

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



## Port Monmouth Fire Company Honors Volunteers at Service Awards Dinner



*Pictured from left: Port Monmouth Station #6 Fire Captain Hayley Beekman, Firefighter Robert Svenson Sr., Former Chief Peter Laimann, Former Captain David O'Herron, 3rd Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Former Chief and President Bill Gilmartin, 1st Assistant Chief Russ Mount, 2nd Assistant Chief John Friedmann and Middletown Township Fire Chief Ryan Clarke.*

The Port Monmouth Fire Company held a Service Awards Dinner on Friday, November 9th at the Shore Casino to honor members who have hit certain volunteer service milestones, as well as recognize the efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary. Township Committeewoman Pat Snell stopped by the dinner to congratulate the award recipients.

This year's Service Award recipients are Firefighter Robert Svenson Sr.(15 years of

service), Former Fire Chief Peter Laimann (25 years of service), Former Captain, Engineer and Treasurer David O'Herron (40 years of service), Former Fire Chief and Port Monmouth Fire Company President Bill Gilmartin (30 years of service), Former Captain Edward Skelly (30 years of service), Firefighter Kevin Ramsey (20 years of service), Former Captain Kevin Trivett (20 years of service), and Engineer Christian Pederson (10 years of service).

**WE CONGRATULATE AND THANK THE HONOREES FOR THEIR VOLUNTEERISM!**

## **Mayor Settembrino Discusses Port Monmouth Flood Control Project with Comcast Newsmakers**



*Jill Horner of Comcast Newsmakers interviewed Mayor Kevin Settembrino about the Port Monmouth Flood Control Project at the New Jersey League of Municipalities conference this week. Look out for the segment on our YouTube and TV Channels soon!*

## **Middletown Arts Center Launches New Program Series for Students with Special Needs**



The Middletown Arts Center hosted the first MAC PACK event on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. The MAC PACK is a new series of arts-related programming designed for students with special needs and their families. Committeewoman Pat Snell attended the event and danced the night away with the



*Students, parents, and chaperones had a great time at the Dance Social featuring DJ JAY DANCE MAN!*

children and their  
families to the beats of  
DJ DANCE MAN!  
Thanks to everyone  
who helped launch this  
fantastic program!

## Pre-Register Now for 12/1 Dog-Only Rabies Clinic

Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road) from 9:00AM-11:00AM

\*Pre-registration is available from now through Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00PM.  
Pre-registering will allow you to enter through the Express line and bypass  
the walk-in crowds.

BONUS: The first 50 applicants to pre-register will receive a FREE pet micro-chip.



For more information, please contact  
Animal Control at 732-615-2097.

[\*\*CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO PRE-REGISTER!\*\*](#)

## 2018 Fall Leaf Collection Update

BRUSH ZONE	APPOX. START DATE	CURRENT STATUS
A	November 7	Completed
B	November 7	Completed
C	November 16	
D	November 16	In Progress
L	November 19	
H	November 24	
F	November 26	
K	December 1	
G	December 3	
J	December 6	
E	December 12	
I	December 12	
L (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	December 17	
A,B,C,D (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	December 26	

**Leaf Collection Guidelines**

*Place materials at the curb no more than 1 week prior to your collection date. Do not place this material on the street and/or sidewalks.*

- Place leaves in a neat row at the curb, not in the road.
- Do not bag leaves. Bagged leaves will not be collected.
- Do not mix brush, branches, or seed pods with leaves.
- Residents are responsible for leaf removal after the scheduled pick up occurs.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/collection](http://www.middletownnj.org/collection)  
for more information.



**RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK**

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Hardcover books (without binding) & softcover books are recyclable in your blue recycling cart or at the Recycling Center.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can also sell or donate old books to a thrift store, library, church, etc.

Download the recyclecoach app. *"When in doubt, throw it out!"* [www.middletownnj.org/recycling](http://www.middletownnj.org/recycling)

## ***Upcoming Events***



**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!

**Middletown Recreation Hosts the  
North vs. South Alumni Soccer Game!**



**SAT, NOVEMBER 17**  
**11:30AM**  
**NORTH VS. SOUTH ALUMNI**  
**SOCCER GAME**  
**CROYDON HALL TURF FIELD**

Join us as we kick off the Thanksgiving holiday with a good ol' fashion alumni game—our 3rd annual! This friendly game follows our annual Turkey Soccer Shootout (\$5 entry fee), which does include an adult division! There is no fee to play, but we are selling an "Alumni Soccer" t-shirt for \$10.00 and must be ordered in advance. These are the same t-shirts every year and are NOT required. Please note, North will be wearing orange and South will be wearing gray.

\* In the event one team does not have enough players to play, we may combine teams to still get a game in.

[Interested in playing? Register at: www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup)

**Middletown Recreation**  
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732-615-2260 | [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org)  
[middletownnj.org/recreation](http://middletownnj.org/recreation)



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**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  
[www.Optical-Academy.com](http://www.Optical-Academy.com) and Clicking on the  
On-Site Calendar to book your appointment.  
<https://optical-academy.com/events/middletown-high-school-north-1/>

Sponsored by the Middletown Social Services, Health Department and  
Middletown Township Education Association

**EYE EXAMS \$30**  
CONTACT LENS EXAMS ADD \$30      **FRAME & LENS**  
STARTING AT \$29

**WE ACCEPT ALL INSURANCE**

**1-800-530-2730**            [www.Optical-Academy.com](http://www.Optical-Academy.com)

## The Middletown Arts Center Presents: The MAC Music Cafe Showcase!

### MAC Music Café Showcase

Friday, November 23rd, 7-9 pm

Don't miss a relaxing and entertaining evening of live music performed by top-notch musicians in a small and intimate setting in our Gallery. Our new music café runs on the fourth Friday of most months. Suggested donation only \$5. Coffee and desserts for sale.

#### This month's Showcase Lineup:

Jerry Smith  
Stefan Startek  
Dale Lakata  
Kevin John Allen



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

**The Middletown Township Public Library  
Presents: SCORE Seminar Franchise Business**

**Ownership- Behind the Curtain**

**Date: Monday, November 19th**

**Time: 7:00-8:30PM**

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

**SCORE**

FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR BUSINESS

**Click [HERE](#) or the picture to register or for  
more info!**



**Poricy Park Conservancy  
Colonial Christmas**

**at the Historic Murray Farmhouse**

**1:00pm-3:00pm**



**Photos With Santa**

**at the Nature Center**

**12:00pm-4:00pm**

**Saturday, November 24th  
& Sunday, November 25th, 2018**

**New for 2018 - Horse & Wagon Ride!!**

**Poricy Park • 345 Oak Hill Road • Middletown**



**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)**





## Roadwork and Detours

### New Jersey Turnpike Authority Begins GSP Interchange 109 Construction Project

On November 1, 2018, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) began a construction project to make improvements to Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 at Newman Springs Road (C.R. 520) in the Lincroft section of Middletown. Motorists are advised to expect delays and plan alternate routes if possible.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

### Middletown Train Station/Church Street Detour Scheduled to Continue Through 11/21

New Jersey Transit will continue to performing maintenance on the railroad crossing at Church Street over the weekend and conclude on Wednesday, November 21st, weather permitting.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



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