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MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY

Municipal Tax Rate Declines 2.66%

SPRING 2019

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The Middletown Township Committee introduced its $79.9 million budget at the beginning of April. The proposed 2019 Municipal budget reduces the tax rate from .489 in 2018 to .476, a 2.66% decrease.

The proposed 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.

Approximately 63% of households will see a $25 or less increase in their tax bill this year, while 51% of households will have a 0% increase or see a reduction in taxes. In an effort for residents to gain a greater understanding of where their tax dollars are being spent, the Township will be releasing a "Tax Dollar Receipt" calculator on the website in May that will provide a way for residents to see penny for penny where their tax dollars go.

For more information, visit www.middletownnj.org/mytaxdollars.

Mayor's Wellness Campaign Launches in May

The Mayor's Wellness Campaign, a statewide program that gives mayors tools and strategies to champion healthy living in their communities, is coming to Middletown! Join Mayor Perry and the Township Committee in this initiative to help make our a healthier place to live, work and play. Events will be held on the 2nd Thursday and 3rd Saturday of each month from May through September. Visit www.middletownnj.org/wellness for a complete list of activities. Stay tuned for more information regarding Middletown's inaugural Mayor's 5K Challenge and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, October 19th! All proceeds will benefit our first responders.

Mobile Town Hall Events a Success

Throughout the month of March, residents had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and members of the Township Committee, Department Heads and staff at four Mobile Town Hall events held across town. Representatives from various departments were available to speak with residents, provide information and answer questions in an informal setting. Events were held at the Lincroft Fire Company, Middletown Township Public Library, VFW Post 2179 and Fairview First Aid.

Township Directory

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies Dial 9-1-1

Police Department Non-Emergency 615-2100

Municipal Offices

(All numbers have a 732 area code)

Main Number	615-2000
Animal Control	615-2097
(Monday - Friday, 8am- 5pm)	
Animal Control	615-2100
(holidays, nights & weekends)	
Building & Inspections	615-2106
Community Development	615-2281
Court Administrator	615-2036
Code Enforcement	615-2106
Crossroads	615-2269
(substance abuse services)	
Emergency Management	615-2129
EMS (First Aid)	615-2252
Fire Prevention	615-2270
Health	615-2095
Library	671-3700
Mayor's Office	615-2024
Middletown Arts Center	706-4100
Planning	615-2098
Public Works	615-2109
Public Information	615-2287
Recreation	615-2260
Recycling	615-2008
Senior Center	615-2265
Tax Assessor	615-2089
Tax Collector	615-2086
Township Administrator	615-2013
Township Engineer	615-2110
Township Clerk	615-2015
(elections, marriage/birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Twp. Committee agenda)	
Social Services	615-2085
Zoning	615-2278

Other Important Numbers

Board of Education	671-3850
Sewerage Authority	495-1010

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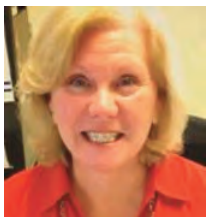
Tax Collector's Message



Tax Collector Judith Vassallo

Happy Spring! 2016 Homestead Benefit Credits have been applied to the May 2019 tax quarter. if you receive an adjusted tax bill, please pay the new amount shown. Taxes are due May 1, 2019 with a ten (10) day grace period.

Please make payments by 4:00 PM Friday, May 10, 2019 to avoid interest charges.

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) applications have been mailed by the State. The deadline for filing the applications is October 31, 2019. For information, please visit the State website at www.njtaxation.org and select "Senior Freeze" or call the Senior Freeze Hotline at 1-800-882-6597.

The 2019 Final/2020 Preliminary tax bills will be mailed in July. The August quarter due date is August 1, 2019. Please review your tax bill for the last day to pay without interest. Quarterly tax payments can be made online at www.middletownnj.org.

Thank you!

Middletown Welcomes New Businesses!

- Brennan's Deli (212 NJ-35)
- Club Pilates (1377 NJ-35)
- Edward Jones Investments (Ventura Plaza, 1275 Route 35)
- Freshii (754 NJ-35)
- The Goodwill Store and Donation Center (1018 NJ-36)

In an effort to help residents cut down on waste, DPW is now accepting clean single use plastic shopping bags at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). You can also drop off your plastic bags at many stores in Middletown, including ShopRite, Stop & Shop and Target.

Recycling Education Campaign

In March, Middletown Township launched a Recycling Education Campaign to help residents understand what can and cannot be recycled and how to do so properly in our single stream recycling system.

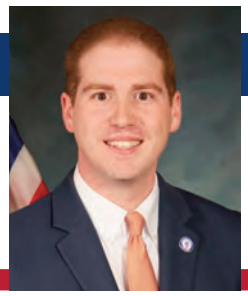
When a town does not recycle properly, it increases the cost of garbage and recycling collection, which will directly impact taxpayers. The driving force of this campaign has been to correct how we recycle as a whole and to teach residents about the importance of keeping recyclables loose in the cart and not placing them in plastic garbage or grocery bags. In Middletown, plastic bags are responsible for over 70% of the contamination of our single stream recycling. To learn more about plastic bags and how they can affect taxes, visit www.middletownnj.org/plasticbags.

As of Earth Day (April 22nd), Middletown will no longer accept recycling in plastic bags or any other violation of Township rules for recycling collection. DPW has been issuing warning stickers to help educate residents as to what is and isn't recyclable. Visit www.middletownnj.org/ recyclingcollection to view the list of recycling violations.

For additional information about recycling in Middletown, visit www.middletownnj.org/recycling or download the free Recycle Coach app to quickly learn how to dispose of items properly and view your personalized garbage, recycling and bulk collection schedule. You can also call the Department of Public Works at 732-615-2109.

