

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



## Middletown Township Honors Firefighters with Over 50 Years of Volunteer Service

On Sunday, July 1st, members of the Middletown Township Fire Department and Township Committee came together to honor six firemen who dedicated over 50 years of service to the River Plaza Hose Company No.1.

River Plaza Hose Company No. 1 hosted a brunch at the fire company in recognition of honorees **William Boccellato, Jean "Frenchie" Geraud, Gary Homefield, Patrick Maloney, Charles "Bucky" Meeker, and Frank Torra**. It was organized by the Membership Committee, led by former Fire Chief Tony Citarella. To kickoff the awards ceremony, Company President Joe Sole spoke about the honorees' invaluable contributions to the MTFD.

Acting Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Committeeman Tony Perry, and former Fire Chief and Committeeman Rick Hibell presented Patrick Maloney, Gary Homefield, and Frank Torra with certificates thanking them for their service as well as a Key to the Township, which is the highest honor given by the town. Jean "Frenchie" Geraud was unable to attend the ceremony, while family members accepted the award on behalf of William Boccellato and Charles "Bucky" Meeker who are no longer with us. Please join the Township in recognizing these men for their extraordinary dedication to our community.



**Volunteer firefighters with over 50 years of service were presented with a Key to the Township and a certificate of appreciation.**

*Pictured from left: Committeeman Rick Hibell, Acting Mayor Kevin Settembrino, honorees Patrick Maloney, Gary Homefield & Frank Torra, and Committeeman Tony Perry.*

*Photo courtesy of Laurie Kegley*



***The ribbon cutting for the new facility at U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook was held in front of the Multi-Mission Building***

## U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook Unveils New Facility

On Tuesday, July 3rd, the U.S. Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook held a ribbon cutting to showcase its new facility. The devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy in 2012 was the key driver for building this facility which includes the Multi-Mission Building, Boat Maintenance Facility, and Small Arms Firing Range. These additions will provide support to the Coast Guard's core missions of search and rescue and maritime law enforcement.

Acting Mayor Kevin Settembrino presented Chief Warrant Officer Seth A. Hunt, the Commanding Officer of the

*on Tuesday, July 3rd.  
Pictured from left: Acting Mayor  
Kevin Settembrino, Hazlet Deputy  
Mayor Sue Kiley, CWO Seth Hunt,  
and Freeholder Gerry  
Scharfenberger.*

Sandy Hook Station, a certificate in recognition of the opening of the new facility and thanked the U.S. Coast Guard Sandy Hook for the continual protection they provide to our community and the nation.

## Long-Awaited Traffic Light at Kings Highway & Church Street Now Active

On Monday, July 2nd, Middletown celebrated the activation of a new traffic light at the intersection of Church Street and Kings Highway.

Acting Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Committeemen Tony Perry and Tony Fiore joined Freeholder Director Tom Arnone and Freeholders Gerry Scharfenberger and John Curley to recognize this milestone and major traffic improvement. Former Middletown Mayor and Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger had the honor of flipping the switch to turn on the light.

The long-awaited construction project began in April and was supervised and funded by Monmouth County. In addition to helping provide a safe flow of traffic at this busy intersection, the improvements also hold true to this historic district by incorporating pea stone curbs.



**Monmouth County and Township Officials Celebrate New Traffic Light**

*Pictured from left: Freeholder John Curley, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, Committeeman Tony Fiore, Freeholder Director Tom Arnone, Acting Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Reverend William Thomas, Committeeman Tony Perry, Police Chief Craig Weber, Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski and Officer Rick Cruz.*

## Township Requests Residents Follow "Carry In, Carry Out" Policy at Parks & Beaches



## Upcoming Events



[MTPL Presents: Jane Austen- Her Life & Times](#)

[Date: Tuesday, July 10th](#)

[Time: 7:00PM-8:00PM](#)

[Location: MTPL](#)

[Community Room \(55 New Monmouth Road\)](#)

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



[Middletown Recreation Department Presents: Ideal Beach Party & Movie in the Park!](#)

[Date: Thursday, July 26th](#)

[Time: Ideal Beach Party - 5:00- 8:15](#)

[Movie in the Park \(Coco\) - 8:30-10:30](#)

[Location: Bayside Parkway, North Middletown, NJ 07718](#)

[Cost: Free!](#)

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



[The MAC presents: Music in the Park Summer Concert Series](#)

[Featuring CHAILO](#)

[Date: Tuesday, July 10th](#)

[Time: 7:00-9:00PM](#)

[Location:](#)

[MAC's Northern Lawn](#)

[Cost: FREE](#)

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

## **Integrated Medical Alliance Holds Bottled Water Drive to Benefit Middletown Township Fire Department Next Week!**

**Bottled Water Drive  
To Benefit The  
Middletown Fire Departments**



The bottled water will be distributed to the  
11 Middletown Volunteer Fire Departments.  
Fire Fighters use bottled water to  
stay hydrated during a fire.

