

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



## Middletown Honors Service Members at Annual Veterans Day Parade



*The U.S. Navy Color Guard led the 61st Annual Veterans Day Parade.*



*Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Committee members Rick Hibell, Pat Snell, and Tony*



*Some of Middletown's younger residents had a chance to interact with local veterans and learn about the*



*Mayor Settembrino and Committee members Tony Perry, Pat Snell, and Rick Hibell spent some time*

*Perry enjoyed walking the parade route and speaking with residents.*

*heroism and sacrifices that Veterans Day truly represents.*

*with Scout Troop Pack 141 who also marched in the parade.*

On Sunday, November 4th, VFW Post 2179 and Middletown Township held the 61st Annual Veterans Day Parade followed by a "Thank a Veteran" lunch at the VFW. The beautiful weather was a perfect backdrop to the parade where the greatness of Middletown shined as our community showed respect and gratitude to all of our veterans. Everyone enjoyed interacting with the veterans at the display tables and writing encouraging notes on the "Message to a Veteran" graffiti wall. This was also the first bike parade which added a patriotic flare and showed off some serious creativity!

Many thanks to the high school bands, Scout troops, Fire and EMS volunteers, and veterans organizations who participated in the ceremonies and celebrations. Click [HERE](#) to view more pictures of the parade.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS!**



**Westminster Presbyterian Church Holds Annual Field of Flags Ceremony**



*Pictured from left: Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, keynote speaker Monmouth County Prosecutor Chris Gramiccioni who was deployed to Afghanistan in 2014 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Reverend Joseph Hein, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, and Committee members Rick Hibell and Tony Perry.*

Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) held its annual Field of Flags ceremony on Saturday, November 3rd. This year's memorial contains 6,932 flags. Each flag represents a serviceman or woman who lost their life in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and this is only a fraction of the patriots who have died in defense of our great nation. It takes an incredibly special person to be willing to put their life on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. WPC's Field of Flags reminds us of the true cost of that freedom.

We thank Reverend Hein and the WPC congregation for hosting this moving event.

A poster with a dark background and a silhouette of a soldier saluting against a blurred American flag. The text is white and yellow. At the bottom right is a red and yellow Maltese cross logo with a circular seal in the center.

**Local Monument Services Held on Veterans Day:  
Monday, November 12th**

The Veterans Affairs Committee would like to make our community aware of the following monument services to recognize and honor veterans. There will be a flag and flower tribute held at each monument.

- 8:30am: Civil War Memorial at Fairview Cemetery
- 9:00am: World War I Memorial at Church Street, Belford
- 9:30am: Korean War Memorial on Wilson Avenue, Port Monmouth
- 10:00am: Police Memorial, Town Hall (1 Kings Highway)
- 10:30am: Vietnam War Memorial at Markins Drive
- 11:00am: VFW 2179 (1 Veterans Lane), Port Monmouth

Questions? Call the VFW 2179 at (732) 787-0999.

## Port Monmouth Flood Control Project Update



**Mayor Kevin Settembrino welcomed residents and provided a brief overview of the project.**

Middletown Township, along with the representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, held the 2nd Port Monmouth Flood Control Project Public Information Session on Monday, November 5th at VFW Post 2179.

The expert panelists provided an update and discussed the future of the project. After the presentation, residents had the opportunity to ask questions to better understand the scope of the project.

Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation.

## Middletown Township Police Department Wins Asbury Park Press' "Best of the Best in Monmouth County Readers Choice Award 2018"!



**Congratulations to the Middletown Township Police Department on winning the Asbury Park Press' "Best of the Best in Monmouth County Reader's Choice Award" for 2018! We are proud that the MTPD continues to be recognized for its exemplary work and ensuring that Middletown is one of the safest places to live in the country.**

## Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski Graduates from

## National FBI Academy



***FBI Director Christopher Asher Wray (left) was the principal speaker at the ceremony and presented the diplomas to graduates, including MTPD Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski.***

Middletown Township Police Department Deputy Chief Robert W. Stefanski graduated from the 273rd Session of the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia on September 13, 2018. Stefanski is the tenth officer in department history to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

The National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, consisted of 228 law enforcement officers from 48 states. Also included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 25 international countries, four branches of the U.S. Military, and five federal civilian organizations.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.

