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Small Town  
in New  
Jersey*



# MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

## Solar Project Will Save More Than \$2 Million in Utility Bills

As the leader in sustainable design in Monmouth County, the Township of Middletown is completing the planning to implement a 1.5 megawatt solar project at 11 municipal buildings which will save taxpayers more than \$2 million in future utility bills. The project will be financed, designed, constructed, operated and maintained by a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Company as a 15-year lease at no expense to the Middletown taxpayers. The Township would purchase some of its required electricity from the PPA provider at a rate range of 7 cents to 9 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) as compared to purchasing the same electricity from the utility company at an average rate of 17 cents per kWh. In order to maximize our savings, the Township Committee has opted to join with Monmouth County Improvement Authority (MCIA) as part of a much larger, 10-megawatt solar system in order to increase taxpayer savings. Roof improvements as needed at identified facilities will be executed by the township in anticipation of roof mounted solar panels.

In addition to traditional roof mounts and low profile ground mounts, the project will include canopy mounts over select parking areas like the Middletown Train Station parking lot. Additional benefits of parking area canopies include protection from the rain and snow for all our commuters, faster lot snow plowing, and reduced maintenance costs as well. Future considerations include priority parking with electric car charging stations for commuters while using New Jersey Transit Trains.

At the completion of the 15-year lease, the Township

will have an option to purchase the system from the PPA provider, have the system removed, or negotiate a new lease. All three options will continue to save money for the town.

The Middletown Township Committee is steadfast in continuing to implement programs to advance renewable energy and reduce costs for the taxpayers of Middletown.

*By Committeeman Kevin M Settembrino, AIA, LEED AP*

## Township to Rehabilitate Shadow Lake

Armed with the necessary environmental permits and a funding authorization from the state Environmental Infrastructure Trust (EIT), Middletown is moving forward with plans to rehabilitate Shadow Lake. The project involves dredging 150,000 cubic yards of material (or the equivalent of a 7-story building the size of a football field) from the western or upper portion of the lake. The material will be dewatered on a portion of the Stevenson Tract, located near the Lake. Once dewatered, the material is intended to be removed and disposed of off-site.

Shadow Lake, an 80-acre, 3-mile long body of water located in the River Plaza section, needs to be dredged to improve its declining health. Silt and algae have been accumulating on the bottom of the lake over the years making parts of the lake shallow and unusable for recreation, explained Mayor Anthony P. Fiore. Dredging will improve drainage flow, provide long-term protection of the lake's ecosystem and enhance aquatic recreational opportunities.

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Emergencies** Dial 9-1-1

**Police Department  
Non-Emergency** 615-2100

**Municipal Offices**  
(All numbers have a 732 area code)

Main Number 615-2000

Animal Control 615-2094  
(Monday - Friday, 8am- 5pm)

Animal Control 615-2100  
(holidays, nights & weekends)

Building & Inspections 615-2106

Community Development 615-2280

Court Administrator 615-2036

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elections, Committee agenda)

Social Services 615-2085

### Other Important Numbers

Board of Education 671-3850

Library 671-3700

Sewerage Authority 495-1010

### Website

[www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org)

### Middletown Municipal Television

Comcast Cable Channel 20

Verizon FiOS Channel 26

### Middletown Emergency Radio

1620 AM

# COAH Is Gone But...

The Governor's recent actions eliminating the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) is a big step in the right direction for towns like Middletown, but it merely represents a minor skirmish victory in a much bigger battle.

As Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Lori Grifa said at the Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development in September "COAH may be gone, but the Fair Housing Act (FHA) is still here." In other words, the laws that mandate the creation of affordable housing via an incomprehensible formula are still in full force and effect.

COAH was merely a public body that oversaw the implementation and administration of these programs. In fact, virtually all of the COAH staff is still in place, they are just located in different state offices. So what does all this mean to Middletown? It means that the fight goes on.

A few months ago Middletown was successful in convincing the State Supreme Court to hear its case. Our argument, which will be heard by the court for the first time is, at least in part, that our town is already and has always been affordable.

