

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Middletown Recognizes Local Heroes



The Township Committee presented Middletown Township Fire Department NJ Task Force 1 members with a certificate recognizing their service and sacrifice in the hurricane relief efforts this past year.

Pictured from left: Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, NJ-TFI Hazardous Materials Specialist James Abbes, NJ-TFI Medical Specialist Marcelo Aguirre, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, NJ-TFI Planning Manager David D'Arcy, NJ-TFI Planning Manager Daniel Kelly, NJ-TFI Program Manager Kevin W. Morrissey and Committeeman Rick Hibell.

The Middletown Township Committee had the pleasure of recognizing some of our local heroes at the Township Committee meeting on Monday, December 17th. The first honorees (pictured above) were several of our volunteer firefighters who devoted their time and expertise to the New Jersey Task Force 1 hurricane relief efforts in the Carolinas and Florida this past year. During this time, they performed search and rescue operations, water rescues, structural assessments, evacuations, debris clearing, medical responses and more. Their service lasted between nine to 25 days. We appreciate the hard work each of these men put in and the support they provided to those areas in a time of danger and need. We are proud to have such members of our fire department and community.



The Township Committee presented Life Saving Awards to MTPD Officer Nicholas Manochio and Security Officer Keith Thornton for saving a woman from a house fire.

Pictured from left: Second Assistant Chief John Friedmann, Third Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, First Assistant Chief Russell Mount, Deputy Police Chief Robert Stefanski, Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, Marion Security Officer Keith Thornton, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Patrolman Nicholas Manochio, Police Chief Craig Weber and Committeeman Rick Hibell

The Township Committee also presented Shadow Lake Village Security Officer Keith Thornton and Middletown Township Police Patrolman Nicholas Manochio with a Life Saving Award at the meeting. Thornton and Officer Manochio were some of the first on the scene at a fire in the River Plaza section of Middletown this past

Saturday, December 15th. Both men ran into the burning house and worked together to rescue an 88-year-old woman. Amazingly, this is the third time Officer

Manochio has been recognized by the Township for his acts of heroism. We applaud their courage and extend our gratitude to our all-volunteer Fire Department for their swift response and bravery.

Middletown's Adopt-a-Family Program Reaches Record High Holiday Donations!

Township officials stopped by the Social Services Department on Wednesday, December 19th to check out the record breaking number of donations they received for the Adopt-a-Family program.

Social Services (which runs under the Health Department) started the Adopt-a-Family program in 2011 with 12 families. This year, they were able to adopt 69 families with a total of 175 kids and 55 donors – their biggest year so far! The toys collected at the recent Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive, which is run annually by the Recreation Department, also contributes to this program. They have also partnered with The Kenneth F. Tietjen Memorial Foundation - now Mini Horse Heroes -



Township officials visited Social Services at the Health Department to see the record number of Adopt-a-Family donations this holiday season.

Pictured from left: Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, Head of Social Services Kathy Straniero, Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Health Department Director Rich DeBenedetto and Committeewoman Pat Snell.

bike program over the last four years. The organization generously donates 25-30 new bikes each year.

Thank you to everyone in our community who donated to this wonderful cause!



Mayor Kevin Settembrino, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore and Committee members Tony Perry and Pat Snell congratulated the inaugural Middletown Women 18 & Older flag football team winners of Lunch Break's 2018 Rivalry Series held on November 23rd. Together with seven other teams from surrounding towns, Middletown raised over \$15,000 and a truck full of food and clothing for Lunch Break. We thank these women for representing Middletown so well and for uniting our community to help tackle hunger. We look forward to watching you defend your trophy in 2019!

On Monday, December 17th, the Township Committee recognized several residents for recent achievements.

First, they congratulated the inaugural Middletown Women's Flag Football Team on winning Lunch Break's 2018 Rivalry Series. They also commended two young women for earning the prestigious Girl Scout Silver Award and thanked them for going above and beyond to help better our community.



The Township Committee also congratulated Jillian Haase and Hannah Luisi on earning the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest award attainable at the middle school level. Their combined "Solutions Baby Blanket Project" was a wonderful way to comfort young mothers-to-be and their babies. Through partnering with Solutions Pregnancy Center, an organization that assists young women during pregnancy and after birth, and working with friends and members of Mpact Girls' Club at Monmouth Worship Center, they reached an impressive goal of making 100 fleece tie blankets.



Mayor Kevin Settembrino visited third graders at River Plaza Elementary School to thank them for their letters about "What Makes a Community Great". Some of their favorite topics included playgrounds, the library, restaurants, parks, the beach, and ice cream shops! The Mayor also answered questions about what it is like to be the Mayor of Middletown.

Click [HERE](#) to read some of their letters!



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.

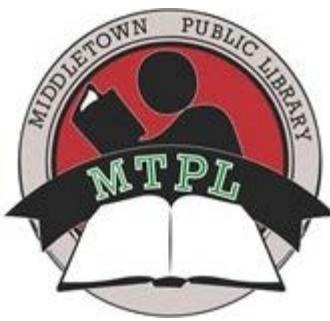
Residents can also bring completed paperwork to the Health Department located at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth.



Questions? Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097.



Upcoming Events



The Middletown Township Public Library will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th for the Holiday.



[The MAC presents: Day Off From School Camp!](#)
December 27-28, 31

December 31st is our Noon-Year's Even Party (Half Day only)!

[Full and Half Day Sessions available. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-706-4100 or click the picture to register or learn more.](#)



Middletown Recreation will be closed Tuesday, December 25th for the Holiday.

2018 Leaf Collection Status

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

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QUESTION ABOUT THE HOLIDAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING? CLICK [HERE!](#)



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.

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