



# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
IN OBSERVANCE OF

## PRESIDENTS DAY



## Recent Township Happenings & Events



Town Hall is lit up purple to celebrate the 19th Amendment's ratification centennial. On February 9, 1920, New Jersey ratified the 19th Amendment, confirming women's right to vote.

Town Hall will be illuminated purple, a suffrage color, through the end of next week. At our next Township Committee Meeting on



On Sunday, February 9th, VFW Post & Auxiliary 2179 hosted its annual service commemorating the heroism of the Four Chaplains who sacrificed their lives for their shipmates on the Dorchester during WWII.

Two community members, Andy Butzko and Ruth Wood Allen, received The Chapel of



Mayor Tony Perry recently sat down with Freeholder Director Tom Arnone to film a segment of "Monmouth in Focus" to discuss 2020 goals and Middletown's strong partnership with the County. We will be airing this on the Township's Municipal TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast

Tuesday, February 18th, we will be joined by several women elected officials across Monmouth County and some very impressive young ladies from Middletown who are doing great things and beyond to celebrate this historic anniversary.

the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award for their years of dedication to bettering the lives of veterans and those in need. Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Pat Snell were honored to recognize these inspiring individuals as well as remember and revere that day.

Cable Channel 20) in the near future so stay tuned!



**Middletown Township**  
**MOBILE TOWN HALL**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**LINCROFT FIRE COMPANY**  
**601 NEWMAN SPRINGS ROAD**  
**6:00- 8:00 PM**

*Bringing Town Hall Closer to You!*

- MEET THE MAYOR
- ASK QUESTIONS
- BECOME A VOLUNTEER
- REGISTER FOR EVENTS

We'll be bringing back our Mobile Town Hall events starting next week! Our first will be on Thursday, 2/20 at Lincroft Fire Company from 6-8 PM. These events will be held in different neighborhoods to provide residents with an opportunity to meet with the Mayor & Township Committee, ask questions of Township employees, register for events and take care of certain Town Hall business closer to home. Visit [www.middletownnj.org/mobiletownhall](http://www.middletownnj.org/mobiletownhall) for additional information and updates.



On Sunday, February 9th, Old Village Fire Company honored Michael Spratford for his 45 years of service to the Middletown Township Fire Department and the residents of our community. He has held every rank there is to



Middletown United Methodist Church honored our Crossing Guards at their 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off this past Saturday, February 8th. Mayor Perry, as well as Committee members Kevin Settembrino and Pat Snell, were on hand to judge the chili contest and show support for



[Mayor Tony Perry](#) is excited to announce a new monthly column in TAPinto Middletown to further connect with the residents of Middletown and our surrounding communities. Each month, he will provide a

hold within the company and we congratulate and thank him for his dedicated service!

Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominick Donatelli and congratulate our Crossing Guards on this well-deserved recognition!

[recap of the previous month, important initiatives and upcoming events. Click the picture to read the article.](#)

## Community Comes Out for "Climb with a Cop" Event to Benefit New Jersey Special Olympics

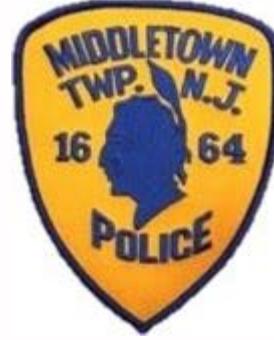


The Climb with a Cop event supporting the Special Olympics of NJ at The Gravity Vault in Middletown this past Saturday was a huge success. A big thank you to the Middletown, Hazlet and Oceanport Borough Police Departments for raising money for a great cause. Mayor Tony Perry and Committee members Pat Snell and Kevin Settembrino stopped by and everyone got to witness an exciting neck-and-neck race between Mayor Perry and Hazlet Mayor Mike Glackin to the top!



Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore visited Boy Scout Troop 205 out of Nut Swamp Elementary School this week to talk about how making a better world starts right within your community. These kids are sure to do great things!

## Volunteers Needed for Middletown Township Police Department Domestic Violence Response Team



Middletown Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Middletown Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, Middletown Township Police Department continues to make available this service to victims of domestic violence during the initial stages of a highly emotional and traumatic experience. 180 will be conducting an intensive 40-hour mandatory training course for Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) volunteers April 21st – May 14th, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 6:00p-9:30pm (Tuesdays - Holmdel Community Center, 6 Crawfords Corner Road/Wednesdays & Thursdays - Hazlet Police Headquarters Courtroom, 255 Middle Road). Applications are currently being accepted.