Recycling violation sticker

Message From Mayor Tony Perry



This June, the Township is expected to break ground on our Municipal Complex. The existing Town Hall was built almost 60 years ago and understandably the Township has grown significantly since that time and the current building does not meet today's needs or standards. For example, 60 years ago Middletown didn't have any female police officers. While I'm proud to say that we now have the most female police officers in all of Monmouth County, the current Police Department in Town Hall doesn't provide the necessary amenities for them. The building also doesn't meet current Court standards dictated by the State. To rehab the current facility would cost the town between $15-20 million and would still be tremendously outdated and inefficient. For these reasons, the governing body opted to do a Public-Private Partnership at a Guaranteed Maximum Price. This means that there will be no cost overruns—absolutely none. What the building costs today is the same amount it will cost when we're cutting the ribbon for its grand opening in the summer of 2021.

As the 16th largest municipality in the State of New Jersey, Middletown should be able to provide our residents with a one-stop-shop to get a new or renewed passport, dog license and pay your taxes in a centralized location rather than going to three different buildings scattered across town. The new complex will also offer free and convenient meeting spaces for community groups and local organizations, as well as the opportunity to provide shared services with the County and our surrounding towns.

Conceptual rendering for the New Municipal Complex- Subject to change

In an effort to explain the governing body's decision to build this state-of-the-art and energy efficient Municipal Complex, below are some answers to commonly-asked questions.

Q: What are some of the key drivers causing the need for this project now?

A: A key driver is the inadequacy of the current facilities. For example, when the current Town Hall was built almost 60 years ago, Middletown had a 28 member Police Department and no female police officers. As of 2018, Middletown has a 126-member Police Department, including 12 female officers and 12 Special Officers, and that number is growing each year. Currently the facilities for female officers, particularly the locker room and shower facilities, are inadequate even for the number we have now. This is a change that must be made.

There are substantial portions of both the Main Town Hall and the Johnson Gill Annex that are below grade, thus creating a poor-quality working environment and one that can become more problematic over time relative to air quality and mold. The lower level of the main Town Hall building floods regularly with any large rainstorm event. This requires untold man hours to resolve each time.

Another key driver is the lack of environmental consideration in our existing buildings. Our buildings to date are extremely energy inefficient, resulting in a great waste of money, especially for natural gas and electricity. Repairs and upgrades to the existing buildings, largely due to their age, are merely band aids and not the best use of money over time. The new building will include the latest in efficient design and construction and will benefit township residents and taxpayers for generations to come.

Q: Why build a brand new building instead of renovating what we have?

A: Due to the age of the buildings on site, renovation is not a viable option. A major renovation to the current main Town Hall building would mean that the Police, Court and Administration would have to move to temporary facilities since their functions cannot cease or shut down. Finding space that could accommodate Municipal Court and Police operations and meet their very unique requirements would be very difficult to do. This would mean a substantial cost to lease such space for approximately two years. In many cases, renovating and trying to retrofit old buildings and bringing them into compliance with today's standards for safety, security, efficiency and ADA compliance is more expensive than building something brand new.

Q: What about doing an addition to the existing Town Hall?

A: At a minimum an addition to the existing Town Hall would need to be about 23,000 sq. ft. and cost approximately $11 million. This would only be enough to bring workers out from the basement level and address some of the Police Department's inadequacies. It would not allow us to consolidate all offices and departments, address the issues relative to the Municipal Court, or address the very costly functional issues with the existing buildings. Such a project would result in annual debt of about $660,000 per year on top of our current annual operating costs of more than $300,000 per year going forward.

Q: Why use a sale leaseback arrangement rather than conventional Municipal financing?

A: There is a growing trend nationwide, even worldwide, to do public projects in this fashion. For example, New Brunswick, Jersey City as well as Gloucester and Union Counties have used the Public-Private Partnership, also known as a P3, approach. The idea is that private development companies can usually build public projects more efficiently that the public sector can. This is largely due to the fact that most public agencies are not generally in the "development business" on a day-to-day basis. A key feature that P3 projects usually have is what is known as a GMP or Guaranteed Maximum Price. This means that once a price is quoted by the developer/builder, that amount it set. There can be no cost overruns or change orders which increases the costs during construction. The risk for any cost overruns are borne by the builder not the taxpayers. By making annual lease payments we avoid borrowing and adding Municipal debt. We will also be developing pad sites so the Township can offset some of the construction costs with revenue from either the sale or lease.

2019 Township Committee

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor

Anthony P. Fiore, Deputy Mayor

Rick W. Hibell, Committeeman

Kevin M Settembrino, Committeeman

Patricia A. Snell, Committeewoman

If you need to contact a member of the Township Committee, please call the Mayor's Office at 732-615-2024.

Anthony Mercantante, P.P, AICP, Township Administrator

Heidi R. Brunt, RMC, CMC, Township Clerk

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Annual 'Mayors Cup' at Middletown Ice World

This year's Mayor's Cup at Ice World was a hard-fought game between High School North and South that ended in a tie. The Township Committee and I enjoyed the game and the opportunity to meet with the players.

RallyCap Sports Hosts Final Basketball Session for Special Needs Community

It was an honor to cheer on participants and hand out trophies at the RallyCap Sports final basketball session designed for children and young adults with special needs. Thanks to all involved in this incredible program.

Read Across America Week

I had a great time visiting with 4th graders at Lincroft Elementary School during Read Across America Week, a nationwide event that celebrates reading and imagination.

2019 Township Committee:
Back row: Committee members Rick W. Hibell, Patricia A. Snell and Kevin M Settembrino
Front row: Mayor Anthony S. Perry and Deputy Mayor Anthony P. Fiore

Mayor Tony Perry generally holds open office hours on the second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway. Visitors are seen on a first-come basis. Mayor Perry is also available by appointment. Please call 732-615-2024 for more information.