About 30 percent of our households are at or below the state's

requirements to qualify for affordable housing. It is our position that the FHA and the Mount Laurel court decisions that started all of this were intended to stop towns from being "Exclusionary," in other words from purposely acting to keep lower income families out.

Middletown has never done that. In fact, Middletown developed plenty of affordable housing in the 1970s and 1980s, long before there were court-imposed mandates to do so. Middletown has never been opposed to affordable housing designed in a sensible and meaningful way that does not detract from the quality of life of our community.

What we do oppose are huge mandatory numbers for new construction on top of our already abundant supply of existing affordable housing. So keep listening for news about this issue. We are hopeful that the Supreme Court will understand our legal position. Just be mindful that until the laws change dramatically or the courts make major changes, the problems towns face relative to affordable housing requirements will unfortunately continue to be a burden on local taxpayers.

*By Anthony Mercantante, Township Administrator*

## SUPPORTING THE TROOPS

MIDDLETOWN OFFICIALS GATHERED RECENTLY WITH THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN A SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THE RESERVES. FROM LEFT: VETERANS AFFAIRS VICE-CHAIRMAN JAMES GUERRIERI, CHAIRMAN JAMES D'ELIA, POLICE LT. ROBERT STEFANSKI, DEPUTY MAYOR PAMELA BRIGHTBILL, MAYOR ANTHONY FIORE, COMMITTEEMAN GERRY SCHARFENBERGER, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILLIAM BOUW, TOM GARRETSON AND ERIC MCCOY.



## Time to License Your Dog

The Middletown Township Health Department and Animal Control will be conducting the annual dog license renewal in January 2012. In preparation, renewal forms will be mailed starting in late December. This time of year can be very hectic since we are consumed with so many holidays and the New Year, but please do not misplace your documents. Even if the dog license renewal reminder gets lost in the mail, they are still due in January as noted on the front of your current license. Dog owners have the full month of January to renew their licenses, but many people have had to pay late fees because they forgot about the deadline. All renewals postmarked by January 31st will be accepted without a late fee being assessed.

Please remember that all dogs must be licensed. The fees are \$15.00 for a spayed/neutered animal and \$20.00 if not altered. You must send proof of the spayed/neutered procedure if this is the first-time you are claiming the reduced fee.

In addition, all rabies vaccinations must not expire prior to October 1, 2012. If they expire on Sept 30, 2012 or earlier, the application will

be returned until a booster shot is given, which will lead to a delay in licensing your dog and a late fee being charged. If a medical issue prevents the dog from receiving a rabies vaccination, please discuss this with your veterinarian to see if they will issue a medical waiver on a VPH-28 form. This medical waiver is only applicable for medical conditions documented by the veterinarian and must be valid up to October 2012. If you need to find a free rabies clinic, do not hesitate to contact the Animal Control Clerk, as we keep a list of any clinics in the county that may be available.

Starting February 1, 2012 a \$5.00 late fee will be added to the cost of the license. A progressive \$2.00 fee is assessed each month starting in March. So a late fee of \$7.00 is charged on March 1st, \$9.00 on April 1st and so on.

If you need either the dog license application or the VPH-28 form, please visit [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) and look under forms and resources for the Health Department. Animal Control can be contacted at 732-615-2094 to answer your questions.

*By Richard Debendetto, Health Department Director*

## 2011 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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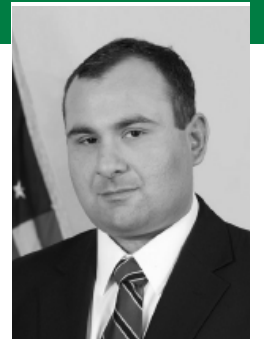
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## Message from the Mayor

# Re-Evaluation of Municipal Services a Must to Keep Taxes Down



*As municipalities and local governments continue to struggle to meet the demands of providing municipal services in a declining economic environment, the administration and Township Committee have undergone a series of evaluations on many of the municipal services provided by the Township. This year the Township Committee cut the municipal budget by almost \$4 million from 2010 or almost 7%.*

