Middletown Minutes
Official Township E-Newsletter

MIDDLETOWN DAY 2019
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
CROYDON HALL 11AM-5PM

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Ideal Beach Community Association Receives Grant for Dedication to Community
On Tuesday, September 10th the **Columbia Bank Foundation** awarded the **Ideal Beach Community Association** (IBCA), a non-profit created to preserve all that is great about living in the Ideal Beach neighborhood of North Middletown, with a $7500 grant for the positive impact they have made in the community. The Columbia Bank Foundation is designated to help support local charities and community projects, and IBCA was recognized for its neighborhood outreach and scholarship opportunities. Township Committee members Rick Hibell and Pat Snell, members of IBCA and several MTPD officers accepted the check presented by Columbia Bank. The funds have already been used to purchase special flashlights for the Station 5 East Keansburg Fire Company as well as a beautiful water fountain for Roosevelt Park that should be installed soon. Congratulations!

**Back to School Supply Drive Earns an A+!**
Throughout the month of August, residents and Township employees donated school supplies as part of the Back-to-School Supply Drive run through the Middletown Social Services Department. Mayor Tony Perry stopped by Bayshore Middle School on Thursday, September 19th to help drop off some of the supplies which will go to children in need. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort!

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

On Friday, September 20th the Middletown Municipal Alliance presented its Reaching Out program to 5th graders at Harmony, Leonardo, Navesink, New Monmouth, Nut Swamp and Ocean Avenue elementary schools. The seminar, which was held at Middletown High School South, touched on hard-hitting topics such as drug and alcohol addiction and Internet safety. Cyberbullying and prevention specialist Nicki Francis discussed the dangers of social media with the students, and recovering addict and Middletown resident 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 a panel of experts and
community leaders and ask questions about how to deal with real-life situations that involve drug and alcohol. Panelists included Andrew Suarez, Nicki Francis, Committeewoman Pat Snell, Freeholder and Municipal Alliance member Gerry Scharfenberger and Student Assistance Counselors Tom Letson (HS South), Jacqueline Duca (HS North) and Christine Black (Bayshore MS).

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

We Care Adult Care Celebrates Adult Day Services Week

We Care Adult Care, located on Route 35 in the Union Square Shopping Center, invited Township Committeewoman Pat Snell to help celebrate Adult Day Services Week (September 15-21, 2019) at their breakfast on Friday, September 20th. We commend their dedicated and professional staff for continuing to enrich the lives of our senior community through their wonderful programs and services.

Come Play Pickleball TOMORROW
Saturday, 9/21 at 9:00 AM
Normandy Park (Nut Swamp Road, Middletown)
Try your hand at this exciting sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. A paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Come play on our newly-lined courts!

Register Now for the Mayor's 5K Challenge on Saturday, 10/19
All Proceeds to Benefit Middletown’s First Responders

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Invites the Community to POW MIA Candlelight Service Tonight
National Child Passenger Safety Week:
Free Car Seat Safety Event
Saturday, September 21, 2019
New Monmouth Baptist Church (4 Cherry Tree Farm Road)

National Child Passenger Safety Week runs from September 15-21, 2019. The week is dedicated to teaching parents and caregivers about the importance of correctly choosing, installing and using car seats, booster seats and seat belts. In recognition of this week, the Middletown Township Police Department will be hosting a free Car Seat Safety Checkpoint on Saturday, September 21st at the New Monmouth Baptist Church (4 Cherry Tree Farm Road). Contact Traffic Safety at 732-615-2045 for information.

The Middletown Township Board of Education is asking residents to take part in a 2019 Strategic Planning Survey by Tuesday, November 12th. Click HERE for more information about the strategic planning process, including upcoming public meeting dates.

In remembrance of POW/MIA, VFW Post 2179 and Auxiliary will conduct their 37th Annual POW/MIA Candlelight Service. Please join them to remember, reflect and revere the men and women who have still not come home so that they may be laid to rest. Refreshments will be served following the services.
The Middletown Board of Education is asking for the community's input regarding its proposed Strategic Planning process. As you are aware, 62% of your property tax bill goes toward our schools so we encourage you to make your voice heard.

Click HERE to take the survey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Need New Glasses? Head to Low-Cost Optical Academy on Monday, 9/23 at Middletown North
BOOK YOUR EYE EXAM AND EYE WEAR
Middletown High School North
Vision Event

Welcomes All!
Monday, September 23rd, 2019 - 3:00pm-8:00pm at
65 Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ 07748
Visit the Complete On-Site Optical Shop
Eye Exams - Glasses - Sunglasses - Contacts - Accessories
To Register: Call 1-800-530-2730 or Register Online By Visiting
and Clicking on the On-Site Calendar to book your appointment.
WE ACCEPT ALL FORMS OF PAYMENTS (CASH, CHECK & CREDIT)

EYE EXAMS $30
CONTACT LENS EXAMS ADD $30
FRAME & LENS STARTING AT $29
WE ACCEPT ALL INSURANCE

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The MTPL Presents: Peter Biedermann-
Tales From the Desert
THE MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER PRESENTS:
MUSIC CAFE

Peter Fitzpatrick
Bob Linton
Michael Askin
Al, Frank & Allysa

Sep 27
7-9 PM

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Intermittent Closures on County Road 520 on 9/24
On or about Tuesday, 9/24 from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM there will be periodic road closures on County Road 520 (Newman Springs Road) at the Garden State Parkway overpass west of Half Mile Road. There will be one lane eastbound and one lane westbound through that area with periodic closures. Please plan alternate routes. Expect delays.

Monmouth & Navesink Avenue Road Closure Update
Gray Supply has been working in the area of Monmouth Avenue and Navesink Avenue replacing gas lines. They are anticipating the work will be completed this month. While they are working roads will be intermittently closed in the area and detours will be in place.

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.
THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

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MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!

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