

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter

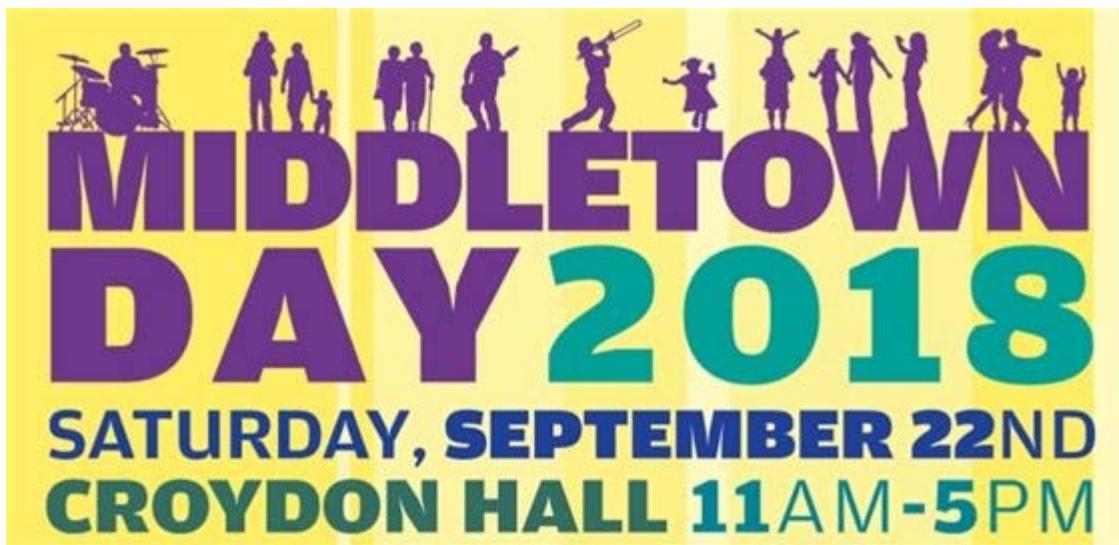


## Join Us for Middletown Day this Saturday, 9/22!

Celebrate the accomplishments of MYAA, Lincroft Little League, and Sandy Hook Little League as these champions kick off Middletown Day with a parade down Leonardville Road and into Croydon Hall at 10:45 AM!

Think you can hit 'dingers' like Big Al? Show us what you got at our **"1st Annual Dinger Derby!"** The homerun derby, hosted by MYAA, is for children ages 7-15 and will take place on the Multi-Sports Turf Field starting at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is recommended and can be done through the [Community Pass website](#). Awards donated by [Beacon Awards & Signs](#) will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age bracket.

Click [HERE](#) to see our Middletown Day schedule of events.



**Middletown Raises POW/MIA Flag at  
Thorne Middle School on National POW/MIA Day**



On Friday, September 21st Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Middletown Township Committee members Tony Perry and Pat Snell, members of the Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC), VFW Post 2179, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, and Hazlet Deputy Mayor Sue Kiley came together to recognize [National POW/MIA Day](#) by raising the POW/MIA flag for the first time at Thorne Middle School. The ceremony took place in front of the Corporal Horace M. "Buddy" Thorne Monument which was dedicated in honor of the school's namesake, local World War II hero Buddy Thorne, who sacrificed his life for our country at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. Thorne Middle School Principal, Tom Olausen, and Corporal Thorne's sisters, Verna Mauro and Anita Keyser, were also in attendance.

The VAC has been working with the Board of Education and VFW Post 2179 for several months to have POW/MIA flags raised at all 17 public school across the Township. After receiving approval from the Board of Education, the VAC reached out to VFW 2179 who raised over \$600 to purchase the flags. Veterans Affairs Committee President Dennis Beauregard presented the flags to Assistant Superintendent Mary Ellen Walker to be hung at all schools going forward.

## **The Rutgers University-Brookdale Community College Partnership Moves to Main Campus in Lincroft**



On Thursday, September 20th, Brookdale Community College and Rutgers University hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate their 20-year partnership's move from Freehold to Lincroft as its main campus. Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Committeeman Tony Perry, and Committeewoman Pat Snell joined leaders from Brookdale, Rutgers, local dignitaries, and students to recognize the relationship between these two outstanding public institutions and the nine Bachelor degree programs they offer together. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

**Pictured from left:** Dr. Richard Novak, Vice President for Continuing Studies and Distance Education Office at Rutgers University, Senator Declan O'Scanlon, Middletown Township Committee members Pat Snell and Tony Perry, Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, and Dr. David Stout, President of Brookdale Community College.

## Congratulations to Newly-Promoted Police Officers Lt. Anthony Bagileo and Sgt. Brian Dilworth!



Mayor Settembrino swore in Lieutenant Anthony Bagileo at the Township Committee meeting while his father Gerald held the Bible and his mom Marie proudly stood beside him.

