

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



**Community Comes Together for Inaugural  
Mayor's 5K Challenge**  
*Over \$7K Raised for Middletown First Responders*





A big thank you to everyone who supported the inaugural Mayor's 5K Challenge last Saturday at Poricy Park, including the businesses that sponsored the event! Over 100 residents, first responders and local dignitaries came together to run and walk the beautiful trails of the park. A great turn-out meant that the Township was able to raise over \$7,000 to benefit our First Responders!

The Mayor's 5K Challenge was the final event of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign that was launched in May. Middletown Recreation hosted a number of wellness seminars and diverse physical activities across town to help our residents focus on the importance of living a healthier lifestyle.

Save-the-date for next year's Mayor's 5K Challenge which will be held on October 17, 2020!

**[CLICK HERE FOR PICTURES OF THE EVENT!](#)**

## RECENT TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS



Committeewoman Pat Snell attended the "Past Commanders Dinner" at American Legion Post 338 in Leonardo on Saturday, September 19th. The ceremony was held to honor the leaders who served the Post this past year, including American Legion Commander Mary Magnuson, who was the



[On Thursday, October 24th Mayor Tony Perry, Superintendent of Middletown Township Public Schools Dr. William George, Board of Education President Pam Rogers and District personnel hosted a Strategic Planning Forum at the Middletown Senior Center to explain the](#)



Middletown Recreation and the Middletown Arts Center hosted the annual Harvest Hullabaloo festival on Saturday, October 19th at Poricy Park. Little superheroes, princesses, ghosts and goblins came from all around town to participate



first female commander in the Posts' history, Sons of American Legion Commander Mark Natale and President Donna Wilson.

[options for the future plans of our schools. Seniors were able to provide their valuable input about school initiatives and ask questions about how these changes could impact taxes in the coming years. Click \[HERE\]\(#\) to take the Strategic Planning Survey. Your feedback is necessary and appreciated.](#)

in a variety of fun fall activities which included costume contests, cartooning with the Doodle Dude, haunted hayrides, a Trunk or Treat and more. We hope everyone had a Spooktacular time!

Click [HERE](#) to view larger versions of the pictures.



## MTFD PERFORMS LARGE DIAMETER HOSE DRILL

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Middletown Township Fire Department held its Large Diameter Hose (LDH) training drill. The drill was performed on a horse farm on Cooper Road to practice the deployment of "pipelines" by simulating a scenario where firefighters would need to create a pipeline from a local water source in order to stop a fire. The MTFD holds several of these drills each year to ensure they are prepared for emergencies in various locations and situations. We thank our volunteers for their time and commitment to keeping our residents safe.

## **GODDARD SCHOOL OF MIDDLETOWN HOSTS TOY COLLECTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TOWNSHIP AND SECOND CHANCE TOYS**



During the month of September, The Goddard School of Middletown (209 Harmony Road) set up a "satellite" or feeder collection site for gently-used plastic toys in partnership with the Township of Middletown and non-profit Second Chance Toys (SCT), supplementing the Township's permanent SCT collection trailer stationed at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane). Hundreds of toys (some even new in the box!) were donated by Goddard families in support of Second Chance Toys's mission to provide toys for underprivileged children. If you are interested in setting up a satellite toy collection site, please contact 732-615-2000 x2208.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW EAGLE SCOUTS  
JAMES AND CHARLIE FALOTICO!**



*Committeeman Kevin Settembrino attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for James and Charlie Falotico on Saturday, October 20th at the Elks Club in Red Bank.  
Pictured from left: Jeanette and Charlie Falotico, Committeeman Kevin Settembrino and James Falotico*

**Congratulations to new Eagle Scouts Charlie and James Falotico from Troop 246 in Middletown! For their service project, the brothers chose to assist Good Grief, an organization that provides free support to children and young adults who have suffered the loss of a loved one, by building planters and benches for the kids to use and enjoy for years to come. This project was especially meaningful because the brothers wanted to give back to the organization that provided so much support to them after they lost their father.**

**Kudos to James and Charlie on achieving the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout!**

**PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD AT THE  
TURKEY SOCCER SHOOTOUT ON NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**



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

## MTPD Hosts Operation Take Back New Jersey Medicine Collection Saturday, 10/26

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The Middletown Township Police Department Joins the NJ DEA in

# OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY

**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS





## MAC PRESENTS: SAVOR

Please join the Middletown Arts Center for SAVOR!  
Saturday, November 2nd, 7-10 pm Tickets: \$50

Join the MAC for an international food, wine and beer tasting to benefit this state-of-the-art facility dedicated to bringing quality art programming and events to New Jersey. Celebrate three extraordinary people as they honor their contribution to the arts in our community: **GAYLE TOPPER, TOBY SHYLIT MACK and TIM KELLY.**

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## The Middletown Arts Center Presents: Music Cafe



JEFF SHADOWS (JEFF KING)  
GERRY HAZEL  
ETHAN FRIA  
STEPHANIE CHIN

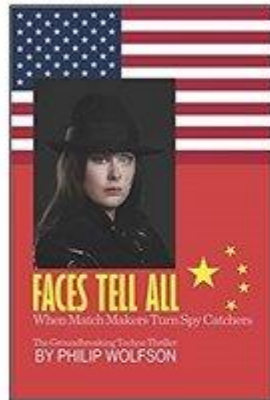
OCT 25  
7-9 PM



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**The MTPL Presents:  
Book and Author Talks with  
Philip Wolfson**

**Book and Author Talk**  
**presents**  
*Philip Wolfson*



“Written from the cutting edge of the latest face reading technology, the author deftly maneuvers his characters through a minefield that has them trading blows with Chinese gangs, while matching wits with MSS and CIA secret agents and the inscrutable tech guru MA...

*Faces Tell All* is an engaging and thought-provoking read, offering chilling insights into rapidly evolving, invasive technologies that may form the core of future warfare.”

*Bruce Ferguson, Monmouth County Writers Guild*

**Tuesday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**



Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road  
732-671-3700 [www.mtptl.org](http://www.mtptl.org)

**CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE!**



VFW POST 2179 AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP INVITE RESIDENTS  
TO THE 62nd ANNUAL

BAYVIEW  
ELEMENTARY

1:00PM



SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER

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## October is Make a Difference Month in Middletown!

We ask that residents help make a difference by participating in the



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)

Sign up to receive emergency and traffic alerts  
**TEXT YOUR ZIP CODE TO 888777 OR VISIT  
[LOCAL.NIXLE.COM/REGISTER](http://LOCAL.NIXLE.COM/REGISTER) TO OPT-IN**

Receive alerts for

			
Traffic & Detours	Severe Weather	Criminal Activities	Missing Persons



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## **REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY AND TRAFFIC ALERTS WITH 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!](#)**



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](mailto:MTAP.RECRUITING@GMAIL.COM)**

THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IS  
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.**

**JOIN TODAY**



**www.MTFDNJ.org** **#MTFDpride**

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!](#)

**MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!**

**MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SEEKS RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR FIRST AID SQUADS**

**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.**

CALL 732-615-2252 OR EMAIL [PUBLCINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG](mailto:PUBLCINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SQUAD THAT SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.



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