Middletown Township Fire Department Elects 2019 Fire Chiefs

The Mayor and Township Committee attended the Fire Chiefs Election on Saturday, December 8th and congratulated the newly-elected chiefs for 2019. Pictured from left: Mayor Kevin M Settembrino, Committee members Tony Perry and Pat Snell, 2019's Fire Chief Steven Schweizer, Deputy Chief Russell Mount, First Assistant Chief John Friedmann, Second Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, Third Assistant Chief John Waltz, Committee member Rick Hibell, and Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore.

Hundreds of Middletown's volunteer firefighters along with friends, family, and members of the Township Committee attended the 2019 Fire Chiefs Election at Old Village Fire Company on Saturday, December 8th. Congratulations to newly-elected Fire Chief Steven Schweizer, Deputy Chief Russell Mount, First Assistant Chief John Friedmann, Second Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, and Third Assistant Chief John Waltz on their appointments. We would also like to thank current Fire Chief Ryan Clarke for his strong leadership this year. We are grateful to the chiefs and all of our volunteers for their service!

Wreaths Across America Stops at Oak Hill Academy en route to Arlington National Cemetery

On Wednesday, December 12th, the Wreaths Across America procession arrived at Oak Hill Academy in Middletown. Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization that places wreaths on the graves of many of our service members throughout the country, including all 400,000 graves at Arlington National Cemetery. Oak Hill Academy had the distinct honor of being one of the stops on the Wreaths Across America convoy on its route from Maine to Virginia. The school held a presentation that paid homage to our veterans, Gold Star/Blue Star families, and dignitaries. The school is committed to instilling the motto of "Remember, Honor, Teach" to their students and for future generations. We thank Wreaths Across America for choosing Middletown as a stop and are privileged to be a part of this beautiful tribute.

Click HERE to view additional photos from the procession.

Committee members Tony Perry and Pat Snell helped Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger present a proclamation from the County to Oak Hill Academy Headmaster Joseph Pacelli.

Wreaths Across America trucks stopped by Oak Hill Academy on their way to Arlington National Cemetery to place wreaths on the graves of our service men and women.

Christian Brothers Academy Pipes and Drums band opened the procession and played "Amazing Grace" before the presentation.

Mayor Kevin Settembrino participated in River Plaza Elementary School's 'Mystery Reader' program on Friday, December 7th. The Mayor, who has a full-time job as an architect, fittingly read the book Iggy Peck, Architect to a second grade class that included his
Middletown Recreation Hosts 10th Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive

Recreation Director Janet Dellett referees and runs the 10th Annual Dodgeball Tournament.

On Saturday, December 8th, Middletown Recreation hosted the 10th Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive at Croydon Hall Gym. Forty two teams across five divisions of all ages battled all day to earn the top spot in their division. This popular event brought in over 400 toys that will go to families in need this holiday season. Keep an eye out for 2019 signups to join the fun!

Click HERE to view more pictures from the event.

Attention All Dog Owners: 2019 Dog License Renewal Begins January 1st

Look out for your dog license renewal paperwork in the coming weeks. It will be mailed and emailed to you (if you have an email address on file). Please review the paperwork for instructions on how to complete the process. Renewals should be submitted either online or via mail by January 31st.

Residents can also bring completed paperwork to the Health Department located at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth.

Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097.
The Middletown Township Police Department, PBA 124 and Social Services invite residents to participate in the

Annual Holiday Toy Drive
Running now - December 21st

To participate, please drop off new, unwrapped toys to any of the following locations:
- Swagger, 105 Leonardville Road, Belford
- Molzane, Middletown Lincroft Road, Lincroft
- Investors Bank, Sears Parking Lot, Middletown
- Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
- Johnson Gill Annex, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
- Police Station, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
- We Care Adult Care, 592A State Route 35, Red Bank
- Trendsetters, 882 Main St, Belford
- Fratelli's, 480 Route 35, Red Bank
- Taberco's, 500 Route 35, Red Bank
- All Garment Cleaners, 1947 Hwy 35, Middletown

Happy Holidays!
The Middletown Township Clerk’s Office invites you to participate in VFW Post 2179’s Engraved Brick Fundraiser

This holiday season, The Middletown Township Clerk’s Office invites you honor a veteran and show support for VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth through their Engraved Brick Fundraiser. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of a much-needed new sign for the VFW facility on Highway 36 & Veterans Way. Bricks are located outside of VFW Post 2179.

This is an opportunity to show support for those who sacrificed so much for our country and freedom.

Click [HERE](https://www.middletownnj.org/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/73741) to learn more!

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**Upcoming Events**

THE MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER PRESENTS
Elf The Musical, Jr.
December 14th, 7 pm
December 15th, 2 pm & 7 pm

Take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle to enjoy this fun Musical Theater Class production of Elf The Musical, Jr., the culmination of a 12-week theater class.

Tickets: $10 Adults/ $5 Children and Seniors

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THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

A DICKENS TALE
Tuesday, Dec 18th, 7:00 pm

Mean old Scrooge, bumbling Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, the ghost of Jacob Marley and more come to life in this tale of the true meaning of the season.

register online @ mtpl.org

Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road
732-671-3700
www.mtpl.org
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2018 Leaf Collection Status

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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.

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QUESTION ABOUT THE HOLIDAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING? CLICK HERE!

Click HERE to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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.