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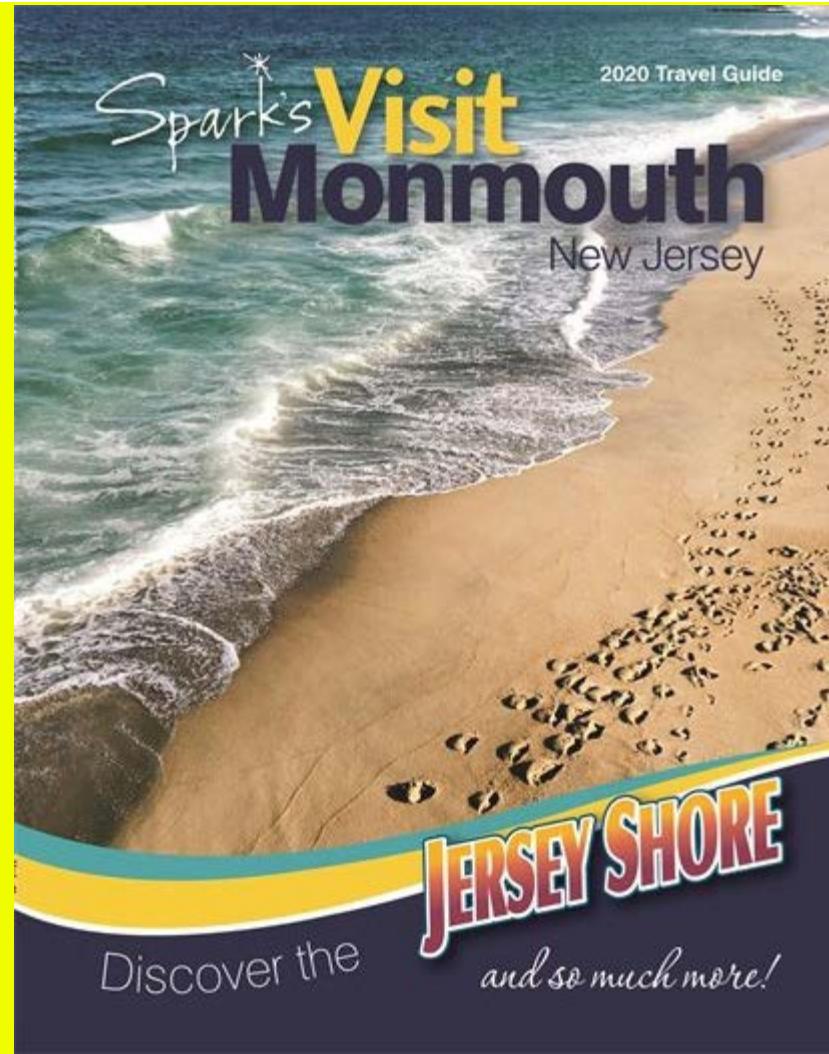


