

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



## FIRST QUARTER TAXES (DUE 2/1) TO BE PAID AT JOHNSON GILL ANNEX (1 KINGS HIGHWAY)

AS THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE HAS NOT YET COMPLETED THE MOVE TO CROYDON HALL, FIRST QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES (DUE FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>) MUST BE PAID AT THE JOHNSON GILL ANNEX LOCATED AT 1 KINGS HIGHWAY. PAYMENTS AT CROYDON HALL ARE UNABLE TO BE ACCEPTED.

CALL 732-615-2086 OR VISIT [WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TAXCOLLECTION](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/TAXCOLLECTION) FOR INFORMATION.

BAYSHORE WATERFRONT PARK  
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Receive alerts for

			
Traffic & Detours	Severe Weather	Criminal Activities	Missing Persons



**CORRECTION:** The January 17, 2020 edition of *Middletown Minutes* provided the incorrect URL to register for Nixle emergency communications. Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) (not [middletownnj.com/nixle](http://middletownnj.com/nixle)). For Middletown-specific alerts, text MiddletownNJ (no spaces) to the number 888-777 from your cell phone.

## **Township Recognizes Two Outstanding Citizens at Township Committee Meeting**

At the Tuesday, January 21st Township Committee meeting, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee had the honor of recognizing two residents for their invaluable service to our community: Robert Clancy received a Life Saving Valor Award and Dennis Beauregard was presented with the 2019 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.



*Mayor Tony Perry with Life Saving Valor Award recipient Robert Clancy*

**On Wednesday, December 18th Robert Clancy was bringing his recycling to the curb when he noticed heavy smoke coming from his neighbor's home in the North Middletown section of town. Without hesitation, he entered and searched the home until he was able to locate and save his elderly neighbor. We wholeheartedly congratulate Mr. Clancy on his swift and selfless heroic actions and for inspiring fellow citizens to go above and beyond to help others.**

**Fire Chief Russ Mount, 2019 Fire Chief Steve Schweizer and Fire Marshal Buddy Skelly were also at the meeting to congratulate Mr. Clancy. They spoke about the importance of installing smoke detectors in your home and having a safety plan in place, including an exit strategy and meet-up point. Smoke detectors have saved many lives in Middletown, which is why the Fire Prevention Department participates in the Operation 7: Save a Life Program. This program provides smoke detectors to income eligible residents. Please call Fire Prevention at 732-615-2273 for more information.**





*2019 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Recipient Dennis Beauregard surrounded by his family and Mayor Perry*

The 2019 Distinguished Citizen of the Year award was presented to Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Dennis Beauregard in recognition of his tremendous efforts to advocate for veterans.

Mr. Beauregard has been President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 for 26 years and served as an original member of the all-volunteer Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee. He spearheaded a number of projects, such as re-dedicating the recently-restored World War I Doughboy Monument, bringing the 50th Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Picnic to Middletown, and was a key contributor to the success of the Township's Fallen Veterans Commemorative Street Sign Program. Mr. Beauregard was also the driving force behind donating 17 POW/MIA flags to our public schools and fire houses and the VVA Chapter 12 Veterans Cremains Project. There is a reason why everyone refers to him as "The Colonel" and that's because he gets things done!

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, reliable and talented individual as one of Middletown's own.

## **Middletown Invests in 100% Affordable Housing for Veterans**

At Tuesday night's Middletown Township Committee meeting, the governing body unanimously voted to acquire property located at 37-45 Leonardville Road in Belford to be utilized for affordable housing units for income-eligible veterans.



“The Township Committee and I are excited about the prospect of turning a blighted property in Campbell’s Junction into affordable housing units deemed solely for the honorable men and women who have served our Nation,” said Mayor Tony Perry.

The Township intends to partner with Middletown Housing Authority who currently manages hundreds of affordable housing units in town. “Once the Township closes on the property, the plan is to demolish the existing building, clean up the site and place a rendering of the proposed project in that location for community members to see in time for Memorial Day,” explained Mayor Perry.

