



Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter





Municipal Offices will be closed in recognition of

COLUMBUS DAY

on Monday, October 14th

The Middletown Recycling Center will have normal operating hours and garbage collection will continue as scheduled.

MIDDLETOWN WELCOMES STRIDE & RIDE RELAY TEAM TO WTC MEMORIAL GARDENS



Township officials, Middletown first responders and members of the Stride & Ride Tactical Team came together to walk through the WTC Memorial Gardens to honor and remember those we lost.



Mayor Tony Perry thanked our first responders for putting their lives on the line daily to keep us safe.



Fire Chief Steve Schweizer had the honor of signing a fire helmet that was donated to Give2Those.org and signed by Fire Departments along their journey.

On Tuesday, October 8th, Middletown welcomed the Give2Those Mid-Atlantic Stride & Ride Relay Tactical Team, which included a procession of vehicles and motorcycles, to our WTC Memorial Gardens so they could pay their respects to the 37 residents we lost on 9/11. The relay, which spans 911 miles from Boston,

Massachusetts to Arlington, Virginia, is held at the beginning of October to honor our military servicemen and women who deployed October 7, 2001.

With the beautiful backdrop of a large U.S. flag erected by MTFD Fire Chief Steve Schweizer and volunteer firefighters, Mayor Tony Perry welcomed the team, spoke about the impact of 9/11 on our town, and acknowledged late Detective Lieutenant Joseph Capriotti, who had the difficult task of being the “keeper of the list” of the 37 Township residents we tragically lost on 9/11.

Give2Those.org founder Heather Viveiros gave a powerful speech about the importance of uniting people to remember those we have lost at war, including those who have lost their lives due to military PTSD and the invisible wounds of war. She talked about the importance of remembering those who perished on 9/11 and continuing to support those currently serving, our veterans, first responders and their families.

Mayor Perry, Committeewoman Pat Snell and Chief Schweizer led the Stride and Ride team, Township officials and members of the community through the Memorial Gardens. The bell from our 9/11 ceremony, donated by Port Monmouth Fire Company, was rung before entering the Gardens and a 9/11 survivor carried a memorial flag holding over 10,000 images of 9/11 victims as well as first responders, military members and veterans lost during any era, through the memorial.

After walking through the Gardens, members of the Stride and Ride team tolled the bell in memory of veterans' lives lost to suicide. Per the mission of the organization, when we recognize the sacrifices they have made for us, we keep our promise that we will never forget them.

To view photos from the ceremony, please click [HERE](#).

**Click [HERE](#) for more information about Give2Those and the Stride & Ride relay.
Facebook: [@Give2Those](#)**

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

**Come Support Our First Responders at the
Mayor's 5K Challenge
Saturday, October 19th
Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Road**



Join us for our first Mayor's Challenge with all proceeds to benefit Middletown First Responders. The race route meanders through one of the hidden gems of Middletown - Poricy Park! The trail consists of wide grass paths, as well as some sections of single track. Poricy Park is not flat - beware of the hills!

5K Fitness Walk: 8:45am
1mi Fun Run: 9:00am
5K Race: 9:30am

[Click here](#) for a copy of the Trail Map.

Registration Information

All participants will receive a long sleeve shirt (while supplies last). Racers in both the 1mi Fun Run and 5K Race will additionally receive a bib with timing chip, and medal.

Registration for the 5K Fitness Walk and 1mi Fun Run is \$15. Registration for the 5K Race is \$30.

Register at www.middletownnj.org/5K!

Township Announces New Green Pavilion at Poricy Park!



Mayor Tony Perry, Committee members Pat Snell and Kevin Settembrino and Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger stand in the Green Pavilion with members of the Township's Recreation and Public Works Departments, the Poricy Park Conservancy, the Ellis Family, the Middletown Green Team and Sustainable Jersey Board Chair Anne-Marie Peracchio.