*Many of the programs and services cut or suspended for the year were a result of this evaluation. When evaluating a program or service, many key criteria are examined. First, is the program/service a core or essential program or service? Second, if the service is deemed core/essential, can the operation be made more efficient or cost effective? Third, if the program or service is not considered core or essential, what is the cost and benefit impact of changing or removing the program or service? Finally, is it possible to change or remove programs or services in order to add more practical or cost efficient programs or services to our residents?*

*Changes implemented to some of our programs and services have saved significant taxpayer dollars this year and will for years to come. Leaf and brush collection are two examples of such an effort. As you are aware, the Township was collecting brush and leaves in both the spring and the fall. While the Township elected to establish an emergency brush collection due to Hurricane Irene, our collection efforts going forward are currently under review. With each collection lasting approximately eight weeks, our Public Works Department spends approximately 32 of the 52 weeks per year (or roughly 2/3 of the year) just on this effort. Upon careful evaluation, we found that the vast majority of residents do not put out leaves for collection in the spring and do not put out brush in the fall. Most if not all residents utilize leaf collection services in the fall and utilize brush collection in the spring. Thus, spring leaf collection and fall brush collection have proven to be very costly and inefficient. We found that our crews were spending eight weeks at a time driving approximately 375 miles of township roadways at*

*almost \$4 per gallon of gasoline collecting items from less than 10% of the township households. Aside from the obvious savings in overtime, fuel, and equipment costs, we can now re-deploy our Public Works Department to do other jobs such as road repairs that they were not able to accomplish before. Instead of having to go out to private contractors to make these road repairs on some roads, we can now do it in house and save thousands of taxpayer dollars. It would be inaccurate to say that fall brush and spring leaf collection is not a good service to provide or that it shouldn't have been implemented but the economics when it was put into place 15+ years ago were certainly different than the economics today.*

*While it's never an easy decision to cut, reduce or change a municipal service, sometimes new services can emerge from these evaluations. Cardboard recycling is an example of a newly implemented service that has spawned from our evaluation. In late 2010, the Township expanded its municipal services to the residents to include the curbside collection of cardboard and mixed paper products. Instead of having to bring these materials to the Kanes Lane Recycling Center, residents can now leave them at the curb during their normal paper recycling day. The economic impact to this additional service is very significant. The Township receives revenue for the recyclable material we recover versus having to spend money to off-set disposal fees for garbage collection. As the recycling tonnage grows by collection, the garbage tonnage will decrease thus proving positive revenue generation and reduced cost for disposal.*

*In closing, the Township Committee and I are committed to continually promoting the most efficient and effective governmental services to the residents and taxpayers of Middletown. By continuing to evaluate programs and services that are offered, we will be able to provide programs and services that will be efficient and effective and will in turn save taxpayer dollars for years to come. As always if you have any questions or suggestions about these or any other Township matters, please feel free to contact me via email at [mayor@middletownnj.org](mailto:mayor@middletownnj.org) or at the Mayor's Office 732-615-2024.*

### MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Residents are invited to discuss issues related to township government with Mayor Anthony Fiore during his Open Office Hours held on the first and third Monday of each month (excluding federal holidays) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway No appointments are necessary. Residents are seen on a first-come, first served basis.

Residents can also reach Mayor Fiore by calling his office at 732-615-2024; Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING



## RECYCLING IS MANDATORY.

Township ordinances REQUIRE all residences and business to recycle of cans, glass, bottles plastic containers, newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper (junk mail, magazines, office paper), and electronics (CPU units, monitors, TVs). Violators subject to a fine up to \$1,500.00.

### Curbside Collection

Curbside collection schedules are determined by your election district. The collection schedule for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and proclaimed state or municipal emergency days, ie: snow emergency, is shifted to the next business day. Visit [www.middletonnj.org/recycle](http://www.middletonnj.org/recycle) to look up your recycling zone and for more information on recycling.

Aluminum/tin, glass bottles/jars, and certain plastic bottles will be picked up once a month. Jars and bottles can be co-mingled in a 32 gallon container with a secure lid. Maximum weight is 50 pounds.

All paper including cardboard, newspapers, junk mail and office paper can be co-mingled in a 32-gallon container with a secure lid. Maximum weight is 50 pounds. Newspapers and cardboard can also be tied.

