



[The Memorial Day Parade steps off at Bayshore Middle School at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 28th. The route is as follows: Leonardville Road to Appleton Avenue to Center Avenue to Brevent Avenue, turn right onto Highland Avenue, then left on Leonard Avenue and right onto Viola Avenue to the American Legion Post 338 on Route 36. The parade ends at approximately 11:30 AM. Click on the image to view the parade route map.](#)



Keep an eye out for the latest segment of 'Minute with the Mayor' featuring this year's 'Little Mayors'!

Students Participate in 5th Annual "Mayor for a Day" Program

On Monday, May 21st, five elementary school students visited Town Hall and were sworn in by Mayor Steph Murray as "Mayors for a Day". It is the Township Committee's 5th year doing this wonderful program which is offered to Middletown elementary schools as a PTA/PFA fundraiser basket prize. This year's winners were Bernard Daus of Leonardo Elementary School, Sydney Rosen of Lincroft Elementary School, Aaron Smith of Port Monmouth Elementary School, Luke

Roberts of Nut Swamp Elementary School, and Lauren Vultaggio of River Plaza Elementary School.

The students and their families had the opportunity to speak with the Mayor and Township

Committee about local government and our community. During that time, each "Little Mayor" had a chance to sit with Mayor Murray in her office where they signed a certificate declaring them as Mayor for a Day at their school, discussed what they would like to accomplish during their time as Mayor, as well as take photos to commemorate the occasion.



The "Mayors for a Day" led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Township Committee Meeting and received certificates deeming them as Mayor for a Day at their respective schools on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Pictured from left: Sydney Rosen of Lincroft Elementary School, Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Bernard Daus of Leonardo Elementary School, Mayor Steph Murray, Aaron Smith of Port Monmouth Elementary School, Luke Roberts of Nut Swamp Elementary School, Committeeman Tony Perry, and Lauren Vultaggio of River Plaza Elementary School.

Check Out the Latest Issue of Middletown Matters!

Click [HERE](#) to view the latest issue of Middletown Matters which will be hitting your mailbox soon!

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Tony Perry and Ricki Wolf Opposed to 2018 Township Committee

Work Continues on Port Monmouth Flood Control Project

Police Week Memorial Service Held on Friday, May 18th



The Middletown Township Police Department, which celebrated its 90th anniversary on Tuesday, May 15th, held its annual Police Week Memorial Service on Friday, May 18th at the Police Memorial located at Town Hall.

The service opened with a Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance. An invocation was offered by Deacon James Neubauer.

Deputy Chief of Police Robert Stefanski addressed those who gathered, as did Committeeman Tony Perry who thanked the MTPD for being "beacons of light" for the community. Richard F. Deickmann, President of the Retired Police Officers Association also spoke at the service. Lieutenant Charles Terefenko then read the names of Middletown's [deceased officers](#), followed by a wreath laying while bagpipers played. The ceremony concluded with a benediction by Rev. Donald Magaw and TAPS was performed by Middletown High School South trumpeter, Luke Russoniello.

Tonya Keller Community Center Spotlight & Art Show Celebrates Renovation and Renaming of Preschool



Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Recreation Director Janet Dellett cut the ribbon at the Tonya Keller Community Center to celebrate the renovation and renaming of Middletown Preschool (formerly Just For Toddlers), along with Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, TKCC staff, teachers, students and parents at the preschool.



The Tonya Keller Community Center hosted its *Spotlight & Art Show* on Wednesday, May 23rd to celebrate the renovations of the building as well as officially reveal the preschool's new name and logo: Middletown Preschool, formerly Just For Toddlers. Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Recreation Director Janet Dellett spoke about the road to the renovations and thanked everyone involved in making the center such a bright spot in our



Middletown Preschool students at the newly-renovated Tonya Keller Community Center stand with the artwork they displayed at the *Spotlight & Art Show*. Great work little artists!

community. Attendees also had a chance to view the wonderful sea-themed artwork the preschool students created in class.



[Click the picture to watch the Microgrid Feasibility Study presentation.](#)

Miss the Microgrid Feasibility Study Presentation? View it on YouTube!

Middletown Township hosted a **Microgrid Feasibility Study Public Information Session** on Thursday, May 17th at the Poricy Park Nature Center. Presenters included: Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Michael Hornsby of the NJBPU, Fred Brody, Owner, Brody Business Development, Dennis Blazak, Community Plans and Liaison Officer at Naval Weapons Station Earle, Paul Heitman, Independent Consultant for IEEE Standards Association, and Joe Blackwell of Leidos Engineering.

If you were not able to make it the Public Information Session, you can view the presentation on our Township's YouTube Channel to learn more about the intent of the microgrid, the objectives and drivers, the critical facilities this energy resource would help protect should power fail, and other municipalities where this has been successful. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



Eagle Scouts of Troop 32 at their recent Eagle Court of Honor.