While Middletown recently withdrew from the affordable housing court proceedings due to the unrealistic and ever-increasing demands imposed by the Fair Share Housing Center, the Township Committee is a firm supporter of investing in affordable housing projects that make sense. “We will always step up to create affordable housing for those in need of assistance, especially our veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country,” said Mayor Perry. “We encourage other municipalities to follow suit.”

**Mayor Perry Visits River Plaza Third Graders**



On Tuesday, January 21st Mayor Tony Perry visited with third graders at River Plaza Elementary School to thank them for the letters they sent telling him what they love about Middletown. Some of their favorite things included freedom, Starbucks and Wawa! The Mayor also read the children a story about working as a community and spoke about the importance of leadership at any age.

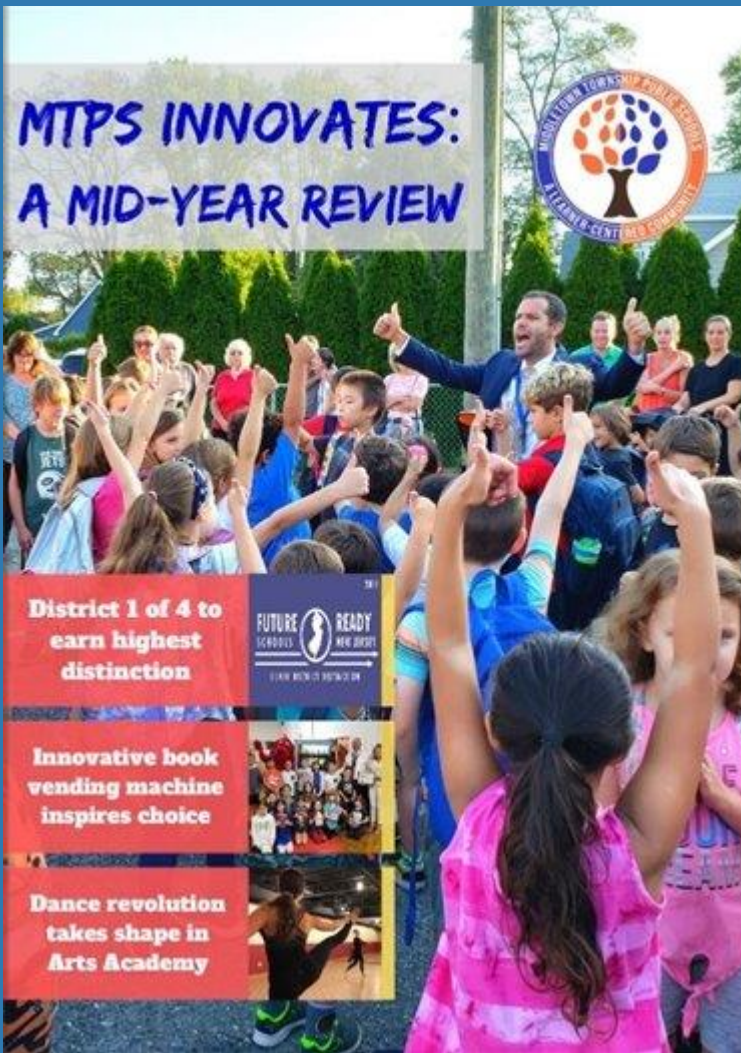
Mayor Tony Perry sat down with *Comcast Newsmakers* host Jill Horner to discuss smart development in Middletown, including the town's plans to revitalize the Route 36 Corridor and Belford Seafood Co-op.



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The MTPS Publishes 2019-2020 Mid-Year Review





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## REMINDER TO RESIDENTS:

PLEASE DO NOT PUT STYROFOAM\* PRODUCTS IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING. STYROFOAM CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) & THE MIDDLETOWN TRAIN STATION.