**Two Middletown Township police officers were promoted at the Township Committee meeting on Monday, September 17th. Officer Anthony Bagileo was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Brian Dilworth was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.**



Police Chief Craig Weber, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Sergeant Brian Dilworth and his parents, Debra and Michael Dilworth, after he was sworn in on Monday evening.

**Lieutenant Anthony Bagileo** grew up in the Belford section of Middletown and currently lives in the same area. He graduated from Middletown High School North and received his Bachelor's degree from Montclair State University. He attended the Police Academy in 1997 in the alternate route program and was hired with the MTPD that same year. After serving 11 years as a patrol officer, he was promoted to Sergeant in 2009.

He was assigned to the ESU team as a Crisis Negotiator in 2002. His father, Gerald Bagileo, held the Bible during his swearing in while his mother Marie proudly watched.

**Sergeant Brian Dilworth** is a lifelong Middletown resident and was raised in Navesink. He is a graduate of Middletown High School South, and then attended Wagner College. Her earned a degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology in 2004. After joining the MTPD in 2005, Sergeant Dilworth went back to school to get his Master's Degree in Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Brian's mother Debra and his father Michael held the Bible during his swearing in.

## Middletown Celebrates Ground Breaking for Green Roof Pavilion at Poricy Park



On Monday September 17th, Township officials and members of the Poricy Park Conservancy attended a ground breaking for the Green Roof Pavilion at Poricy Park.

Last year, Middletown Township was awarded a \$20,000 Sustainable Jersey grant funded by the PSE&G Foundation to construct a green pavilion with a living roof in Poricy Park.

This modular green roof will have various forms of vegetation including an irrigation system.

The pavilion will be used as an outdoor classroom for children to learn about the positive impact that green infrastructure has on long-term sustainability. The grant funds, along with a donation from the Poricy Park Conservancy and Township monies, will enable the Township to move forward with these plans.

**Pictured from left:** Recreation Director Janet Dellett, Poricy Park Conservancy members Linda Maresca, Vickie Massa, Anthony Risoti, Bill Snell and Elaine Hinkley, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Township Committee members Tony Perry, Pat Snell and Rick Hibell, Township Administrator Anthony

*Mercantante, Director of Public Works Ted Maloney, Assistant Director of Public Works Vic Wymbs, and Jim Davis of Whirl Construction.*

## **Keep An Eye Out for the Health Department's New Animal Control & Recovery Emergency Response Vehicle!**



***Members of the Township Committee and the Health Department met up to check out the Health Department's new Animal Control & Recovery Emergency Response and Transport Vehicle. Due to the Township's shared service agreement with surrounding towns (Hazlet, Holmdel and Highlands), the Health Department needed an updated Animal Control vehicle to properly and safely handle such issues.***

***Pictured from left:*** Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Health Department Director Rich DeBenedetto, Senior Animal Control Officer Robert Card, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, and Township Committee members Pat Snell, Tony Perry and Rick Hibell.

### **Rabies Alert September 18, 2018**

The Middletown Township Health Department responded to a call concerning a raccoon that was fighting with a dog on September 12, 2018. Middletown Animal Control captured the raccoon. Since the dog was exposed to the animal, the raccoon was sent to the State Laboratory for testing. The raccoon came from the area near South Lake Drive and Nut Swamp Road. Laboratory results received on September 17, 2018 confirmed that the raccoon was rabid. Luckily, the dog was currently licensed and vaccinated. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

### **Small Business Corner: Thank You for Being "Made in Middletown"**

#### **1st Cup Coffee!**

Members of the Township Committee stopped by [1st Cup Coffee](#) (741 Route 35) to present owner Bob Hespe with



a Small Business Appreciation certificate. [1st Cup](#)

[Coffee](#) is brewing with an incredible range of coffees, espresso drinks, teas, smoothies, as well as hot chocolate and cider for you to enjoy. Stop by next time you need a little pep in your step!

The Middletown Township Committee initiated the "Made in Middletown" campaign in May 2018 to help spotlight some of the local small businesses that are so vital to our town's economy.

**Members of the Township Committee stopped by 1st Cup Coffee to present them with a "Made in Middletown" Small Business Appreciation certificate.**

Pictured from left: Committeeman Rick Hibell, 1st Cup owner Bob Hespe, barista Robert Adams, and Committee members Tony Perry and Pat Snell.

## Microgrid Feasibility Study: Follow-up Public Information Session

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the  
Middletown Township Public Library  
(55 New Monmouth Road)  
From 7:00PM-9:00PM

This Public Information Session will reveal the results of the study conducted over the last several months.

For additional information, click [HERE](#).



