



Township Introduces 2019 Budget: Municipal Tax Rate Declines 2.66%

The Middletown Township Committee introduced its \$79.9 million budget at the April 1st Township Committee meeting. The proposed municipal budget reduces the tax rate from .489 in 2018 to .476, a 2.66% decrease.

The proposed 2019 municipal budget includes additional funding for more than 70 parks that span across Middletown's 16 neighborhoods, as well as an increase of \$470,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund, which requires no debt, that will provide the town the ability to complete more capital projects. It also covers the approximate 3.5% increase to maintain and improve the Township's 375 miles of roads.

"While Trenton continues to shift its unfunded mandates and financial problems onto municipalities, the Township Committee and I are committed to putting taxpayers first," said Mayor Tony Perry. "State-mandated pension costs increased approximately \$500,000 and the continual siphoning of the energy receipts tax denies Middletown nearly \$5.5 million in what could be immediate tax relief."

Click [HERE](#) to view the entire press release.

Middletown Township Committee Demands Public Hearing for Pipeline Project

On April 1st, the Middletown Township Committee unanimously passed a resolution requesting the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) hold a public hearing in the Bayshore area regarding the Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Project, a proposed natural gas pipeline that will go through the Raritan Bay and only service the State of New York.

As of Wednesday, April 3rd the DEP has received requests from multiple municipalities, including Middletown, to allow the community to comment on the proposed pipeline that will run between Pennsylvania and Long Island, cut through central New Jersey and include 23.5 miles of pipeline through the Raritan/Lower New York Bay.

"The Township Committee and I strongly encourage the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to provide the residents of Middletown and the Bayshore area the ability to voice their questions and concerns about the proposed pipeline,"

said Mayor Tony Perry. “This project would provide no practical use to the people of the Bayshore all the while exposing the coastal communities to the potential environmental impacts.”

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

Health Department Partners with Optical Academy to Offer Affordable Eye Wear and Exams to Residents



Mayor Tony Perry and Kathy Straniero of Middletown's Social Services Department stand with members of the Optical Academy and a Middletown resident at the event on April 4th.

Mayor Tony Perry stopped by Middletown High School North on Thursday, April 4th to get a good look at the low cost eye wear and exam event hosted by the Optical Academy in partnership with Middletown's Health Department. The program offers affordable glasses and eye exams so residents have the opportunity to buy glasses for a fraction of the price.

Four Members of Boy Scout Troop 32 Earn the Rank of Eagle Scout

Committeewoman Pat Snell attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony last Saturday at United Methodist Church to congratulate four members of Troop 32.



Ryan Belle completed his community service project by building picnic tables and landscaping the outdoor area for HABCore homes in Beachwood, NJ. HABCore is an organization in Red Bank that provides temporary and permanent housing for struggling families. **Matthew Decker** refurbished and painted the guardrail that ran along the driveway of the Oasis Foundation, which is a farm that provides meaningful work and healthy residences for autistic individuals. He also created two crushed stone pull-off areas along the driveway to make it easier when cars are coming from both directions. **Daniel DeSanctis** designed and built a wheelchair-accessible patio at De La Salle Hall, a nursing home facility in Lincroft. **Daniel Johnson** renovated the Middletown High School South Band Snack Shack located by the football field. He added two picnic tables and benches and updated the condiment stand with a granite top.

We congratulate these young men on this impressive achievement!

DPW to Issue Warning Stickers for Recycling Violations Starting Wed., 4/10



[As part of Middletown's Recycling Education Campaign, residents will be issued an “Oops!” warning sticker \(pictured above\) through Earth Day \(April 22nd\) if they are recycling improperly. The sticker will note the violation and provide the tools to understand what is and isn't recyclable.](#)

Monmouth County Hosts 8th Annual Made in Monmouth Event on Saturday, April 13th

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Made in
MONMOUTH

Products made in Monmouth County will be on display and for sale
April 13, 2019, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
**OceanFirst Bank Center at
Monmouth University
Larchwood Ave., West Long Branch**
Free admission and parking!

732-431-7470 or www.madeinmonmouth.com

Sponsored by the
Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders
in partnership with Monmouth University



Non-perishable food items will be collected for Fulfill (Formerly the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties)



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Middletown Rabies Alert in Area of Bellevue Avenue Between Hamilton and Highland Avenues



The Middletown Township Health Department responded to a call concerning a sick raccoon in the area of Bellevue Avenue between Hamilton Avenue and Highland Avenue. Middletown Animal Control captured the raccoon and it was sent to the State Laboratory for testing. Laboratory results received on April 3, 2019 confirmed that the raccoon was rabid.

The Health Department would like to alert residents to be on the lookout for a white cat with a lame back left leg and large wounds on it. This cat may have been in contact with, and exposed to, the rabid raccoon. If you see this cat, do not approach it or try to pick it up. Contact Animal Control immediately at 732-615-2097 or the Police Dept at 732-615-2100.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO READ MORE.