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## AVOID LATE FEE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS EXTENDED HOURS FOR DOG LICENSING

The Health Department (180 Main Street in Port Monmouth) will remain open until 7:00 PM on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to provide an additional opportunity for residents to license their dog before late fees begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>.



Please contact Animal Control at 732-615-2097 for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS





**THE MAC**  
**PRESENTS: Handbags & Bingo: The Well Traveled Woman**  
**Friday, March 6th at 6:30 PM at the MAC (36 Church Street)**

**Head to the MAC for an eventful night of bingo, cocktails and more at their annual fundraiser to benefit the Middletown Arts Center.**

**Featuring: Cash Bar, 10 Bingo Games and Tricky Tray**

**Discounted Pre-sale Tricky Tray | Package \$45 (Value \$60)**  
**Deadline for Purchase February**

**\$40 per ticket (includes dessert, coffee, tea, water)**

**MEMBER EARLY RSVP: 732-706-4100**



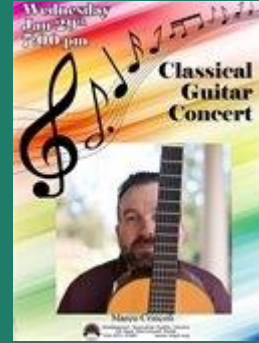
**MIDDLETOWN RECREATION**  
**PRESENTS: Mother-Son Mini Golf Tournament**  
**Saturday, Feb 20, 2020 | 10:00AM-12:00PM**  
**Monster Mini Golf-749 Hope Road, Eatontown, NJ**

**\$32 a pair plus \$16 per additional child**

**Team up with mom for an exciting round of mini golf under the black lights! Prizes will be awarded to the top mother-son team with the lowest score in each grade. Prizes will also be awarded to the best dressed team!**

**Registration includes a \$5.00 game card, goody bag, and two rounds of the Laser Maze for each child. Lunch is included for mother and son.**

**CLICK THE PICTURE TO REGISTER!**



**MTPL**  
**Presents: Classical Guitarist Marco Crincoli in Concert**  
**Wednesday, January 29 @ 7:00 PM**  
**55 New Monmouth Road**

**Click on the picture to learn more!**

**VISIT [BURBIO](#) FOR A FULL LISTING OF MIDDLETOWN'S UPCOMING EVENTS!**

## **Need Help Filing Your Taxes?**

Call the MTPL at 732-671-3700 ext. 327 to schedule an appointment with the AARP Foundation's Free Tax-Aide Program. Signups start January 27th. No appointments can be made in person or online.

Visit [www.mtpl.org/tax-help/](http://www.mtpl.org/tax-help/) for additional information.



***DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET...***

**LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!**

THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO LOCK THEIR CARS AND TAKE THE KEY FOB INSIDE. CAR ROBBERIES AND PROPERTY THEFT ARE OFTEN DUE TO KEYS BEING LEFT INSIDE VEHICLES AND FAILURE TO LOCK THE DOORS.

*LOCKING YOUR DOORS IS AN EASY WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY!*





## MIDDLETOWN TRAFFIC ALERTS

### **Intermittent Closures & Detours On East End Avenue For Next Few Weeks**

Due to water line upgrades, Perna Finnigan will be doing construction on East End Avenue for the next several weeks. There will be intermittent closures and detours on East End Avenue and all intersecting streets. Delays are expected, but construction crews will make all efforts to assist with vehicles entering and exiting the development.

Have a local traffic tip? Text TIP MIDDLETOWNNJ followed by your message, to 888777.

BEGINNING 1/20, JCP&L CONTRACTORS  
WILL BE PERFORMING TREE TRIMMING  
ALONG POWER LINES THROUGH OUT THE  
TOWNSHIP TO PREVENT POWER OUTAGES.  
CLICK [HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE.

*The initial tree-trimming area will be Conover Lane up  
Route 35 to Taylor Lane. The Township will provide  
updates as they can become available.*





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