"Climb with a Cop" Event Benefits NJ Special Olympics

The Middletown Township Police Department, P.B.A. Local 124, and police officers from neighboring towns came together for the first "Climb with a Cop" event held at the Gravity Vault in Middletown. The event gave kids a chance to meet and climb with local officers while raising money for the NJ Special Olympics. Mayor Tony Perry, along with Committee members Kevin Settembrino and Pat Snell, joined the fun to show their support.

Firefighter Fred Gorsegner Honored for 50 Years of Service to Middletown Fire Company No. 1

The Mayor and Township Committee presented firefighter Frederick W. Gorsegner with an award and a Key to the City for his 50 years of service to the MTFD at a Township Committee meeting earlier this year. Fire Chief Steven Schweizer, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Rick Hibell shared their sentiments regarding Mr. Gorsegner and praised him for his courage, leadership, and dedication to our community

Pictured from left: Third Assistant Chief John Waltz, Second Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, Deputy Chief Russell Mount, Fire Chief Steven Schweizer, Honoree Frank Gorsegner, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman Rick Hibell, Middletown Fire Company No. 1 Ex-Captain Frank Butler, and Ex-Chief John Gorsegner, Jr.

2019 MTFD Fire Chiefs Election

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. Congratulations to Fire Chief Steven Schweizer, Deputy Chief Russell Mount, First Assistant Chief John Friedmann, Seond Assistant Chief Bernie Chenoweth, and Third Assistant Chief John Waltz on their appointments.

2019 EMS CHIEFS

Congrats to EMS Chief Floyd Goldstein, Deputy Chief Jim Kelly and Assistant Chief Paul Kennedy. We truly appreciate the commitment of all of our first responders to keep our residents safe!

EMS Seeks Teens to Volunteer as Cadets

EMS Cadets are young men and women, ages 14 to 18, who learn basic life-support skills (CPR, splinting, applying tourniquets, bloodborne pathogens training, etc.) by working side-by-side with current EMT volunteers. At age 16, they can ride the ambulances in Middletown and further their skills and experience to become first aid members. The EMS Department will pay for EMT school and they also offer scholarships for those who are planning on going into the medical field. High school students interested in joining can text Lead Advisor Rich Yarczower at (732) 673-7646 for more information.

Middletown Recognizes Local Heroes

This winter, the Township Committee presented Life Saving Awards to MTPD Officer Nicholas Manochio and Shadow Lake Village Security Officer Keith Thornton for saving a woman from a house fire. We applaud their courage and extend our gratitude to our all-volunteer Fire Department for their swift response and bravery.

Middletown Honors Service Members at Annual Veterans Day Parade

VFW Post 2179 and Middletown Township held the 61st Annual Veterans Day Parade followed by a "Thank a Veteran" lunch at the VFW. The beautiful weather was a perfect backdrop to the parade where the greatness of Middletown shined as our community showed respect and gratitude to all of our veterans.

Veterans Affairs Committee and VFW Post 2179 Host Beautiful Four Chaplains Memorial Service

Residents of Middletown and surrounding communities came together on February 10th for the annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service held at VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth. This moving service honors the bravery of four United States Army chaplains, each of a different faith, who made the ultimate sacrifice in February of 1943 after a torpedo sank the SS Dorchester.

Pictured from left: Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso, Freeholder Sue Kiley, MTPD Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski, Freeholder Deputy Director Patrick Impreveduto, Mayor Tony Perry, Freeholder Director Tom Arnone and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino

Photo credit: Marielina Larosa

Veterans Affairs Committee Holds KIA Street Sign Dedication to Honor Korean War Veteran William J. Malcolm

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee held its 53rd KIA Street Sign Dedication honoring William J. Malcolm on Saturday, March 9th. Malcolm served as a U.S. Army solider in the Korean War and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country in the conflict. Malcolm Way, located in the Four Ponds at Lincroft development on Middletown-Lincroft Road, was dedicated in his honor. Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, Committeewoman Pat Snell, members of Middletown's Veterans Affairs Committee, Vice President of K Hovnanian Homes Dave Fisher, as well as residents of the Four Ponds community came together to pay tribute to Malcolm. To view photos from past Fallen Veterans Commemorative Street Sign dedications, please visit www.middletownnj.org/KIAstreetsigns.

Wreaths Across America Stops at Oak Hill Academy En Route to Arlington National Cemetery

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. The school held a presentation that paid homage to our veterans, Gold Star/Blue Star families, and dignitaries.

Monmouth County Celebrates Reopening of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse and Fort Hancock Post Museum

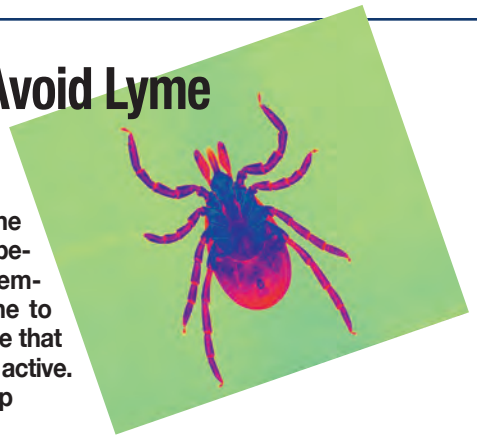
Gateway National Recreation Area held its Grand Re-Opening of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse and Fort Hancock Post Museum in the fall. The Sandy Hook Lighthouse, which has been a landmark of our area for over 250 years, was closed for renovation, and the Fort Hancock Post Museum had been closed since 2010 after sustaining damage in Superstorm Sandy. These newly-renovated buildings offer a wonderful opportunity for our community to continue to explore the rich history of both Middletown Township and Monmouth County.

Mayor Tony Perry, Park Ranger Pete McCarthy, Freeholder Lillian Burry and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino in front of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse.

Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 Hosts 53rd Charity Ball Benefiting Special Children

In March, the Middletown Elks's Special Children Committee held its 53rd Charity Ball. This year's honoree was 6-year-old Hunter Dyson who was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder before his 5th birthday. Mayor Tony Perry attended the gala to present Hunter with a super hero-themed award on behalf of the Township Committee to commend him for reminding us to "soar to new heights".

Top Tips to Avoid Lyme Disease



If you're spending time in tick-infested areas between now and September, you're most prone to Lyme Disease because that is when ticks are most active. Here are 7 tips to help prevent the disease:

1. When hiking, walk in the center of the trail to avoid high grass and leaf litter areas.
2. Mow and trim your lawn regularly to avoid making it a breeding ground for ticks.
3. Wear light-colored clothing to make it easier to find ticks on your clothes.
4. Use 20-30% DEET repellents on exposed skin for protection against ticks for up to 4 hours.
5. Apply repellents containing permethrin on clothing and gear, which will safeguard you through several washings.
6. Check yourself for ticks regularly once you have entered a tick-infested area.
7. Check for ticks on all exposed skin. Take extra care to inspect the scalp, under the arm, behind the ear, in the groin, and on the ankle.

What to Do When You Find a Tick

1. Remove the tick immediately before it attaches to the skin and avoid crushing or squeezing.
2. Use tweezers to grab the tick's head if it has already attached to the skin.
3. DO NOT squeeze, cover, or burn an attached tick. Doing any of these risks the tick's fluid, and potentially a tick-borne illness entering your skin.
4. Disinfect the bitten area after removing the tick with alcohol or hot water.
5. Consult with your physician.

Visit www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/ for more information on tick-borne diseases.

Township Briefs

Microgrid Feasibility Study Results

Earlier this year, Middletown Township hosted the final Microgrid Feasibility Study community outreach event to present a program update, study outcomes as well as financing options to determine a cost-effective configuration that would allow the town to use local resources to power critical facilities during times of emergency. Highly-qualified experts, including engineers and designers, discussed the results of the study as well as options for implementing the microgrid going forward. Visit www.middletownnj.org/microgrid for more information or to view the presentation.

Committeeman Kevin Settembrino helped explain the benefits of a Distributed Energy Resource microgrid solution in the Bayshore area at the outreach session.

Take a Trip to the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency

Are you planning to travel abroad this year? Don't wait until the last minute to apply for or renew your passport! For further information and/or to book your appointment, please contact the Middletown Passport Acceptance Agency at 732-615-2014 or visit http://www.middletownnj.org/Passports. You can also email passport@middletownnj.org or visit the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency at 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.

Applications are accepted by appointment between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. Walk-in applications are accepted between the hours of 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Passport application fees are set by the U.S. Department of State and can be found at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/requirements/fees.html. Middletown's Passport Acceptance Agency can also take your passport photo on site for $10.00.

Fees are the same for every official Passport Acceptance Agency. Before you agree to have a third party passport service assist in expediting your passport, please call the Middletown Passport Acceptance Agency first to make sure you are not paying extra for a service you do not need.

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 4th!

The Primary Election for 2019 will be held on Tuesday, June 4th. Polls will be open 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM for registered voters. To find out where you vote, log on to www.middletownnj.org under Township Clerk and enter your address. To check if you are registered to vote you may also contact the Township Clerk at 732-615-2015. In a Primary Election you may only vote if you are a registered Republican or Democrat or if you are unaffiliated and intend to declare a party on that day. Mail-In Ballot applications may be obtained at the Township Clerk's Office, however, they must be submitted in the Office of the County Clerk no later than seven days prior to the election to obtain the ballot. If you have a question about the upcoming Primary Election please contact the Township Clerk's Office at 732-615-2015, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday or by email at townclerk@middletownnj.org. You can also visit www.monmouthcountyvotes.com for detailed instructions and information.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program: A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Non-point source pollution is a contamination of our groundwater, waterways, bays, and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil, washing cars, and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways and ocean. They also can soak into the ground and contaminate the groundwater below. The collective impact of non-point source pollution threatens aquatic and marine life, recreational water activities, the fishing industry, tourism, and our precious drinking water resources.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we are asking for your help to do something about it.

By sharing a portion of the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep these common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water and it saves the high costs of clean-up once it becomes polluted.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to comply with federal requirements, the Township of Middletown has adopted ordinances to prohibit various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution, including ordinances regarding Pet Waste, Wildlife Feeding, Litter Control, Improper Disposal of Waste, Containerized Waste/Yard Waste Collection, Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting and Illicit Connection.

Here are some ways you can help reduce nonpoint source pollution:

Place litter in trash receptacles. Place litter, including cigarette butts and fast food containers, in trash receptacles. Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Avoid overuse of fertilizers. Do a soil test to see if you need to add fertilizer. Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall. If you use fertilizers, follow the label directions carefully.

Use alternatives to pesticides. Many household products made to exterminate pests are toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms and plants. Follow the label directions carefully. Use alternatives whenever possible.

Clean up after your pet. Animal wastes contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause the closing of bathing beaches. Pet owners or their keepers must pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. Dispose of wastes in the garbage or toilet.

Don't feed wildlife. Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Dispose of yard waste properly. Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains. Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Refer to our website, www.middletownnj.org, for the Township's rules, guidelines, and schedule for leaf and brush collection.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products. Many common household products contain toxic ingredients. Use natural and less toxic alternatives whenever possible. Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies.

Recycle used motor oil. Used motor oil contains toxic chemicals that are harmful to animals, humans and fish. Recycle all used motor oil by taking it to a local, public or private recycling center.

Wash your car only when necessary. Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles its wash water. If you wash your car at home, use a non-phosphate detergent.

Inspect your septic systems annually. An improperly working septic system can contaminate groundwater and create public health problems. Inspect your tank annually and pump it out every three to five years depending on its use.