### Hazardous Waste Disposal

3211 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls  
Reclamation Center, Building H  
By appointment only 732-922-2234

Materials accepted include motor oil and filters, propane tanks, antifreeze, gasoline, pesticides, paints and pool chemicals. Materials must be in marked containers with original labels

#### RECYCLING CENTER FEES

Automobile Tires (under 17" rim diameter ) \$2 each off rim, \$3 each on rim  
Truck Tires (pick-up, SUV ) \$7 each, must be off rim  
Refrigeration & Air conditioning Units - \$10 per unit  
Non-Freon appliances free

#### CURBSIDE FEES

Refrigerators , Air Conditioners \$25 per unit  
Stoves, Washers, Dryers \$20 per unit  
TV & basic metal items \$20 per unit  
Fees must be paid when pick-up is scheduled.

#### RECYCLING CENTER

52 Kanes Lane  
Thurs-Mon, 8:30 am to 4:30pm  
732-615-2008

	Curbside Collection	Recycling Center	Train Station
		52 Kanes Lane Th-Mon 8:30am-4:30pm	Parking Lot Church St. 24 hrs
Bottles and Cans	1st Pick Up	yes	yes
Aluminum Cans	1st Pick Up	yes	yes
Tin Steel Cans	1st Pick Up	yes	yes
Scrap Metal		yes	
Plastic	1st Pick Up	yes	yes
Newspaper	2nd Pick Up	yes	
Office paper	2nd Pick Up	yes	
Mixed Paper	2nd Pick Up	yes	
Corrugated Cardboard	2nd Pick Up	yes	
Brush	Spring	yes	
Leaves	Fall	yes	
Tires		yes*	
Motor Oil		yes	
Electronics		yes	
Non-Freon Appliances <i>e.g. washers, dryers, stoves</i>	yes*	yes	
Refrigerators, Air Conditioners	yes*	yes*	
TV's & basic metal items	yes*	yes	

\* Fees Apply

## Recycle 2\$ave

A concerted effort by all residents to recycle more helps reduce the community's carbon footprint, decrease pollution and conserve energy and saves tax dollars.

By recycling more, we're sending less waste to the landfill, which saves the township money on the tipping fees charged to dispose of the material. The value of recycling is furthered by the revenue that is generated from the sale of the recyclables collected.

It is important for each of us to modify our habits to recycle more. Each of us has a responsibility to toss every piece of junk mail and every section of cardboard in-between our frozen waffles into the recycling bin, not the garbage pail.

Consider the following facts:

- ♻️ 1 ton of garbage costs \$73.10 to dump in the Monmouth County Reclamation Center.
- ♻️ 1 Ton of commingled recyclables collected curbside costs \$0.00 to dispose of at RecycleAmerica; Savings realized of \$73.10 per ton.
- ♻️ 1 Ton of recyclable paper collected curbside results in a payment to the township of at least \$50.00 per ton; Savings realized of \$123.10 per ton

## Fall Leaf Collection

ZONES	COLLECTION BEGINS
A,B,C & D	NOVEMBER 7
F	NOVEMBER 16
E,G & K	NOVEMBER 21
J	NOVEMBER 28
I	DECEMBER 1
L	DECEMBER 5
H	DECEMBER 13

### GUIDELINES

- Place in a neat row at the curb, not in the road. Do not mix brush, branches, seed pods or grass with leaves. Leaves mixed with brush will not be collected.

- Leaves are accepted at the Recycling Center on Kanes Lane from landscapers with permits and residents through June 1st of each year at no charge. Leaves in bags must be emptied into the area provided and the bags deposited in the trash.
- Bagged leaves are not collected curbside. Grass clippings are not collected curbside or at Kanes Lane.
- Place materials curbside by your scheduled collection date. Public Works will not pick up material that does not meet the above guidelines and will not return for an unscheduled collection.
- Residents shall not place brush, leaves and tree cuttings for curbside collection more than one week prior to their scheduled collection date. Violators are subject to fines of up to \$2,000, up to 90 days imprisonment and/or community services for improper disposal of these materials.
- Under recently amended regulations, Public Works is also authorized to remove improperly disposed materials and assess the cost of removal and disposal against the responsible resident.