On Saturday, October 5th, the Township celebrated the opening of the Green Pavilion at Poricy Park. We look forward to using the pavilion's living roof and Learning Kiosk as an outdoor classroom for Poricy Park Nature Center programs and as a sustainability education tool for the community to learn about green roof infrastructure. The pavilion was partially funded by a \$20K Sustainable Jersey grant, a private donation made to the Poricy Park Conservancy from the Ellis Family as well as Township monies.

October is Make a Difference Month in Middletown!
We ask that residents help make a difference by participating in the



FOOD AND CLEANING SUPPLIES DRIVE

All non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, personal items, and paper products are needed.

All donations will be collected and added to the Middletown Township Social Services/ Middletown Helps Its Own Household Pantry located at 180 Main Street, Port Monmouth
Questions? Call Social Services at 732-615-2085.

Other Drop Off Locations Include...

Department of Public Works (52 Kanes Lane)
Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street)
Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road)
Middletown Recreation at Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)
Middletown Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo)
Tonya Keller Community Center (50 Bray Avenue)
Middletown Town Hall & Johnson Gill Annex (1 Kings Highway)

MTPD Hosts Operation Take Back New Jersey Medicine Collection Saturday, 10/19

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The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY

Saturday, October 19th between 10:00AM- 2:00PM

at Police Headquarters [1 Kings Highway]



We encourage residents to turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Officers will be collecting medication in the main lobby at Headquarters.

Pre-Register for the Dog-Only Rabies Clinic Through
Thursday, 10/17 at Noon

Pre-Register Now for 10/19 Dog-Only Rabies Clinic

Croydon Hall Gym (900 Leonardville Road) from 9:00AM-11:00AM

Pre-registration is available now through Thursday, October 17th at 12:00PM.

Pre-registering is **HIGHLY** recommended and will allow you to bypass the walk-in crowds, reduce your wait time as well as the stress on your animal.



Click [HERE](#) to pre-register!

For more information, please contact
Animal Control at 732-615-2097.



[CLICK HERE TO PRE-REGISTER!](#)



October is FIRE PREVENTION MONTH in Middletown

Please remember the following rules regarding fire safety:

- When you change your clocks, remember to change your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide batteries
- All open flames must be covered and a minimum of 10 feet from any structure
- Do not burn brush/leaves or non-organic material (i.e. any construction material) or you will be fined.

Questions?

Contact Fire Marshal Buddu Skellu at 732-615-2272.

**REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY AND TRAFFIC ALERTS
WITH NIXLE**



[Click on the picture to register for NIXLE.](#)

