



Middletown Township Partners with Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce

Middletown Township today announced its partnership with the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC) to help provide local businesses with an effective channel to network, exchange ideas and market themselves.

On Wednesday, May 8th Mayor Tony Perry, the Middletown Township Committee and Freeholder Director Tom Arnone hosted a Small Business Roundtable at the Middletown Arts Center. "We wanted to gather local business owners during National Small Business Week to give them the opportunity to meet face-to-face with Township and County officials to discuss initiatives and improvements to further enhance our relationship," said Mayor Perry. "Small businesses are the backbone of our town's economy and this partnership with EMACC will better enable them to have a wealth of resources to help them grow and reach their full potential."

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

Middletown Township is thrilled to be the beneficiary of a \$1M NJ Safe Routes to School grant for improvements to the walking and biking routes to River Plaza Elementary School!



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

Township "Reaches Out" to 5th Graders to Discuss Dangers of Drug & Alcohol Addiction



On Monday, May 13th the Middletown Municipal Alliance presented its 16th annual Reaching Out event to 5th graders at Harmony, New Monmouth, Ocean Avenue and Port Monmouth schools. The event was held at Middletown High School North where Mayor Tony Perry welcomed the students and spoke about the resources available to them. Cyber-bullying specialist Nicki Francis discussed the dangers of social media and Internet safety with parents, while prevention educator Hugh Wallace spoke with the students.

Guest speaker and recovering drug addict Andrew Suarez shared his story with the children in an effort to help guide them to make better life choices. Students also had the opportunity to interact with the panel and ask questions about how to deal with real-life situations that involve drug and alcohol.

Panelists included Township Committeewoman Pat Snell, Monmouth County Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger (Alliance Member), MTPD Community Relations Officer Ricardo Cruz, Primary Counselor at Crossroads Rebecca Rean (Alliance Member), Thorne Middle School Student Assistance Counselor Kristin Wessels, Nicki Francis and Andrew Suarez.

Thank you to the Municipal Alliance, Health Department and Crossroads for continuing to educate our young people about addiction and where to get help.



Veterans Affairs Committee Donates 16 KIA/POW Flags to First Responders

On Monday, May 13th the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) donated 16 POW/MIA flags to our 11 Firehouses and 5 First Aid Squads to fly at their buildings. Committeeman Rick Hibell accepted the flags as a member of the Middletown Township Committee and Ex-Fire Chief. We thank the VAC for their generosity and everything they do in honor of

those who have served our nation.



Township Celebrates "Older Americans Month" at We Care Adult Care



On Friday, May 17th Committeewoman Pat Snell visited the seniors at We Care Adult Care, located in the Union Square Mall (552 NJ-35), to present them with a proclamation recognizing May as "Older Americans Month". She spoke about the vital role seniors play in our community, especially in keeping our heritage alive for future generations.

Community Affairs Council Restores Patriotic Bench



As Memorial Day approaches, the Middletown Township Community Affairs Council decided it was the perfect time to repaint the red, white and blue bench located on the corner of New Monmouth Road and Route 35. This bench was donated by the Council back in 1976. Mayor Perry stopped by to check out the new paint job and thank them for the work they do to benefit our community.



Click [HERE](#) to watch Mayor Perry on Comcast Newsmakers.

Mayor Tony Perry was recently interviewed by Jill Horner of Comcast Newsmakers about the Township's 2019 municipal budget and the new Recycling Education Campaign.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO WATCH THE INTERVIEWS ON MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL OR CATCH THE INTERVIEW ON VERIZON FIOS CHANNEL 26/ COMCAST CABLE CHANNEL 20.

Find out exactly where your municipal tax dollars go.

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MIDDLETOWN TAX DOLLAR RECEIPT	
POLICE	\$532.43
DPW	\$456.31
INSURANCE	\$331.36
FINANCE	\$49.97
PENSION - NON POLICE	\$44.62
RESERVES	\$41.92
INSPECTIONS	\$35.28
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$27.11
FIRE	\$26.75

*Based on the 2019 average residential assessment
Visit www.middletownnj.org/MyTaxDollars for more information.

Upcoming Events

Mayor's Wellness Campaign Family Hike at Poricy Park!