## Lincroft Fire Company Teaches Cub Scout Pack 210 About Fire Safety



Members of Lincroft Fire Company recently met with Cub Scout Pack 210 at Lincroft Elementary School to teach them about fire prevention. Throughout the month of October, our volunteer firefighters visited with elementary schools and children's groups across town to teach them about the basics of fire safety.


In the photo, Fire Captain Anthony Russo is demonstrating the Thermal Imaging Camera to show how equipment is used in a fire emergency. The kids also had the opportunity to check out a fire truck and all of its equipment. This was a fun way for children to get to know our first responders, inspire volunteerism, and learn about the importance of fire safety!

## Upcoming Events

Middletown Township Department of Health and Social Services is offering the

### Fall 2018 Influenza Vaccination Clinics




Wednesday, 11/14 from 10:00AM-Noon  
Thursday, 11/15 from 1:00PM-3:00PM  
at the Middletown Township Health Department  
(180 Main Street, Port Monmouth)



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for an available slot for your flu shot!

**Middletown Social Services, Health Department and  
Middletown Township Education Association Hosts  
Low Cost Eye Exam & Eye Wear Event on Monday, 11/19**

**OPTICAL ACADEMY**



**BOOK YOUR EYE EXAM AND EYE WEAR**

Location:  
**Middletown High School North**  
Welcome Children, Staff, and Community




**November 19, 2018 – 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM**  
63 Tindall Road, Middletown NJ, 07748  
Visit the Complete On-Site Optical Shop  
Eye Exams - Glasses - Sunglasses - Contacts - Accessories  
To Register: Call 1-800-530-2730  
Or Register Online By Visiting  
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<https://optical-academy.com/events/middletown-high-school-north-1/>

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Middletown Township Education Association

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**Middletown Recreation Presents:  
Turkey Soccer Shootout!**

Date: Saturday, November 17th

Time: 10:00AM-11:00AM

Location: Croydon Hall Turf Field  
(900 Leonardville Road)

Cost: \$5.00 and nonperishable good

Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

**North Vs. South Alumni Soccer Game to Follow  
Turkey Soccer Shoot**

Time: 11:30AM-12:30PM

Location: Croydon Hall Turf Field

Kick off the Thanksgiving holiday with a good ol' fashion alumni game! Former players are invited to participate. Those interested should send an email to [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org). All participants are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to donate.

All donations received will be given to Middletown Social Services to be distributed

to residents in need to help them have a fantastic Thanksgiving!

Team shirts can be purchased \$10.00 each.



**Middletown Township Gears Up for the Holidays**

**Don't miss the culmination of the Winter Wonderland Weekend. Enjoy an annual favorite town-wide event with crafts, music and a visit from Santa Claus!**

**Festivities include:**

**High School Band and Chorus Performance**

**Christmas Tree Lighting**

**Menorah Lighting**

**Visit from Santa (Bring your own camera for photos)**

**Hot Cocoa and Cookies**

**Date: Sunday, December 2nd**

**Time: 5:00PM**

**Location: Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)**



**Senior Scam Seminar Presented by MTPD Community Relations Officer Rick Cruz**

**Date: Monday, November 12th**

**Time: 6:30PM**



***Location: Middletown Township Public Library Community Room  
(55 New Monmouth Road)***

***[Click on the picture for more info!](#)***



## **Roadwork and Detours**


**UPDATE: Middletown Train Station/Church Street Detour Rescheduled to Begin 11/15**


New Jersey Transit will be performing maintenance on the railroad crossing at Church Street beginning Thursday, November 15th. Weather permitting, the work is expected to take 6 days, including the weekend, to complete. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.




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