MTPD Seeks School Crossing Guards

Middletown is hiring

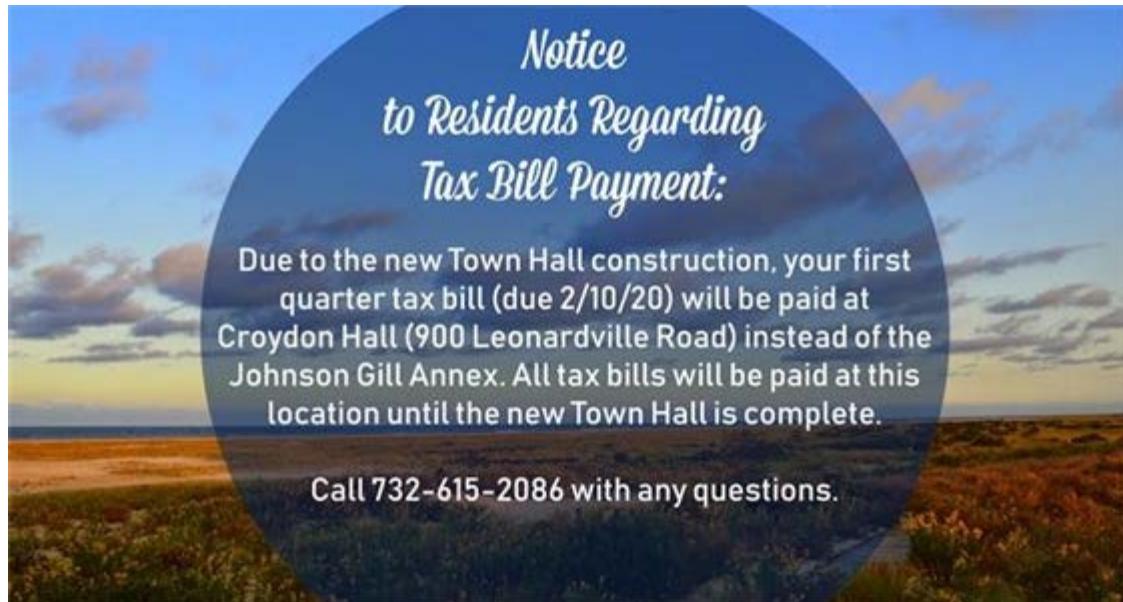
School Crossing Guards

The Middletown Township Police Department is now hiring Crossing Guards. Shifts take place before and after school with a minimum of 3.5 hours per day.

Click [HERE](#) for additional information and to fill out an application.



[Click on the picture to learn more or to apply!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

EMACC Hosts "After Hours" Middletown Business Networking Event on 10/15

Please join the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC) for its Middletown Membership Drive After Hours event on Tuesday, October 15th from 5:30-7:30 PM at Wahoo's Fish Taco (1147 Highway 35, Middletown). Admission is FREE for future members and current members who bring future members.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



EMACC SPECIAL EVENT
NETWORKING & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

EMACC

30 YEARS OF
Wahoo's
1347 Highway 35
Middletown, NJ 07748

*EMACC's Networking
After Hours*

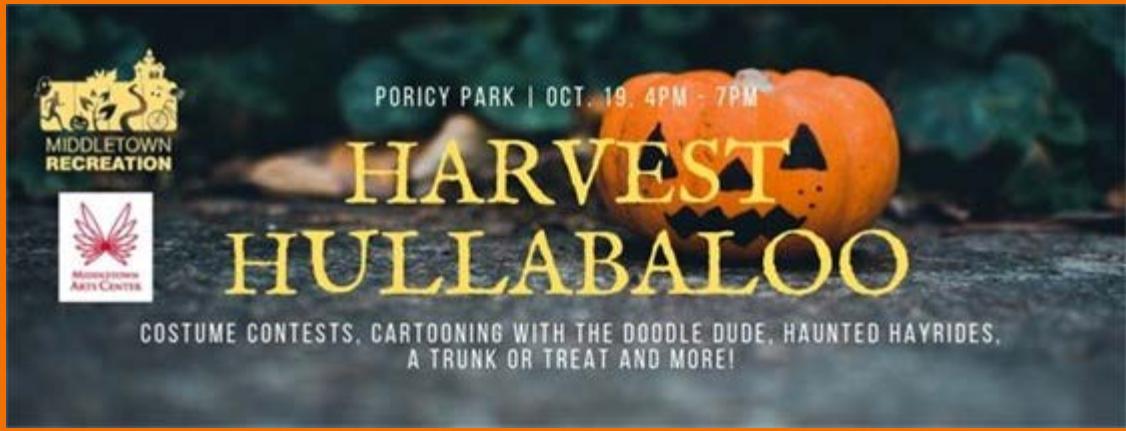
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 5:30 - 7:30 pm

EMACC and Middletown - Growing Businesses Together
Hosted by New EMACC Member, Wahoo's Tacos!
We welcome ALL who are interested in networking and learning
about the opportunities our Chamber provides.
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER for NEW MEMBERS*

1st Time Joining us as a Future Member ~ Be Our Guest
MEMBERS ... Bring a new Future Member ~ Be Our Guest
MEMBERS \$15.00 RETURNING NON MEMBERS \$20.00
SNACKS PROVIDED ~ CASH BAR

Details and Registration at:
<https://business.emacc.org/events/details/bah-membership-drive-wahoos-tacos-10-15-19-1027>
Questions: director@emacc.org or 732-741-0055

Middletown Recreation Presents: HARVEST HULLABALOO!