## Snow Removal Regulations Enhanced

To ensure the safety of Middletown's school children and pedestrians, the Township Committee has added some teeth to the Township's snow removal ordinances. The amount of time property owners have to clear snow and ice from sidewalks is 24 hours from the end of the snowfall with enhanced penalties for property owners in school zones who do not clear their sidewalks in a timely fashion.

Further, the amount of time Township business owners or other properties generally open to the public with handicapped parking spaces have to remove snow and ice from the parking spaces, curb cuts and other areas related to the provision of such access has been reduced from 48 to 24 hours.

Failure to comply with the ordinance can result penalties consisting of fines of up to \$2,000, 90 days imprisonment and/or community service. Regulations will be strictly enforced in school zones, and where access is required for disabled individuals under these strengthened regulations.

Enhanced enforcement only allows for issuance of a single warning before citations are mandatorily imposed. Special liens or assessments may be placed on your property if the Township is required to ensure the public's safety by clearing snow and ice to allow for pedestrian access if not timely addressed by the responsible parties.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM HAS TAKEN ROOT IN IDEAL BEACH. MORE THAN 20 RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY PLEDGED TO KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE GROUP IS ASSISTED BY A LOCAL DETECTIVE WHO ANSWERS QUESTIONS AND PROVIDES GUIDANCE, SAID IDEAL BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY GRETA SIWIEC EXPLAINED. IBCA IS A NON-PROFIT GROUP DEDICATED TO FURTHER PROGRAM ENHANCING THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S QUALITY OF LIFE AND BUILDING A STRONGER SENSE OF COMMUNITY. VISIT [WWW.MYIDEALBEACH.ORG](http://WWW.MYIDEALBEACH.ORG).



## Help Reduce Non-Point Source Pollution

Non-point source pollution is a contamination of our ground water, waterways, and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways and ocean. They also can soak into the ground contaminating the ground water below.

The collective impact of non-point source pollution threatens aquatic and marine life, recreational water activities, the fishing industry, tourism and our precious drinking water resources. But there's good news — we can make simple changes to keep our environment clean. Here are just a few ways we can reduce non-point source pollution.

**LITTER:** Place litter, including cigarette butts and fast food containers, in trash receptacles.

**FERTILIZERS:** Fertilizers contain nitrates and phosphates that, in abundance, cause blooms of algae that can lead to fish kills. Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall.

**PESTICIDES:** Many household products made to exterminate pests also are toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms and plants. Follow the label directions carefully. Use alternatives whenever possible.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS:** Many common household products (paint thinners, moth balls, oven cleaners, etc) contain toxic ingredients. Use natural and less toxic alternatives whenever possible. Contact your County Solid Waste Management Office about household hazardous waste collection.

**MOTOR OIL:** Used motor oil contains toxic chemicals that are harmful to animals, humans and fish. Do not dump used motor oil down storm drains or on the ground. Recycle all used motor oil by taking it to a local public or private recycling center.

**CAR WASHING:** Wash your car only when necessary. Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles its wash water. If you wash your car at home, use a non-phosphate detergent.

**PET WASTE:** Animal wastes contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause the closing of bathing beaches. Pet owners should use newspaper, bags or scoopers to pick up after pets. Dispose of wastes in the garbage or toilet.

**SEPTIC SYSTEMS:** An improperly working septic system can contaminate ground water and create public health problems. Avoid adding unnecessary grease, household hazardous products and solids to your septic system. Inspect your tank annually and pump it out every three to five years depending on its use.

**BOAT DISCHARGES:** Dumping boat sewage overboard introduces bacteria and viruses into the water. Boat owners should always use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities at marinas.

## Stay Connected

Residents who register with the Citizens Communications Center receive alerts from the township by e-mail and cell phone regarding hurricanes, coastal flooding, winter storm updates and other occurrences that impact the community. Registered users can also opt to receive community announcements via e-mail and text message. Visit [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) to register or complete the registration form below. Forms can be mailed to Middletown Public Information, Middletown Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748. Registration is not required to receive Reverse 911 calls via a landline telephone.