## Important Voter Information from the Township Clerk's Office

### IMPORTANT IF YOU VOTED BY MAIL IN 2016

The Monmouth County Clerk's Office will begin the process of notifying all vote by mail voters from the 2016 presidential election (who have not requested a ballot for the 2018 election) that they will be receiving a ballot unless they **opt out in writing**. The County Clerk's Office is sending out approximately 25,000 of these letters.

If voters would like to call with questions, please contact the Elections Office at (732)431-7790.

### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Tuesday, October 16 Voter Registration Deadline for General Election (21 days before election) N.J.S.A. 19:31-6 Mandated Evening Voter Registration Available for General Election in Offices of County Commissioner of Registration 300 Halls Mills Rd. Freehold, NJ 07728 (732)431-7780 or visit [www.monmouthcountvotes.com](http://www.monmouthcountvotes.com)



**General Election at a Glance**  
Election Day: November 6, 2018  
Polls are open 6 am - 8 pm

**Important Dates:**  
Voter Registration Deadline: October 16, 2018  
Vote by Mail Application Deadline (by mail): October 30, 2018 (must be received by this date)  
Vote by Mail Application Deadline (in person): 3 pm, November 5, 2018

[Click the picture to learn important information about the upcoming November election!](#)

[Click HERE to visit the Township Clerk's page for polling locations and registration questions.](#)

# RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Styrofoam is not recyclable in the single stream process, nor at any of the Township's facilities. Styrofoam (packaging material, coffee cups, shipping pellets, food containers, etc.) should be placed in the garbage.

**NO STYROFOAM**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The less Styrofoam products you buy, the more good you will do for the environment.

Styrofoam is a petroleum based plastic. It's non-biodegradable, non-sustainable & the main component of marine debris.

Download the recyclecoach app.

"When in doubt, throw it out!"

[www.middletownnj.org/recycling](http://www.middletownnj.org/recycling)

## Check Out These Great Events!



**MTPL Presents: Book and Author Talk Featuring Helene Stapski Author of Murder In Matera and Five-Finger Discount**  
**Date: Tuesday, October 2nd**  
**Time: 7:00-8:00PM**  
**Location: MTPL Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road)**  
**Meet Helene as she discusses her best selling memoir, Five-Finger Discount: A Crooked Family History, which was made into a documentary.**  
**Click on the picture for more info!**

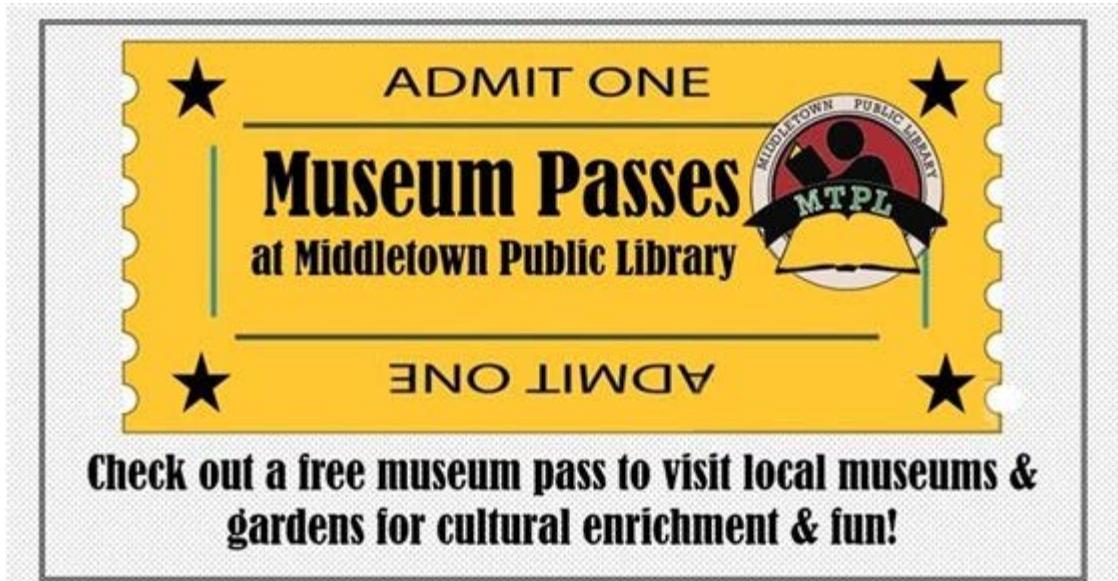


**Middletown Recreation Presents: Community Fossil Hunt**  
**Date: Sunday, September 30th**  
**Time: 11:00AM-1:00PM**  
**Location: Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)**  
**Pre-registration is required. Click the picture for more info!**



**The Middletown Arts Center Presents: Color Chips in Motion Exhibition**  
**Date: Ongoing through September 27th**  
**Location: Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)**  
**Click on the picture to learn more!**

## Check Out a Free Museum Pass at the Middletown Township Public Library!



**Head to Ice World for Middletown Night on Saturday, 9/29!**





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