Keep pollution out of storm drains. The Township has labeled and marked all storm drain inlets. Labels remind residents that these storm drains are connected to local waterways. Do not let sewerage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Don't dump boat sewerage overboard. Dumping boat sewerage overboard introduces bacteria and viruses in the water. It may also be illegal. Boat owners should always use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities at marinas.

It is important to remember these easy things you can do to assist with restoring the health of our streams and environment. Please refer to Middletown Township Ordinance Chapter 423 & Chapter 540 for our adopted stormwater pollution ordinances. Additional stormwater related topics can be found at www.cleanwaternj.org and www.middletownnj.org.

Green Team Hosts Community Outreach Session about Energy-Saving Initiatives

The Middletown Green Team and Township officials recently held an outreach event for residents to learn about rebates and incentives available through New Jersey Natural Gas' (NJNG) The SAVEGREEN Project® and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™ (NJCEP) to help make energy-efficiency improvements more affordable. For more information, please contact the Middle-town Green Team at greenteam@middletownnj.org, NJNG's The SAVEGREEN Project at 1-877-455-NJNG (6564), or NJ Clean Energy Program at 1-866-NJSMART.

Mayor Tony Perry spoke about some of the Township's energy-saving initiatives and touted his recent energy audit experience through SAVEGREEN.

US Army Corps of Engineers Port Monmouth Flood Control Project Update

The floodwall currently under construction along Port Monmouth Road by the County Marina will be finished this summer. Construction of the tide gate and pump station in Pews Creek continues with completion planned for April 2020. A contract will be awarded to raise Hwy 36 at Wilson Avenue this summer. Real estate and land surveying operations have begun on properties where the proposed floodwall and levee system are to be constructed. This flood protection barrier will be constructed along Hwy 36 from Wilson Avenue to Creek Road through to Main Street then connecting to a raised portion of Port Monmouth Road. These final phases include construction of a pump station on Main Street near Renfrew Avenue. Final project completion is expected in late 2021.

Spring Events at the Middletown Township Public Library
ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Holocaust Remembrance Day: Meet Survivors
Friday, 5/3
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Meet survivors of the Holocaust and hear their stories.

Piano Classical Concert
Saturday, 5/4
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Itay Goren's playing has been described as an "evocative journey from shimmering excitement to calm contemplation" by Classical New Jersey. For the past six years, he has been part of the faculty at Ramapo College of New Jersey where he teaches private lessons, piano and music theory and is also the assistant conductor for the Ramapo College vocal ensemble.
Goren has performed extensively in solo recitals, chamber music and as a soloist with orchestras in the New York metropolitan area and abroad.

SKYPE Author Event - Lisa Unger
Monday, 5/13
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Skype talk with author Lisa Unger, mystery novel writer of Under My Skin and The Red Hunter.

Volunteer Fair
Saturday, 5/18
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Interested in volunteering and giving back to the community? There will be several local organizations on hand at the library to discuss their mission and provide information on how you can become a volunteer.

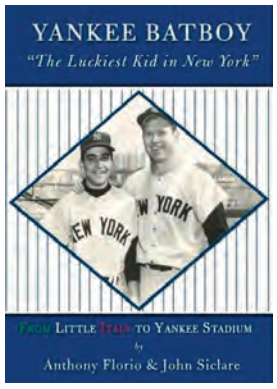
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Parody
Tuesday, 6/4
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
This Parody production of Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire is one of Raconteur Radio's most elaborate programs. It includes costumes, theatrical lighting, Golden Age radio equipment, vintage commercials, fog effects and extensive sound effects.

Women Justices of the Supreme Court
Tuesday, 6/18
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Four magnificent women have achieved the position of Supreme Court Justice to date. Join Trish Chambers Productions in a fascinating introduction to these accomplished jurists. Meet Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. Learn how their unique personality and determination enabled them to break the glass ceiling to take their place in history, as they vote to clarify the intentions of the founding fathers regarding the United States Constitution.

Dino to Doo-Wop: Musical History of the 50s Concert with Joey G.
Tuesday, 6/25
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Joey G. takes his audience through the era they called the "Fabulous 50s," the decade music transformed from Big Band to Pop to Rock 'n' Roll. While entertaining the crowd with wonderful musical performances, he will share interesting stories about the singers, along with comedy and facts about the era.

Radiance Chamber Ensemble
Tuesday, 7/2
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

"Music of the Nations" is a sampling of music from different countries with a mix of classics from different centuries and folk-oriented Irish and Klezmer and Tango selections.



Anthony Florio, Batboy for the Yankees in the 1960s
Tuesday, 7/9
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
YANKEE BATBOY "The Luckiest Kid in New York". From Little Italy to Yankee Stadium is the story of Anthony Florio, an Italian-American that grew up on Mott Street in Little Italy (NYC) and became a batboy for the New York Yankees in the 1960s. Anthony worked every home game and also worked the World Series, traveling to Los Angeles in 1963 and St. Louis in 1964. Anthony will recall his times with the Yankees in an entertaining way. A fun presentation for all!

THE SPACE RACE 1957-1975
Tuesday, 7/23
July 2019 will be the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11, the first Moon landing.
THE SPACE RACE: 1957 -1975, presented by Kevin Woyce, is an interesting lecture filled with historic photographs and vintage artwork.

Ms. Wheelchair NJ 2019 Millie Gonzalez
Tuesday, 8/20
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Millie will speak about her experiences as Ms. Wheelchair 2019. Her motto is "live fiercely and take control of your life through self-care". This includes:
- Empowering people with disabilities to practice self-care and do what brings them joy;
- Improving emergency preparedness, response and recovery for people with disabilities;
- Encouraging people with disabilities to face their addictions and seek related services; and
- Amplifying the voices of the disability community to increase positive disability awareness

Danny V's 52nd Street Band, Billy Joel Cover Band
Tuesday, 9/17
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Danny V's is the longest running #1 tribute band re-creating the performances of arguably the greatest rock and roll keyboard player ever, the "Piano Man" Billy Joel. Invariably, no matter where you see 52nd Street, it will only be a few minutes before someone near you says, "Close your eyes... it sounds just like Billy Joel".