### Citizen Communications Center Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

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# MIDDLETOWN PARKS, RECREATION

## Adult & Youth Classes Return This Fall!

### Adult classes

Computers, Karate, & Volleyball

### Youth classes

Computer Explorers, Ceramics,  
Karate, Bowling, & Gymnastics

Visit [www.middletonnj.org](http://www.middletonnj.org) class  
for schedule and online  
registration. Call 732-615-2260 for  
more information.

## Facilities

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road  
Leonardo, NJ 07737 (732) 615-2260

Office Hours:

8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday

[recreation@middletonnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletonnj.org)

Tonya Keller Bayshore Community Center  
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown, NJ 07748  
(732) 787-1880

Hillside Community Center  
144 Chestnut Ave.

Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716  
(732) 872-8101

Senior Center/ Croydon Hall  
900 Leonardville Road Leonardo, NJ 07737  
(732) 615-2265

Middletown Arts Center  
36 Church Street Middletown, NJ 07748  
(732) 706-4100  
[www.middletonarts.org](http://www.middletonarts.org)

Swim & Tennis Club  
214 Harmony Road Middletown, NJ 07748  
(732) 671-5757

### BEACHES

Ideal Beach Bayside Parkway  
Leonardo Beach Beach Avenue

## 3rd Annual Dodgeball Tournament and Toy Drive

On Saturday, December 3rd, join us for our 3rd Annual Dodgeball Tournament and Toy Drive! All toys collected will be given to Middletown Social Services Department. The registration fee is \$20 per team. With our tremendous success with the Toy Drive the last two years, we are hoping to collect even more toys this year! We are again asking all participants to donate an unwrapped toy the day of the tournament. Divisions are based on the child's grade. We will again be trying an adult division – hopefully this will be the year! Registration starts October 1st. For more information, please call 732-615-3250 or email [Jadams@middletonnj.org](mailto:Jadams@middletonnj.org).

## Poricy Park Conservancy

### Annual Trail Run/Walk

The Annual Trail Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, in cooperation with the Jersey Shore Running Club. The race will begin at 9:30 a.m.; check-in time is 8:30 a.m. at the Nature Center. In addition to the 5K Run/Walk and 2K Fun Run for Kids, there will be a 5 Mile Run for the die-hard runner! The Trail Run is open to all ages, whether you run or walk! Enjoy rolling trails, mostly grass and dirt terrain in the scenic Park. The 5-mile race will wind through the Park, continue outside the Park onto street pavement through the neighboring development, and return to finish in the Park.

Following the race, all participants will be treated to a pasta lunch, compliments of Bertucci's of Hazlet. An awards ceremony will be held at the end of the race with trophies being awarded in different categories.

Fee is for 5K Run/Walk & 5 Mile Run is \$20 if received by 11/23; \$25 thereafter, 2K Kids' Fun Run is \$10 if received by 11/23; \$15 thereafter, 2K Special is 3 kids for the price of 2! Cost for students with School ID is \$10. Visit [www.PoricyPark.org](http://www.PoricyPark.org) or call 732-842-5966 to register. Registration forms are available for download and mail-in payment or you can register on-line (small fee applies).

### Annual Holiday Shop

The 24th Annual Holiday Shop will be open Friday, November 25th through Sunday, December 4, 2011; and Friday, December 9th through Sunday, December 11th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Come see new crafts and annual favorites. Handcrafted items include ornaments, quilts, stockings, jewelry. A portion of the proceeds from the event are donated to Poricy Park, which is located at 345 Oak Hill Road. The shop is held in the Annex. New crafters who wish to participate must be a conservancy member and volunteer some time at the shop. Dues start at \$25 per year for Seniors and \$35 for Adults. Contact Kit at [holidayshop@poricipark.org](mailto:holidayshop@poricipark.org) for more information about the shop.

## Senior Center Events

Middletown's Senior Center welcomes residents 60 and older to become members. Special events, trips and weekly activities are offered throughout the year. Transportation is available to registered members by reservation. Events are held in the East Wing unless otherwise noted. Call 732-615-2265 for more information.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1 P.M.

### VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

Join us as we honor the brave veterans among our members who have given so much for our freedom, followed by a patriotic sing-along led by Mary Finnerty.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 12:00 – 2:30 P.M.