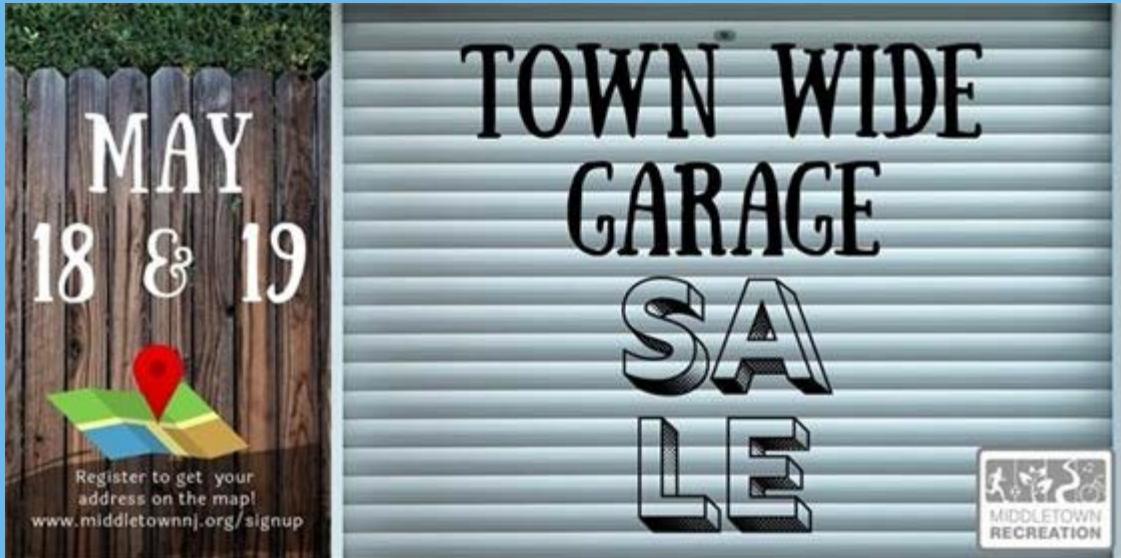
Saturday, May 18, 2019

9:00-10:00 AM

Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)

Join Middletown Recreation in the first of the "Physical Activity" series of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign: A morning hike at Poricy Park, set to start at 9:00AM. Families should meet at the Nature Center at Poricy Park, wear sneakers and bring a water bottle. This activity is free to all Middletown residents! For a full schedule of events visit www.middletownnj.org/wellness.

**Middletown Recreation Presents:
Annual Town Wide Garage Sale This Weekend!**



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THE MAC PRESENTS:

MAC Music Café Showcase

Friday, May 24th, 7-9 pm

Don't miss a relaxing and entertaining evening of live music performed by top-notch musicians in the intimate setting of our gallery.

Performers: Shotgun Bill Anania, Mark Maund, Carol Lester and Bernie Drury.

Suggested donation \$5. Coffee and desserts for sale.

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THE MTPL PRESENTS:

TALKING THRONES



Love Game of Thrones?
Need someone to talk to about the new season?
Join us for a discussion of the final season.
Bring your predictions and theories.

for ages 18+

Wednesday, May 8th and May 22nd, 7:00 pm



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**Monmouth County Roadwork on
County Road 520 (Newman Springs
Road) Beginning Thurs., 5/23**



Please be advised that the Monmouth County Highway Division will be milling and paving County Road 520 (Newman Springs Road) between Everett Road and Phalanx Road on or about Thursday, May 23, 2019 through Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 6:00 PM until 6:00 AM and will be closed to through traffic.

Arrangements should be made to move or park your vehicle(s) on a side of the road that will quickly let you out and away from the road construction. Local traffic, businesses, emergency vehicles, school buses and post office vehicles will be permitted through the work zone at any time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

For additional information, please contact the Monmouth County Highway Division at (732) 431-6550.

Periodic Closures around St. Mary's School on Saturday, 5/18

The St. Mary's Spring into Summer 5K run will start at 8:00 AM on Saturday, 5/18. The main route for the race is on Cherry Tree Farm Road and Wilson Avenue, along with several secondary roadways in the area. Expect delays in this area and plan alternate routes.

Southbound Closure of Middletown Lincroft Road at West Front Street on or about Monday, 5/20

On or about Monday, 5/20, there will be southbound closures of Middletown Lincroft Road at West Front Street. Closure starts at 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The road will be closed from West Front Street to Newman Springs Road for gas main upgrades. Northbound traffic will be allowed to flow from Newman Springs Road to West Front Street during that time frame. Work is weather-dependent. Plan alternate routes, detours will be in place.

Milling and Paving Road Work at Church Street on 5/21

On Tuesday, 5/21 there will be milling and paving roadwork on Church Street by NJ Transit station from the train tracks to Kings Highway. Closures start at 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This will complete road improvements and infrastructure upgrades in the area. Follow detours expect delays. Road work is weather-dependent.

Route 35 Construction Project

Construction work on Route 35 began Monday, May 6th northbound from Cooper's Bridge (Red Bank) to Cherry Tree Farm Road and southbound from Cherry Tree Farm Road to New Monmouth Road.

Road work will be done with temporary lane closures from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. All work is weather-dependent.

The project, which consists of repairs and replacement of concrete vertical curb, installation of public curb ramps, repairs to drainage structures and resurfacing of the roadway, is estimated to be completed by December 2019.

Please keep an eye out for possible changes to the schedule.

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