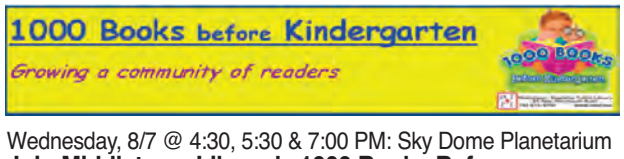
Cole Porter Concert
Saturday, October 12th . 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
This program is presented by Barbara McCarthy, vocals, and Regan Ryzuk, accompanist on piano. Cole Porter wrote lyrics and music for many Broadway hit musicals between World War I and II. Much of his work came from his own worldly travels and experiences which produced the cheerful lover in "You're the Top" and "It's Delovely", and the wistful soul in "Every Time We Say Goodbye". The burning obsession in "I've Got You Under My Skin" and wanton bravura of "Love for Sale" from THE NEW YORKERS are purely Porter at his best.

Events for Kids
All events will take place in the Community Room.
Programs require registration at www.mtpl.org.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week!

Thursday, 4/25 @ 11:00 AM: Children's book author Johann Steinke will visit for a reading of his book "The Greatest Captain in the World".
Monday, 5/6 @ 4:00 PM: Children's book author Annie Silvestro will be reading her book "Bunny's Book Club." You will also get a preview of her newest book, "Butterflies on the First Day of School," due out on May 7th. There will be books available for purchase and signing.

Summer Reading 2019: A Universe of Stories
Monday, 6/10 @ 6:30 PM: Summer Reading kick-off with 501st Legion & Northeast Remnant
Thursday, 7/18 @ 10:00 & 11:00 AM: Jenkinson's Aquarium Penguins
Thursday, 7/25 @ 4:00 PM: Brightstar Theater Presents: Journey to Outer Space
Thursday, 8/1 @ 4:00 PM: Sciencetellers: Aliens: Escape from Earth



Wednesday, 8/7 @ 4:30, 5:30 & 7:00 PM: Sky Dome Planetarium
Join Middletown Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program Today!
This year-round early literacy program is over 500 readers strong with over 30 graduates!

Middletown Arts Center
36 Church Street
732-706-4100
www.middletownarts.org

Middletown Arts Center's Spring 2019 Events

We Heard You! Middletown Arts Community Survey a Success!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the MAC's survey. They gathered a lot of great information and wonderful suggestions from the community's feedback. Together with Executive Director Maggie O'Brien, the Board of Trustees is working hard to implement many of your suggestions. Check out the new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on www.middletownarts.org, watch for increased teen and adult programming, a new film series, better communication, more free events, upgraded member benefits, and lots of improvements. If you missed the survey, but still want to send your suggestions, please send an email to artscenter@middletownnj.org.

Dance for Parkinson's

The MAC is proud to announce the American Repertory Ballet/Princeton Ballet in residence at The Center! In addition to classes for children, the Princeton Ballet will be offering a special dance program for adults with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers. The classes are infused with guided imagery, vocalization, and movement from several different genres of dance to provide participants with a holistic and dynamic experience. The Dance for Parkinson's teachers and volunteers encourage participants to 'think like a dancer'; to indulge in creativity, expression, and shared humanistic experiences. This inclusive program is open to all levels of ability, and although participants may experience therapeutic relief, this class is not considered therapy. It is solely a place where people come together to move, share and enjoy the elements of dance. If you know anyone who would benefit from this unique program, please have them call the MAC at (732) 706-4100.

Day Off from School Program: Creative Fun with the Doodle Dude and Miss Fish!

The program is offered Friday, April 19th, and Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26th. Full and half day options with before and after care for working parents.

Singer/Songwriter Music Café

Fourth Fridays (except June-Aug)

Led by "Shotgun Bill" Anania, this series brings local singer/songwriters to the MAC for an wonderful and relaxing evening of music, café-style. A $5 donation is suggested.

In the MAC Gallery...

Black Glass Gallery Photography – April
Garden State Watercolor – May
Board of Education Academy Show – June
Summer Camp – July
Camp Jinka – August
Elizabeth White Creative – September
New Jersey Water Color Society – October
Art Society of Monmouth County – November

It's Coming! It's Coming! Middletown Arts Center's Popular Summer Arts Camp!

Lots of new creative and artistic adventures for your children in the MAC's air-conditioned facility. Join the Doodle Dude, Miss Fish, Miss Alley, Miss Deena & more for summer fun and enrichment in Visual Arts, Dance, Music, and Theater. New Master Class Series and student productions of "Seussical Jr." and "High School Musical". Camps fill up quickly. Visit www.middletownarts.org for more information.

New Teen Arts Council

Third Saturday, 12:30 pm at the Middletown Arts Center.
All High School students welcome.

Date Night for You, Fun for Your Children!

The amazing Club MAC program at the MAC keeps your children engaged and entertained with a once-a-month themed event featuring crafts, pizza, movies & games. Presented by teachers, the affordable events are a community favorite.

Coming to the MAC Theater for ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY: "Silent Witness" Saturday, May 4, 2019

"Silent Witnesses" is an uplifting, award-winning solo play by Stephanie Satie based on interviews and conversations with child survivors of the holocaust.

"…genuinely humanizing, beautiful and hopeful … a potent recanting of the holocaust through the eyes of innocents. Ms. Satie is a brilliant storyteller." – Tracy Paleo GiaOntheMove

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown
732-615-2260
recreation@middletownnj.org

Seasonal Brochures

The Recreation Department publishes seasonal brochures to showcase the various programs and events offered throughout the year. Pick one up at the Recreation Office or visit www.middletownnj.org/recreation.