## Renew Your Dog License Before March 1<sup>st</sup> to Avoid Additional Late Fees

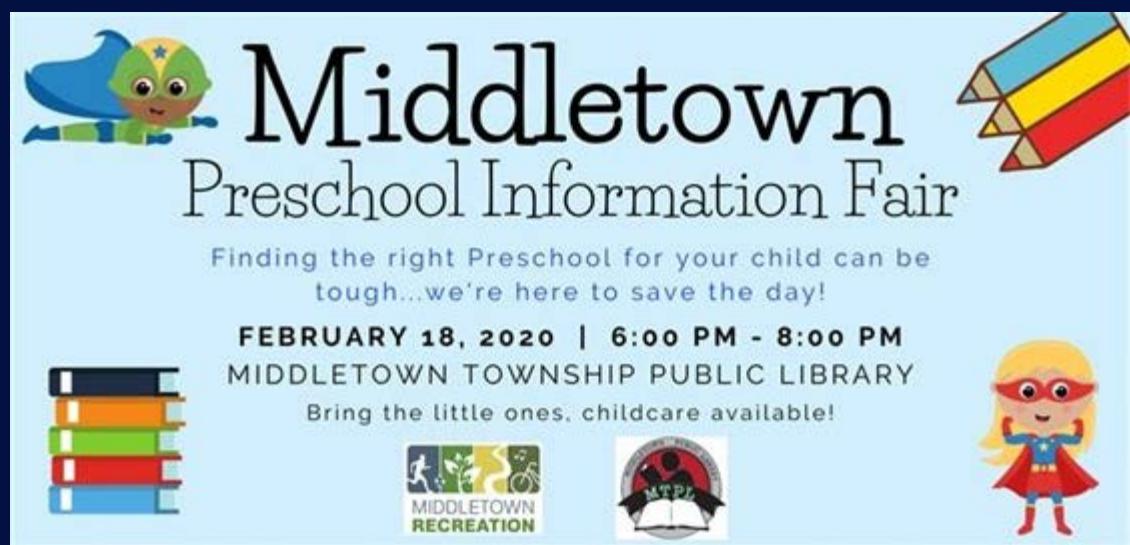
The Middletown Health Department would like to remind residents that all dog licenses should have been renewed by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. *Any dog license that was not renewed will incur a \$5.00 late fee through February 29th. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so before the next late fee of an additional \$2.00 starts on March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

All dogs and cats must be licensed in Middletown. You may obtain a license online through the citizen portal, at the Health Department Office (180 Main Street, Port Monmouth), or by mailing your license to the Health Department's attention to 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748. Please call 732-615-2097 for more information.

**Click on the image below to view Spark's Visit Monmouth Travel Guide featuring Middletown Township!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Middletown Preschool Information Fair**

Finding the right Preschool for your child can be tough...we're here to save the day!

**FEBRUARY 18, 2020 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Bring the little ones, childcare available!

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The poster for the 'Middletown Preschool Information Fair' is set against a light blue background. It features a cartoon superhero character on the left and two pencils on the right. At the bottom, there are logos for 'MIDDLETOWN RECREATION' and 'MTPL'. A call-to-action button at the bottom is labeled 'CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO LEARN MORE!'

## The MAC presents: Dunbar Repertory Company's Black History Month Production Camp Logan

DUNBAR REPERTORY COMPANY PRESENTS

SHOW DATES  
FEB 21, 22, 23  
FEB 28, 29  
March 1

BY  
CELESTE BEDFORD WALKER

DIRECTED BY  
DARRELL LAWRENCE WILLIS, SR.

CAMP LOGAN

A BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRODUCTION

Fridays & Saturdays: 8:00 PM and Sundays: 4:00 PM  
All tickets \$20

*Camp Logan*, the NAACP Image Award-winning play, is based on real-life events in Houston in 1917 when members of the highly-decorated 24th Infantry Regiment were subjected to extreme Jim Crow treatment. Walker's nuanced, suspenseful dramatization details the buildup to the riot that left dozens dead, including 17 African American soldiers hanged for mutiny.

Middletown Invites High School Juniors & Seniors to Apply for the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition by Wednesday, 3/11!

Scholarship Contest Open to High School Juniors and Seniors in Middletown

High school juniors and seniors who live in Middletown are invited to submit an essay about their local government for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships in the 2020 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/publicinformation](http://www.middletownnj.org/publicinformation) to apply!

