

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM:

HEALTHY HABITS FOR CLEANER WATER

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. By sharing a portion of the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep these common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water and it saves the high costs of cleanup once it becomes polluted.



As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and to comply with federal requirements, the Township of Middletown has adopted stormwater pollution ordinances (Middletown Township Ordinance Chapter 423 & Chapter 540) to prohibit various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Here are just a few ways you can help reduce pollution this spring:

Do a soil test to see if you need fertilizer: Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall. If you use fertilizers, follow the label directions carefully.

Use alternatives to pesticides: Many household products made to exterminate pests are toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms and plants. Follow the label directions carefully. Use alternatives whenever possible.

Dispose of yard waste properly: Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains. Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Refer to our website, www.middletownnj.org, for the Township rules, guidelines and schedule for leaf and brush collection.

Keep pollution out of storm drains: The Township has labeled and marked all storm drain inlets. Labels remind residents that these storm drains are connected to local waterways. Do not let sewerage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

It is important to remember these easy things you can do to assist with restoring the health of our streams and environment. For more information on how to prevent stormwater pollution, visit www.cleanwaternj.org.

Township Directory

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies

Dial 9-1-1

Police Department Non-Emergency

615-2100

Municipal Offices

(All numbers have a 732 area code)

Main Number 615-2000

Animal Control 615-2097

(Monday - Friday, 8am- 5pm)

Animal Control 615-2100
(holidays, nights & weekends)

Building & Inspections 615-2106
Community Development 615-2281

Court Administrator 615-2036

Code Enforcement 615-2106

Crossroads 615-2269
(substance abuse services)

Emergency Management 615-2129

EMS (First Aid) 615-2252

Fire Prevention 615-2270

Health 615-2095

Library 671-3700

Mayor's Office 615-2024

Middletown Arts Center 706-4100

Planning 615-2098

Public Works 615-2109

Public Information 615-2287

Recreation 615-2260

Recycling 615-2008

Senior Center 615-2265

Tax Assessor 615-2089

Tax Collector 615-2086

Township Administrator 615-2013

Township Engineer 615-2110

Township Clerk 615-2015

(elections, marriage/birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Twp. Committee agenda)

Social Services 615-2085

Zoning 615-2278

Other Important Numbers

Board of Education 671-3850

Sewerage Authority 495-1010

Comcast Cable 20

VerizonFiOS Channel 26

Emergency Radio 1620 AM

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