Please drop off cases of bottled water from  
July 9th-July 13th to:



IMA Urgent Care  
363 Route 36  
Port Monmouth, NJ  
732-471-0400

**Pay Off Your Library Fines with  
Food Bank Donations Until August 17th!**

**FOOD FOR FINES**

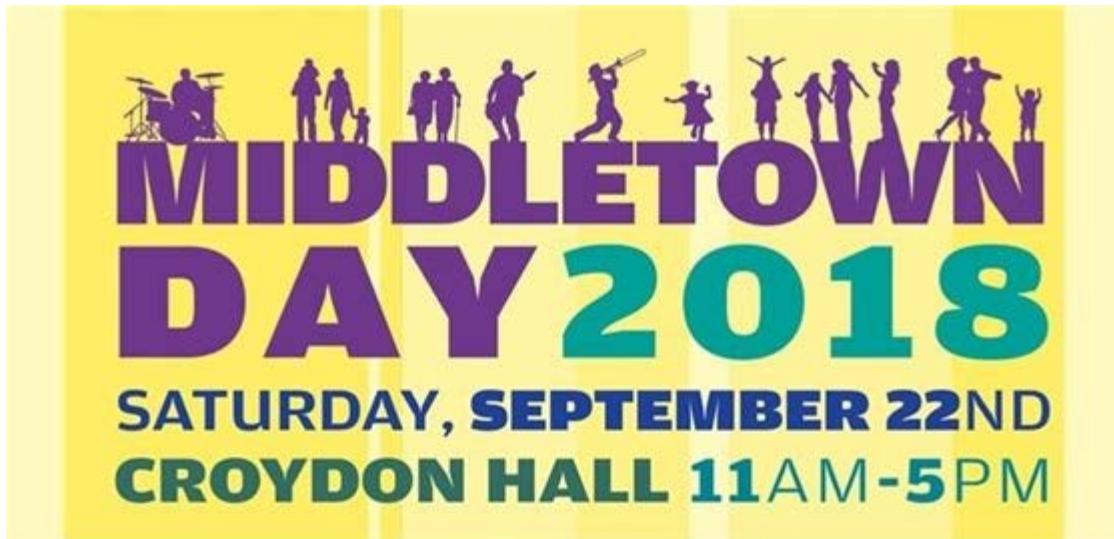
**PAY OFF LIBRARY FINES WITH  
FOOD BANK DONATIONS!**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> -August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Each non-perishable  
donation eliminates  
\$1.00 of late fees  
up to \$10.00 per card.**



Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road  
www.mtpl.org



[Middletown Day is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all that makes Middletown special. Vendor spaces are limited. Priority spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis through August 1. Reserve your space today! Please contact our Recreation Department for more information \(732\) 615-2260 or \[recreation@middletownnj.org\]\(mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org\). Click the image for more info!](#)



**Lincroft Fire Company**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

601 Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft

**Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm – 8:30pm**

To schedule an appointment, please contact Dennis Fowler  
[dennis.fowler@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.fowler@gmail.com) or call 888-71-BLOOD

Appointments are *greatly appreciated!*

For the best possible donation experience, we are now asking all donors to please schedule an appointment to donate prior to the day of the drive.

**Don't Forget:**

- Please eat and drink plenty of fluids before donating.
- Donors must be healthy, at least 17 years of age (16 with parental consent), and weigh at least 120 pounds.
- Donors **MUST PRESENT SIGNATURE ID.**



**Roadwork & Detours**



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

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

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

**The Mayor will not be holding open office hours during the months of July and August. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call 732-615-2024. Mayor's Office Hours will resume in September.**

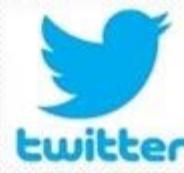


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