Middletown Township Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote
Middletown Township held a presentation recognizing the Centennial of Women’s Right to Vote at the Township Committee meeting on February 18th.

February 9th marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment in New Jersey giving women the right to vote. Several women elected officials were invited to the February 18th meeting to celebrate this important milestone. Freeholder Deputy Director Sue Kiley led the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting. Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon then read the 19th Amendment, followed by Monmouth County Surrogate and former Middletown Mayor Rosemarie Peters who then read the Township's proclamation commemorating this anniversary. Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso and Freeholder Lillian Burry were also in attendance.

The Township also honored six elementary-school-aged girls for their recent achievements demonstrating leadership, commitment and passion. Township Committeewoman Pat Snell invited the young ladies to the front of the room and they each briefly explained what they did and what inspired their hard work:

- **Finley Elias**, a 4th grade student at Lincroft Elementary School, raised over $17,000 in less than a month to benefit a koala hospital in Australia. She created a logo featuring the word “Love” with a koala hugging a tree as the “L” and put the logo on t-shirts, hoodies and other items. Finley and her family sold these items at Lincroft Elementary, Bayshore Middle School, where her sister Briella attend, and Monroe Township Middle School where her mom Katy teaches.

- **Nut Swamp Elementary School 5th grade students Mia Collins, Emma Merces, Lilah Nicosia and Marlowe Schorr** raised close to $2500 selling homemade crafts and baked goods at their holiday fundraising shop and donated it to the Monmouth
County SPCA and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

- Brenna McCormick, a 3rd grader at Bayview Elementary School, was chosen to be featured on the new Thanks-A-Lot Girl Scout cookie boxes based on her cookie sales, an application she submitted about her experience as a Girl Scout and after she participated in a soccer photo shoot at a camp sponsored by the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. *(Brenna was not able to attend the meeting, but her achievement was recognized.)*

Congratulations to all of these girls for being a wonderful example for our community!

Click [HERE](#) for information about other events celebrating the 19th Amendment in Monmouth County.

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MTPD Swears in Two New Deputy Chiefs and First Female Lieutenant at Township Committee Meeting

Mayor Tony Perry swore in Middletown’s first female Lieutenant Kimberly Best while her daughter Molly held the Bible.

Deputy Chief John E. Kaiser was given his Oath of Office by Mayor Tony Perry as his children, Emmett and Katherine held the Bible.

Deputy Chief Paul Bailey was also sworn in by Mayor Perry. Pictured from left: Officer John, Denise, Grace, Jack and Paul Bailey, Mayor Tony Perry and Chief Craig Weber.

At the February 18th Township Committee Meeting, Lieutenant John Kaiser and Detective Lieutenant Paul Bailey were promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and will join Middletown Township Police Chief R. Craig Weber and Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski in Administration. Kimberly Best was also sworn in as the first female Lieutenant in Middletown.

“I was honored to swear in Middletown’s two newest Deputy Chiefs and to witness the promotion of the Township’s first female Lieutenant in the 92 years of MTPD history,” said Mayor Tony Perry. “The commitment and professionalism of our Police Department is the very reason Middletown is consistently ranked as one of the safest towns in America.”

Four other officers were also promoted and received their Oaths of Office at the jam-packed meeting filled with fellow officers, elected officials, friends and family members. Police Chief Craig Weber spoke briefly about the background and attributes of each officer who was promoted.

Click [HERE](#) to read the press release. Click [HERE](#) for more photo from the event.
Middletown Hosts Mobile Town Hall at Lincroft Fire Company

On Thursday, February 20th residents had the opportunity to meet with members of the Township Committee, Department Heads and staff at the first 2020 Mobile Town Hall event held at the Lincroft Fire Company. Thank you everyone who supported the event in the Township's effort to bring Town Hall closer to their neighborhood.

Click HERE to view more photos from the event. Visit middletownnj.org/mobiletownhall for updates.

MTPL Receives Funding to Provide Digital Skills Training for Job Seekers

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) announced this week that the American Library Association (ALA) has selected them to participate in Libraries Lead with Digital Skills, an initiative of ALA and the Public Library Association (PLA), sponsored by Grow With Google, the tech company's economic opportunity initiative. Middletown Township Public Library will use the funding to assist job seekers with resume building and navigating job searching on the Internet.

The Grow with Google Applied Digital Skills two-part workshop is limited to 30 participants and will be held in the MTPL Computer Lab on Monday, March 2nd and Monday, March 9th from 7:00-8:30 PM. Click HERE to register or call the library at 732-671-3700.

“I am so pleased to partner with Google and offer these essential job resources free to our community,” said Heather Andolsen, Director Middletown Township Public Library.

CLICK HERE TO READ THE PRESS RELEASE.
Wednesday, 3/25 at 7:00 PM

Middletown’s 29th annual High School Student Job Fair, hosted by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, will be held on Wednesday, March 25th from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM at Middletown High School North, located at 63 Tindall Road.

Each year this event has afforded employers a great opportunity to meet and screen high school student applicants for a job in a relaxed but organized setting. There is no charge for employers to attend and each company is given table space to conduct short interviews. Middletown schools are academically highly-rated and have students that are highly-motivated. Past employers return each year because of the stellar performances by students they employed.

The Middletown Community Affairs Council has organized this highly successful event for 28 year and it attracts over 200 students each year. If you are an employer currently seeking employees come on out and showcase your company with material and visual setups!

Employers interested in participating can contact Mitch Gotesky at (732) 915-2445/NYCREDO1@AOL.COM or John Giordano at (732) 996-7495/JOHNGIORDANO@YAHOO.COM.

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Maximum Volume of Brush Pile: 4 Cubic Yards (2W x 3'H x 18'L); Maximum Limb Length: 3'.
Residents may bring brush & leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane) for free. Brush is accepted year round, leaves can be dropped off between November 1st - June 1st. Landscapers are charged for brush & leaf drop-off per township ordinance.

Middletown Recreation Presents: March Madness
Renew Your Dog License Before March 1st to Avoid Additional Late Fees

The Middletown Health Department would like to remind residents that all dog licenses should have been renewed by Jan 31st. 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 1st.

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

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

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

BY
CELESTE BEDFORD WALKER

DIRECTED BY
DARRELL LAWRENCE WILLIS, SR.

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!

Click the picture to learn more.

**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 3RD. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL KATHY STRANIERO AT 732-615-2085.
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/ for additional information.

REGISTER WITH NIXLE FOR WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCIES & UPDATES

GET AHEAD OF THE STORM.

TEXT MIDDLETOWNNJ TO 888-777 TO REGISTER FOR SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS & UPDATES.

CLICK THE PICTURE TO REGISTER ONLINE.

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.

*STYROFOAM IS A TRADEMARK BRAND OF EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS) OWNED AND MANUFACTURED BY THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY.
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