Registration

Register for programs and classes online at register.communitypass.net/Middletown. No telephone registrations accepted. Fees listed are for residents. Non-residents may register for a higher fee if space permits.

Volunteers

Looking for something fun to do? Do you need community service hours? If so, come help us out! Adult and youth volunteers are always needed at our special events! For more information, follow us on Facebook @Middletownrec, Instagram @middletownrecnj or send an email to MtownVolunteer@middletownnj.org.

Facilities

Croydon Hall Gym
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo
(732) 615-2260

Poricy Park Nature Center
345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown
(732) 615-2260

Senior Center
Croydon Hall
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo
(732) 615-2265

Tonya Keller Community Center
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown
(732) 615-3250

Middletown Recreation Recognized by New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association

The Middletown Recreation Department was recently recognized by the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association (NJRPA) for their outstanding work.

Recreation Director Janet Dellett won the "Excellence in Health & Wellness Programming" category for ***Middletown Moves***, a program that began in 2016 as a way to promote health and wellness among Township employees. Recreation's Marketing and Special Events Coordinator Kim Lofgren won the *Agency Showcase Award for Design Excellence* for a promotional postcard for the Annual Santa Ferry Ride.

The Recreation Department will continue their commitment to supporting the health and wellness of our community through the upcoming ***Mayor's Wellness Campaign***. The campaign is set to kick off next month and will provide monthly opportunities for residents to participate in free health and wellness seminars and activities at our Recreation Facilities throughout town such as tennis, beach volleyball, bike rides, yoga classes and more! ***The Mayor's Wellness Campaign*** will culminate with the first annual Mayor's 5K at this year's Harvest Hullabaloo at Poricy Park on Saturday, October 19th. All proceeds will benefit Middletown's first responders.

Be on the lookout for the schedule of events and how to register on www.middletownnj.org!

Mayor Tony Perry commended Recreation Director Janet Dellet (left) and Marketing and Special Events Coordinator Kimberly Lofgren on their commitment to excellent programming.

Youth and Adult Classes

Middletown Recreation offers a variety of classes for kids and adults through the year. For a full listing of all sport and exercise classes, please visit middletownnj.org/recreation.

Summer Camps

Your child's ticket to a fun-filled summer starts with Middletown Recreation!

Mix and match more than a dozen activities, programs and trips to create a personalized camp experience that can last all summer long.

Camp options begin July 1 and end August 31.

In addition to familiar camps such as the Pioneers, Buccaneers and Explorers Program, there are new offerings such as Trail Blazers week-long trip camp, Counselor-In-Training camp, Multi-Sports Camps, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer and Tennis camps. After care options are available for some camps.

At Poricy Park, Middletown Recreation offers a weekly science-based educational camp for children age 3 to grade 6. They also offer a specialty camp about colonial life (Revolutionary Kids) at the historic Murray Farmhouse, and they will again offer an Inclusion Camp (NaviGators Camp) for students who qualify.

For a complete listing of all camp options with specific descriptions and pricing, visit www.middletownnj.org/camp.

Community Science at Poricy Park

Saturdays | April 20, May 26, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, November 16, December 21 | 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Poricy Park | Fee: $3.00 for children 3–12
Pre–registration required.

A monthly program designed for elementary-aged children to explore with their parents. A different topic every month, but always involving hands-on science! Past popular topics have included making slime, electricity experiments, making maple syrup, and netting in the pond.

Middletown Preschool is going full day! They will continue to offer the same great half day programs, but there will now be a full day option available, as well as before or after care for those working families that need it.

Join in on the fun with the Recreation Department's love for learning in their small teacher-to-student ratios. Their certified Early Elementary Education teachers have over 50 years combined of classroom management. The age-appropriate curriculum includes social skills, arts & crafts, stories, music, numbers, letters, shapes, colors, science, sight words, writing skills, physical education and games.

MIDDLETOWN PRESCHOOL

Classes are available for children18-months through Pre-Kindergarten. The Pre-K4 program is a structured program that teaches Kindergarten readiness skills. All classes run from September through June. The school schedule runs parallel to the Middletown Board of Education schedule. Please be aware that the age of your child on October 1, 2019 will determine the class in which he/she will be registered for. Rolling admissions available.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/preschool for more information and pricing.

Tonya Keller Community Center Activities

Open Recreation

Open Recreation is an after-school program operating at the Tonya Keller Community Center from 3-5pm Monday through Thursday of each week. The Open Recreation Programs give Middletown children a safe place to spend time, socialize, complete homework, and expend energy. The program is offered for children grades 1-5. A monthly schedule can be found online at www.middletownnj.org/tkcc. Registration is free.

Teen Night

Teen Night is a biweekly program operating at the Tonya Keller Community Center, 6-8PM on Wednesdays, and is offered to adolescents grades 6-12. It provides a place to spend time, relax, complete homework and socialize in a safe environment with peers. Teens are also welcome to attend Open Recreation on Wednesdays from 3-5p. Registration is free.