From left: Eagle Scouts Mark McIlvain and Andrew Lindner, Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, and Eagle Scouts Domenico Manzo and Mark Walker. (Photo by Fred Pachman)

Middletown Honors Eagle Scout Troop 32 for their Commitment to Our Community on Sunday, May 20th

On Sunday, May 20th, Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino spoke at Troop 32's Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at United Methodist Church in Middletown.

Those honored include:

- **Andrew Lindner** whose Eagle Project consisted of improvements to a garden at St. Anselm Church in Wayside. The garden is used to grow food that is donated to those in need. Improvements included compost bins, an enclosed arbor, and rain barrels for irrigation and landscaping.
- **Domenico Manzo** whose project involved fundraising, purchasing, and installing HY-VIZ Hydrant Markers in Lincroft. These markers provide greater visibility for firemen during fire emergencies.
- **Mark McIlvain** whose project involved constructing an outdoor classroom for Middletown High School South's Environmental Club, of which he is a member. The project consisted of constructing eight wooden benches and a large shed for storage of the club's gardening tools.
- **Mark Walker** whose project involved designing and creating a pergola with benches for the United Methodist Church in Middletown. The pergola was built to provide additional functionality and add beautification to the church.

The Township is proud to have you as members of our community!



Middletown Approved For Local Government Energy Audit Program

Middletown was recently approved to participate in a clean energy audit through the Local Government Energy Audit Program (LGEA) sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP). This was done in an effort to save energy in Middletown's municipal buildings to reduce waste and save taxpayer dollars.

Click [HERE](#) to view the list of approved municipal buildings to be audited.



The Middletown Township Public Library Presents: Mechanic Alec Lace Shares His Skills!
Date: Saturday, May 26th
Time: 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Location: MTPL Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road)
Click the picture for more information!



Middletown Recreation Department Presents: Movie in the Park featuring Moana!
Date: Thursday, May 31st
Time: 5:30PM- 8:30PM
Location: Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road)
Click the picture to learn more!



The Middletown Arts Center Presents: Garden State Watercolor Society Signature & Associate Members Exhibition Reception
Exhibition Dates: June 1st through June 30th
Reception & Awards: Sunday, June 3rd, 2-4 pm
Location: Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)
Click the picture to learn more!

May is Buddy Poppy Month!

Middletown VFW 2179 will be distributing Buddy Poppies throughout the month to raise money for disabled and needy veterans and widows and orphans of deceased veterans.

Please support our veterans and wear a Buddy Poppy as a symbol of gratitude to the men and women who put their lives at risk to defend the freedoms we enjoy in this nation.



Keep an eye out for our local veterans this Saturday, May 26 at Chapel Hill Road from 8:30AM-12:00PM.

The MTFD Teams Up with Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer For Shave a Hero//Save a Hero Fundraiser: Saturday, 6/2!



[Middletown Township Fire Department Chief Ryan Clarke \(pictured above\) was one of the many individuals who participated in Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer's "Shave a Hero//Save a Hero" event last summer. The MTFD will be teaming up again with the organization at this year's event which will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from noon – 4:00PM \(rain date June 3rd\) at the Community Firehouse Station #4 \(75 Appleton Avenue Leonardo, NJ\). Click on the picture to learn more about Infinite Love and how to participate in this event that will help kids fight cancer one bald head at a time.](#)



[Click the picture to enlarge the Memorial Day Parade route map.](#)

Roadwork & Detours

Memorial Day Parade Road Closures on Monday, May 28th on Leonardville Road, Appleton Avenue and Route 36

On Monday, May 28, there will be periodic road closures on Leonardville Road, Appleton Road, Center Avenue, Brevent Avenue, Viola Avenue and Route 36 between 9:00AM-12:00PM due to the Memorial Day Parade. Please plan accordingly and drive with caution as there will be pedestrian traffic in the area.

Paving on Main Street in Belford next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29th & 30th

The County will be paving Main Street in Belford from

Maple Avenue to Route 36 next Tuesday and Wednesday (May 29 & 30). Main Street will be closed between 6:00AM-4:00PM between Maple Avenue and Morris/East Morris Street. Please plan alternate routes.

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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from Monday, 5/28 through Friday, 6/1. Detours will be in place to follow. Please plan alternate routes.

Road Restoration Work for New Jersey American Water Continues on the Following Streets:




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| Avenue A | Carter Ave |
| Ataboy Ave | Avenue B |
| Gordon Ct. | Handy Boy Ave |
| Avenue D | Plymouth Ave |
| High Boy Ave | Georgia Ave |
| Walada Ave | Orphan Boy Ave |
| Wood Ave | Bergen Ave |

If you have any questions, contact Traffic at 732-615-2045.



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