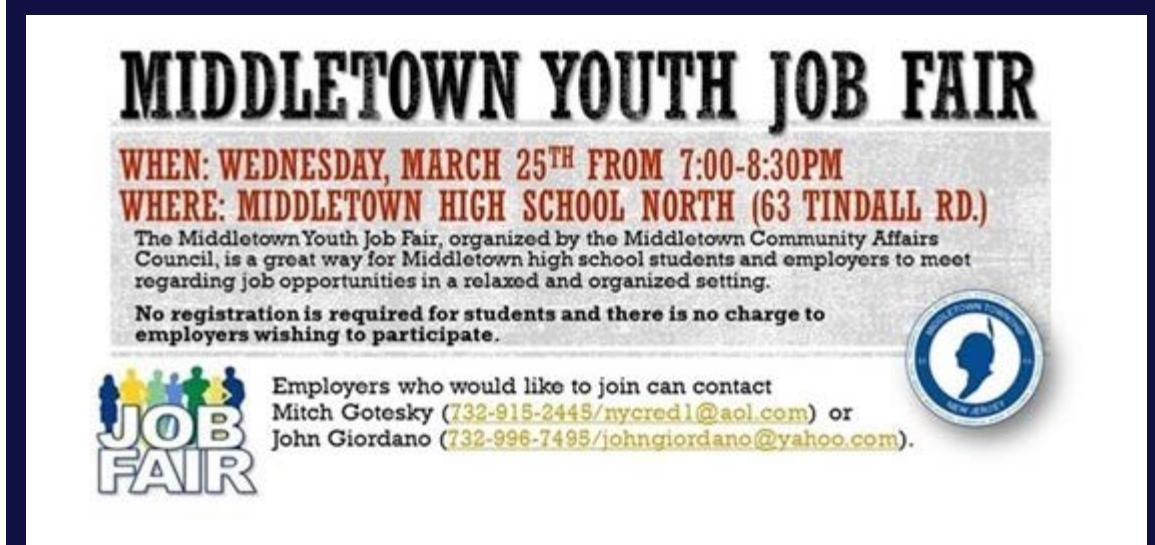
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**Easter Basket Donations**

MIDDLETOWN SOCIAL SERVICES IS COLLECTING EASTER GRASS, CANDY AND GIFT CARDS TO CREATE BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER DONATING THE FREE HAM YOU EARN THROUGH SUPERMARKET PROMOTIONS.

DONATIONS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF AT 180 MAIN STREET IN PORT MONMOUTH BY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL KATHY STRANIERO AT 732-615-2085.



## MIDDLETOWN YOUTH JOB FAIR

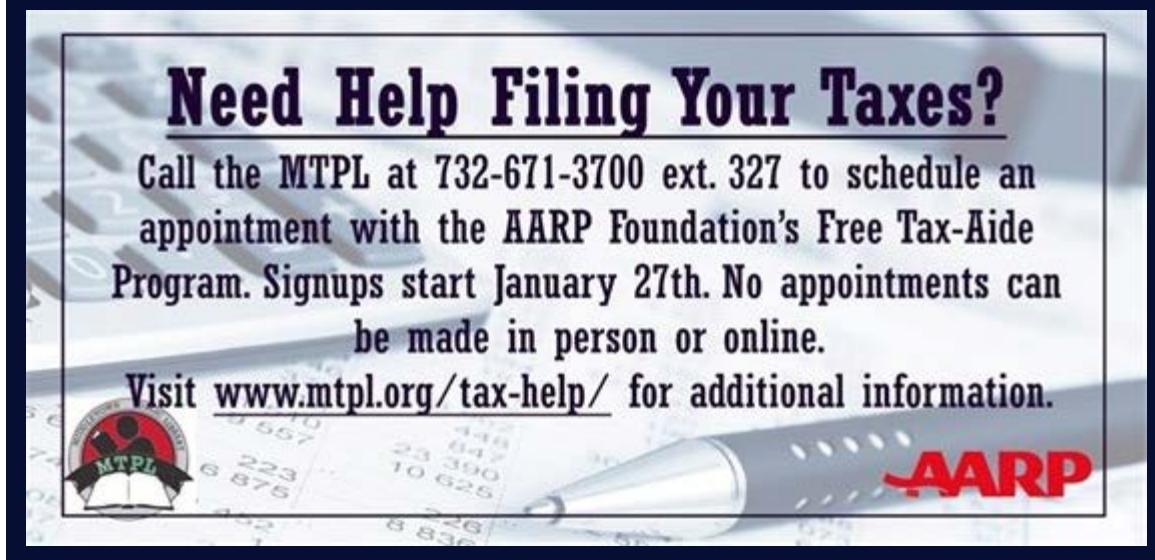
**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:00-8:30PM**  
**WHERE: MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH (63 TINDALL RD.)**

The Middletown Youth Job Fair, organized by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, is a great way for Middletown high school students and employers to meet regarding job opportunities in a relaxed and organized setting.

No registration is required for students and there is no charge to employers wishing to participate.

 Employers who would like to join can contact Mitch Gotesky ([732-915-2445/nycred1@aol.com](mailto:732-915-2445/nycred1@aol.com)) or John Giordano ([732-996-7495/johngiordano@yahoo.com](mailto:732-996-7495/johngiordano@yahoo.com)).





## 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.

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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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