### PRE-THANKSGIVING COVERED DISH

Celebrate the upcoming holiday with your friends by bringing a dish that feeds 4-6 to share. If you don't wish to cook, you can bring a salad or dessert. Sign up by Nov 4.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1:00 P.M.

### ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

We're beginning the season by lighting our beautiful Christmas tree and joining our voices with carols and favorite Christmas songs. Light refreshments served.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Celebrate the holidays at the Shore Casino with the wonderful entertainer Joey Sudyka, delicious food, and great door prizes. For menu and price contact the Senior Center. Register by 11/30.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A cheery program presented by students from the Leonardo Elementary School that will truly put you in the Christmas Spirit.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

### PRE-NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Enjoy a delicious lunch at Lakeside Manor. You'll get a choice of 3 entrees, hats, noisemakers, and entertainment by Tomardo. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased 11/1 through 12/22.

THURSDAY JANUARY 5, 1:00 – 2:30 P.M.

### WELCOME TO 2012 PARTY

Shake off the after-holiday let-down & join us as we welcome 2012 with entertainment and dancing. \$3.00 for dessert buffet. Register by 1/3.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 12:00 – 2:30 P.M.

### CHINESE LUNCHEON/ AUCTION

Bring an item (new or slightly used) to be auctioned. Register by 1/16 to order your favorite Chinese lunch. Tickets \$7.00.

# & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

## MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

### GRANT AND MELILLO RECEIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council, the non-profit organization that operates the Middletown Arts Center, awarded \$1,000 college scholarships to two talented, graduating high school seniors pursuing studies in the arts. The Achievement in Arts Scholarship award winners were chosen for their contributions to the arts during their high school years.



Emily Grant, a Middletown High School North graduate, is a talented musician who has played the alto saxophone with several bands including the Jersey Shore Jazz and Blues Youth Project and the Middletown North Concert and Marching Bands while also completing many hours of community service in the arts. She is an honor student who will continue her studies in music. Carissa Melillo, who graduated from Middletown High School South, is a visual artist who has participated in numerous art competitions and projects and also started her own t-shirt design business. Carissa is planning to attend The School of Visual Arts to pursue Graphic Design.

### Arts Council Partners with Middletown Schools

For the second year, the Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council partnered with the Middletown Schools and their art teachers to create the My Middletown School-Year Calendar. The poster-size calendar includes artwork from one fourth or fifth grader chosen from each of the public elementary schools. The graphic design class at Middletown High School North created the lay-out. Students whose artwork was chosen for the calendar are: Lucy Zeng (River Plaza School), Alyssa Vetrano (New Monmouth School), Haley Murphy (Middletown Village School), Sean Nelson (Navesink School), Mary McMullan (Fairview School), Ryan Smith (Port Monmouth School), Ava Lucchese (Lincroft School), Erin Nohl (NutSwamp School), Delia Noone (Harmony School), Lauren Crivelli (Ocean Avenue School), Zach Mocik (Leonardo School), Maddy Gallagher (Bayview School).

### WELCOME Miss Sherri

The Middletown Arts Center is proud to welcome to its staff award-winning Kindie Rocker, Miss Sherri Ehrlich, of Honey Child Music. Miss Sherri brings a variety of fun childhood music education programs to the MAC including her weekly Kids Concert Series on most Fridays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Me and Daddy Rock, Pajama Jam” Pre-School of Rock, Keyboard Beginnings, and Friday Night Music, Moves and Movies. Visit [www.middletonarts.org](http://www.middletonarts.org) for details.



### Day Off from School Program Continues

If your child loved our summer camps, they will surely enjoy our Day Off from School Programs which feature arts activities as presented by our wonderful staff in full and half-day offerings. This year, the program has been expanded to offer more specific thematic options each day. The programs will be presented on November 10 and 11, and December 26 through 30. Visit [www.middletonarts.org](http://www.middletonarts.org) for information.

## Celebrate the Holidays

Don't miss our second annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Variety Show on December 2 and December 3 followed by the Middletown Christmas Tree Lighting and Festival on December 4. The variety show will feature holiday performances by local talent. Tickets are \$10. The Christmas Tree Lighting is free and will include a special performance of TUBA Christmas, arts and crafts for kids, and a visit from Santa. Bring your camera for Santa pictures.