Special Events

Community Fossil Hunts

Sundays | April 28, May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29 | 11:00am – 1:00pm
Poricy Park Nature Center / Fossil Beds
Ages 5-12: $5.00 | Ages 13+: $8.00
Pre–registration required.
Calling all amateur paleontologists! Come dig up some Middletown history at Poricy Brook Fossil Beds. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, 65-72 million years ago. Meet at the Poricy Park Nature Center for a short orientation before traveling to the fossil beds. An experienced guide will provide you with a trowel and sifter, as well as help you identify your treasures. Please wear rubber boots or old sneakers as your feet will get wet. Sandals, flip-slops and other slip-on footwear are prohibited. Ages 5+; all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Town-Wide Garage Sale

May 18 & 19 | 8:30am – 4:00pm
Middletown Township
Fee: $5.00 per household, *Pre–registration required.*
Join us for the Town-Wide Garage Sale! By registering for this event, you'll be able to enter your featured items. Visitors will be able to view your items on a mobile-friendly webpage to know what you're selling. Sellers have the option to participate on Saturday, Sunday or both dates! In case of poor weather, you can decide whether or not to continue with your sale. After the event, if you wish to donate any items that did not sell, please contact the United War Veterans Council at 1-888-821-8982

Movies in the Park

Thursdays | June 27, July 25, August 29 | 8:30pm
6/27: Normandy Park, 7/25: Ideal Beach, 8/29: Middletown Arts Center
Free
This free, family fun event is held at various locations throughout Middletown. Join us while we watch a movie outside at the park. Make sure to pack your chairs and some snacks to enjoy the movie with your family!

Beach Party

Thursday | July 25 5:00pm | Ideal Beach *Free*
Don't miss this great family event filled with fun and games, music and dancing. A DJ will be on hand to provide the evening's entertainment. Bring a beach chair or towel. Games, activities and prizes for all children. Watch the beautiful sunset overlooking the Sandy Hook Bay. Make sure to stick around for our movie!

Music in the Park Concert Series

Tuesdays | 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Middletown Arts Center Lawn | Free
The free concerts are held on the Middletown Art Center's northern lawn. The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments. Alcohol is prohibited. Free parking is on site. Call 732-706-4100 for more information.

Middletown Day

Saturday, September 28, 2019 | 11:00am – 5:00pm
Croydon Hall Great Lawn | Free
This annual fall festival boasts activities for all ages including a business and community showcase, car show, craft fair, live local music, children's activities, a petting zoo, hayrides, and a food court. For a complete listing, please see our special Middletown Day website.

March for Meals at the Senior Center

Committeewoman Pat Snell recently visited the Senior Center to promote the local Meals on Wheels program. Her visit was part of an annual March for Meals awareness campaign organized by the Meals on Wheels Association of America. The goal of the campaign is to generate awareness about the growing number of seniors facing the threat of hunger in America and to encourage action on the part of the local community. Interfaith Neighbors, a local nonprofit, runs and operates this program out of the Senior Center and provides lunches for those in need on a daily basis. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Mary at Middletown Nutrition at 732-291-0999.

Senior Center Supervisor Becky Stauffer, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Mary Anthopulus from Interfaith Neighbors, and Recreation Director Janet Dellett at a St. Patrick's Day March for Meals lunch at the Senior Center.

Welcome New Senior Center Supervisor Becky Stauffer!

Earlier this spring, Middletown Recreation was pleased to hire a new supervisor of the Middletown Township Senior Center located at Croydon Hall. Longtime supervisor, Patrice Nugent, retired at the beginning of the year and Rebecca "Becky" Stauffer joined the team in March. Becky previously worked as the Director of the Tenafly Senior Center for eight years. Be sure to stop by The Center to welcome her!

Senior Center Events/ Programs

May 3– Spring Fling –12:30 to 2:30pm
Now that Spring has finally arrived, come in for a wonderful afternoon of music, food and friendship with the fun folks from Coldwell Banker. The Center will provide a DJ for entertainment and dancing, and Coldwell Banker is furnishing delicious food and gifts.

May 9 – Mother's Day Brunch – 11:30am
Enjoy a variety of breakfast and lunch offerings with your friends, all for $4.00.

May 23 – Older Americans Luncheon – 12:00pm to 2:30pm
May has been designated as the month to honor all seniors. This event features entertainment, a buffet lunch by Taliercio's, and a ceremony with Dedicated Service Awards to several senior volunteers. Tickets are $14.

June 6 – Salute to Summer – 10:15am
Not to be missed, a heart-warming program by the Leonardo Grade School Kindergarten with their performance of summer songs.

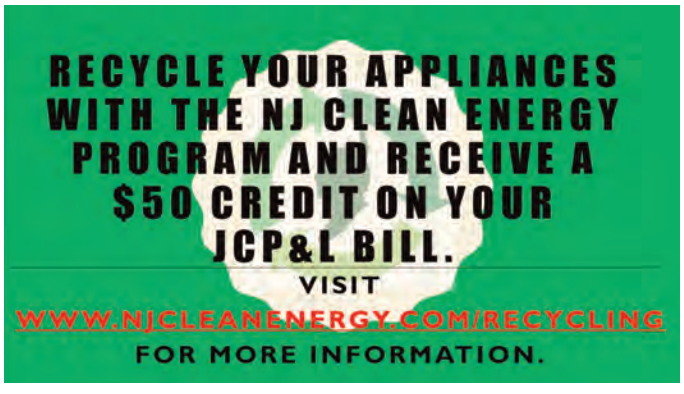
June 20 - Ice Cream Social - 1:00pm
Enjoy a cool afternoon with friends while you have ice cream with your choice of toppings.

September 28 – Granny's Tag Sale at Middletown Day – 11: 00 to 5:00pm
It isn't too early to consider taking a table at the Granny's Tag Sale to sell all your great garage sale items leftover from spring cleaning! Tables are $10.00 each.

For information about new classes and programs, please visit www.middletownnj.org/SeniorCenter.

BRUSH ZONE	START DATE
F	March 25
H	March 25
A	April 8
B	April 8
C	April 22
D	April 22
E	May 6
G	May 6
I	May 20
K	May 20
J	May 31
L	May 31

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

The Middletown Recreation and Public Works Departments, along with municipal engineering firm CME Associates, recently renovated 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.

Director of Recreation Janet Dellett, her son Ridge, Committeeman Rick Hibell, Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino, Mayor Tony Perry, Assistant Director of Public Works Vic Wymbs and CME Associates Landscape Architect Dominick Pensabene at the newly-refurbished basketball courts at Greeley Park.