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

PORICY PARK | OCT. 19, 4PM - 7PM

HARVEST HULLABALOO

COSTUME CONTESTS, CARTOONING WITH THE DOODLE DUDE, HAUNTED HAYRIDES,
A TRUNK OR TREAT AND MORE!

[CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE.](#)



Township and BOE Host Special Strategic Planning Public Forum at Senior Center on Thursday, 10/24

A poster for a special strategic planning public forum. The top half features the logo of Middletown Township Public Schools, which is a circular emblem with a stylized tree in the center, surrounded by the text "MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS" and "A LEARNER-CENTERED COMMUNITY". Below the logo, the text "MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS" is repeated in a larger, bold font. A message invites attendees to join for a special public forum concerning the school district's Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. It also states that attendees will be able to complete a strategic planning survey and ask questions about the planning process. The "APPEARING" section lists William O. George III, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools, Pamela Rogers, Board of Education President, and Tony Perry, Middletown Township Mayor. The "WHERE" is listed as "MIDDLETON SENIOR CENTER AT CROYDON HALL" and the "WHEN" is "THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH FROM 1-2 P.M.". At the bottom, there is a stylized illustration of a three-story orange school building with a flag on top, set against a blue sky with white clouds and green trees.

In cooperation with the Middletown Township Committee, the District will host a special Strategic Planning Public Forum for members of our senior community on Thursday, Oct. 24th at 1 p.m. at the Middletown Senior Center, located at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road). This event is in addition to the Strategic Planning Public Forums scheduled for Oct. 17-19 at our middle schools.

For additional details: <http://bit.ly/2mGjD5>

The Middletown Arts Center Presents: SAVOR



NOVEMBER 2, 2019

7-10 PM

MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

FOOD DRINK ENTERTAINMENT AUCTION AND MORE!

Visit the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) for an evening of international food, wine and beer tasting to benefit the MAC.

NOVEMBER 2, 2019 from 7-10 PM

TICKETS \$50

FOOD

DRINK

ENTERTAINMENT

AUCTION AND MORE!

Come celebrate three extraordinary people as we honor their contribution to the arts in our community.

GAYLE TOPPER

President, New Jersey State Youth Orchestra

TOBY SHYLIT MACK

Executive Board Member, Axelrod Performing Arts

Jewish Advocacy and Global Education through Film

TIM KELLY

Resident Artist, Camp Jinka

Founder, Art is Good/Puzzle Project

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The MTPL Presents: Ghost Hunting in New York and New Jersey

Book and Author Talk presents

Ghost Hunting in New Jersey and New York City

presented by

NJGHS

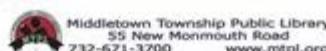
NJ Ghost Hunters Society



January 1, 2004 - 9:00 PM - Spy House - backyard, Pt. Monmouth, NJ
Kim R. of Linden, NJ took this using Digital Olympus Model D-560

A hauntingly fascinating program on ghost hunting
in New Jersey and New York City.

Monday, Oct 14th, 7:00 pm



[CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE!](#)



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.





MIDDLETOWN TRAFFIC ALERTS

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.

MEMBERS NEEDED!

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUXILIARY POLICE



JOIN TODAY!

CALL: 732-615-2129
EMAIL: MTAP.RECRUITING@GMAIL.COM

THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IS
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

JOIN TODAY

O. DOHERY

www.MTFDNJ.org

#MTFDpride

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!](#)

MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND HELPING YOUR NEIGHBORS IN A TIME OF NEED?

JOIN ONE OF THE 5 VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUADS.



[FACEBOOK.COM/MIDDLETONJEMS](https://www.facebook.com/middletownnjems)

**CALL 732-615-2252 OR EMAIL PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETONEMS.ORG
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SQUAD THAT
SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**



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