

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Check Out the Newly-Renovated Basketball Courts at Greeley and Gordon Court Parks in Port Monmouth



Township officials and representatives from engineering consultant CME Associates stopped by the newly refurbished basketball courts at Greeley and Gordon Court Parks in Port Monmouth on Saturday, November 17th. Pictured from left: Director of Recreation Janet Dellett with her son Ridge, Committeeman Rick Hibell, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Committeeman Tony Perry, Assistant Director of Public Works Vic Wymbs, and CME Associates Landscape Architect Dominick Pensabene.

The Middletown Recreation and Public Works Departments, along with municipal engineering firm CME Associates, recently completed renovating the basketball courts at Greeley Park and Gordon Court Park in Port Monmouth. The courts had been destroyed after Superstorm Sandy when residents needed to move furniture and appliances out of their houses and store them there. The Township was able to use FEMA funds to refurbish the existing courts that suffered from faded striping, cracked asphalt, and outdated nets. Not only do the courts look much better, but they're safer and the backboard has a lot more bounce. At Greeley Park, they added new adjustable nets. Both parking areas were also improved through the addition of handicap accessible parking spaces and walkways.



Middletown Township Declares November 24, 2018 Small Business Saturday®

The Middletown Township Committee today announced its endorsement of and participation in the ninth annual Small Business Saturday on November 24, 2018.

Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting the independent businesses that make our communities unique and provide valuable contributions to our economy.

“While the Saturday after Thanksgiving is officially deemed ‘Small Business Saturday,’ we

encourage every Saturday to be Small Business Saturday in Middletown," said Mayor Kevin Settembrino. "Our local businesses are the backbone of the Township's economy so we hope that residents will continue to support and celebrate them."

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



"Meet the Mayor" Open Office Hours Held at MTPL



Mayor Settembrino met with residents to discuss various topics.

Mayor Kevin Settembrino held his monthly Open Office hours at the Middletown Township Public Library on Monday, November 19th.



The Mayor, who also happens to be an Eagle Scout, met with Boy Scout Troop 122 to explain the roles and responsibilities of working in local government.

The Mayor will be at the MTPL again on Monday, December 3rd from 4:30PM-6:30PM.

Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski Receives Proclamation for Completing FBI National Academy Program



[Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski accepted a proclamation for completing the FBI National Academy Program in September. Pictured from left: Police Chief Craig Weber, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, and Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski along with his wife Stacey and son Brian.](#)

[Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski received a proclamation recognizing his graduation from the prestigious FBI National Academy at the Monday, November 19th Township Committee Meeting. After reading the proclamation, Mayor Settembrino and Police Chief Craig Weber both made remarks about Deputy Chief Stefanski's impressive contributions to the MTPD and the new level of expertise he'll be bringing to the department after this 10-week extensive program that offered training in advanced communication, leadership and fitness. Click on the picture to learn more.](#)

**Thanksgiving Day
Garbage & Bulk Collection Changes
NORTH ZONE**



Garbage collection is cancelled;
Next collection is Monday, 11/26/18.

Bulk collection has been rescheduled for Saturday, 11/24/18.

Please note that the Middletown Recycling Center will be closed in observance of the holiday.

MTFD Responds to Fire in Leonardo

On Sunday evening, November 18th, the Middletown Township Fire Department responded to a fire at a home in Leonardo. Although the home sustained heavy fire damage, thankfully the resident was able to exit safely and was treated by Fairview and Leonardo Emergency Service Units. The MTFD was able to use one of its specialized ladder trucks that is designed to travel down narrow streets and reach elevated homes.



*Photo courtesy of MTFD
photographer Laurie Kegley*

Brevant Park, Belford Engine, and Community Fire Companies responded to the call along with the MTFD Air and Safety Units. All units operated safely under the supervision of Middletown Township Fire Chief Ryan Clarke.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for their diligence!

Port Monmouth Flood Control Project: Road Closure Gate Testing on Old Port Monmouth Road



Middletown Township, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection came together on Tuesday, November 20th to witness the initial testing of the road closure gate on Old Port Monmouth Road. The road closure gate is part of the large-scale Port Monmouth Flood Control Project designed to protect the Port Monmouth area in a high water event such as Superstorm Sandy. The testing, which was a success, is an encouraging step towards the goal of keeping our residents and their property safe.

[Click HERE or the picture to learn more about the Port Monmouth Flood Control Project.](#)



Mayor Kevin Settembrino stopped by Croydon Hall to check out the talent at Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout. Congratulations to the First Place turkey winners and all who participated!

Last Saturday, November 17th, Middletown Recreation Hosted its annual Annual Turkey Soccer Shootout and North vs. South Alumni Soccer Game.



Middletown Recreation hosted its annual North vs. South Alumni Soccer game after the Turkey Soccer Shootout. Fans enjoyed watching the teams go head to head in a game that ended in a 2-0 victory by South. Thank you to all the participants!

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 29th 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 Leaf Collection Status

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

Leaf Collection Guidelines

Please place leaves at the curb (not in roadway or on sidewalk) no earlier than 1 week prior to your collection start date.

The following will not be collected:

- Bagged leaves
- Branches
- Brush
- Grass clippings

Visit www.middletownnj.org/collection for more information.

11/19/2018

Volunteer Opportunities

Middletown Recreation has a number of activities that need the generous help of volunteers. Click this slide to learn more!



Upcoming Events



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)

**Can You Dodge, Duck, Dip & Dive? Register for
Middletown Recreation's 10th Annual
Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive on Sat. 12/8!**

Click on the picture below to learn more and to register!

10th Annual Dodgeball Tournament

& Toy Drive



The MTPL Presents: The "Campfire Guitar Sing-a-Long" with Joseph Verga

Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: MTPL Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road)

Back by popular demand, join Joe Verga and gather "round the campfire" for a good old-fashioned sing-along as he plays acoustic versions of your favorite popular standards, pop, rock, folk, country, Broadway, and movie tunes. Don't miss this laid back night of fun, laughs, and music trivia too with lots of audience participation encouraged.

Join the Poricy Park Conservancy for Colonial Christmas This Weekend!




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



Roadwork & 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.



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