Temporary Water Treatment Change to End in Monmouth County

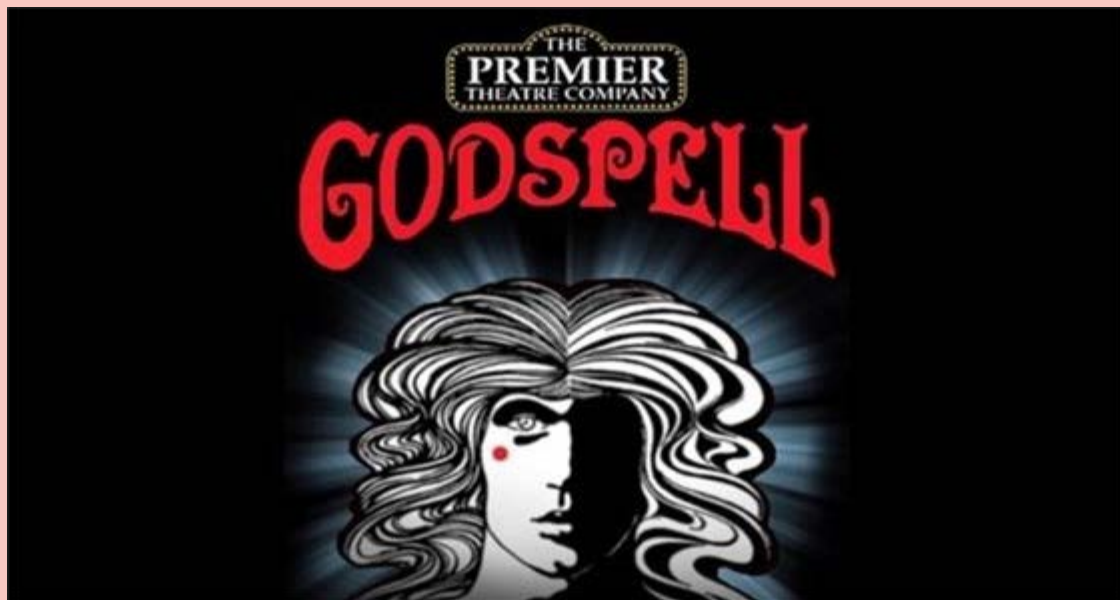
On April 10th, New Jersey American Water will resume using chloramines in water

treatment at its Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck. During the transition to free chlorine residual, some customers may have noticed a slight chlorine taste and odor in their water. With the resumption of the chlorination process, the taste and smell of chlorine will subside.

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



Upcoming Events



The MAC Presents: Godspell by the Premier Theatre Company
Friday, April 5 at 8:00 PM, Saturday, April 6 at 8:00 PM, Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 PM
Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)

Tickets: \$28, \$25, \$15

Godspell features people helping Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and a hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville are in this 2012 version. Directed by Anthony Preuster with musical direction by Robert Sammond and choreography by Donna Battaglia.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND PURCHASE TICKETS!](#)

GAME OF THRONES DAY at the MTPL Saturday, April 13th @ 2:00 PM

A promotional graphic for Game of Thrones Day. At the top, a row of nine circular icons represents the major houses: Stark (wolf), Lannister (lion), Tully (fish), Baratheon (lion), Martell (sun), Greyjoy (kraken), Redwyne (rose), Tyrell (sun), and Arryn (star). Below these icons is a central image of a sword (Valyrian steel) with a crown (the Iron Throne) at its base, held by a hand. The words "GAME OF THRONES" are written in a stylized font across the middle. Below the central image, there is a list of activities: "Celebrate the books and final season of the TV show with other fans.", "Meet our dragons.", "Fun crafts and trivia.", "Sit on the Iron Throne...if you dare!" (with "if you dare!" in red), and "Light refreshments." To the right of the text is a small image of the Iron Throne. At the bottom, the date and time are written in a handwritten style: "Saturday, April 13th, 2:00 pm" and "a Family Event". Below this is a small logo for the Middletown Township Public Library with the address "55 New Monmouth Road" and phone number "732-671-3700".

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732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

[Click HERE for more information.](#)

Middletown Community Affairs Council to Hold Youth Job Fair Wed., 4/10 at Middletown North

MIDDLETOWN YOUTH JOB FAIR

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH FROM 7:00-8:30PM

WHERE: MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL RD.)

The Middletown Youth Job Fair, organized by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, is a great way for Middletown youth and employers to meet regarding job opportunities in a relaxed and organized setting.

No registration is required for students and there is no charge to employers wishing to participate.



Employers who would like to join can contact Mitch Gotesky ([732-915-2445](tel:732-915-2445)/mycredi@aol.com) or John Giordano ([732-996-7495](tel:732-996-7495)/johngiordano@yahoo.com).





Please Consider Donating Goods for Easter Baskets to Those in Need

Easter Basket Donations Needed

The Middletown Township Social Services Department is assembling Easter baskets for those in need in our community.

Please consider donating a ham, gift cards or Easter grass and candy to help fill the baskets. Donations will be accepted at the Middletown Health Department's office at 180 Main Street in Port Monmouth or call Kathy Straniero at 732-615-2085 to arrange for your donation to be picked up.




MTPD to Hold Car Seat Safety Event on Friday, 4/19

IS YOUR LITTLE EGG IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT?

FREE CAR SEAT INSTALLATION AND SAFETY CHECK
COURTESY OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Friday, April 19th
2:00pm -6:00pm
Old Village Fire Company
(1340 Highway 35 South)

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR RECYCLABLES
 IN PLASTIC BAGS**

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CART



**DO NOT BAG
 Recyclables**

Collecting recyclables in a bag? Empty the contents into the cart.

Return plastic bags to retailers.

♻️ RECYCLE: STRIVE FOR FIVE!

CANS	GLASS	PAPER	PLASTIC	CARDBOARD
				
Aluminum and Steel Cans (empty and rinse)	Bottles and Jars (empty and rinse)	Newspaper, Magazines and Mail	Bottles and Containers (empty and rinse numbers #1, #2, #5)	Cardboard, Cereal Boxes, and Paper Tubes (flatten boxes)

NOT ACCEPTED:

				
No Recyclables in Plastic Bags	No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap	No Tangles, Cords, Hoops or Chairs	No Yard Waste	No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)

732-615-3233
 Middletown Township Department of Public Works

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