### ANNUAL PLEIN AIR PAINTERS OF THE JERSEY COAST EXHIBIT SLATED FOR THE MAC

The MAC gallery will once again be filled with beautiful artwork created by the Plein Air Painters of the Jersey Coast. The exhibit, which will run from October 29 until November 29, will feature paintings (many of which depict local scenes) that are for sale. An opening reception will be held on November 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All are welcome.

## Tonya Keller Bayshore Community Center

### Open Recreation Free!

Junior Hours (Grades 1-6) are Tuesday – Friday, 3:00–5:00 p.m.; Teen hours (Grades 7–12) are Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:00 –5:00 p.m. Times are subject to change.

### Community Nights Free!

Recreation is a great way to de-stress after a long day of work or school. Join us on Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. for a night of fun with your family! Mom and Dad can bring the kids and utilize all the open recreation games with them. Challenge your family at billiards, air hockey, board games or even dodgeball. Create more memories and bonds with your children while laughing and playing!

### Just For Toddlers Preschool

Just For Toddlers is a preschool playgroup for children ages 18 months to Pre-K. Arts & crafts, stories, music, numbers, letters, colors and many other activities will be taught. All classes run from September–May, consisting of three, 10-week sessions. Registration has begun and is ongoing until filled. Call 732-615-3230 for more information or to register.

### Junior Ceramics

Ceramics classes are available for juniors (Grades 1st thru 6th) on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays, 3:30–5:00 p.m. Registration has begun and is ongoing until filled. Each session is 10 weeks long; \$15.00 per session. Cost of greenware not included.

### Teen Ceramics

Ceramics classes are available for teens (Grades 7–12) on Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00 p.m. Registration has begun and is ongoing until filled. Participants are able to join at any time. Each session is 10 weeks long; \$25.00 per session. Cost of greenware not included.

### Adult Ceramics

Ceramics classes are available for adults (ages 18 and up) on Thursdays, 7:00–10:00 p.m. Registration has begun and is ongoing until filled. Participants are able to join at any time. Each session is 10 weeks long; \$50.00 per session. Cost of greenware not included.

### Adult Aerobics

Getting fit has never been so fun! Don't wait to get fit. Stand up, step out and sign up for Adult Aerobics. Classes meet in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 10 weeks. Participants are able to join at any time. \$50.00 per session.

# National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

## Top 10 Facts for Residents

- ① Everyone lives in a flood zone. Floods are caused by storms, melting snow, hurricanes, water backup due to inadequate or overloaded drainage systems, as well as broken water mains.
- ② Flood damage is not covered by homeowner's policies. You can protect your home and belongings with flood insurance from the NFIP. You can insure your home with flood insurance up to \$250,000 for the building; and \$100,000 for its contents.
- ③ You can buy flood insurance no matter your flood risk. It does not matter whether your flood risk is high or low. Anyone in a community that participates in the NFIP can buy building and/or contents coverage, with very few exceptions.
- ④ The low-cost Preferred Risk Policy is ideal for homes and businesses in low-to-moderate-risk areas. Homeowners can insure buildings and contents for as little as \$119.00 per year. Business owners can insure buildings and contents for as little as \$550.00 per year. Residential renters can insure contents for as little as \$39.00 per year.
- ⑤ Flood insurance is affordable. About 90 private insurance companies nationally offer affordable flood insurance backed

by the federal government. Contact your agent.

- ⑥ Flood insurance is easy to get. You can buy flood insurance from private insurance companies and independent agents.
- ⑦ Contents coverage is separate, so renters can also insure their belongings. Whether you rent or own your home, make sure to ask your insurance agent about contents coverage. It is not automatically included with the building coverage (except under the Preferred Risk Policy).
- ⑧ Up to a total of \$1 million in flood insurance coverage is available for non-residential buildings and contents. Up to \$500,000 of coverage is available for both non-residential buildings and contents.
- ⑨ There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect. Plan ahead so that you are not caught without insurance when a flood threatens your home or business.
- ⑩ Federal disaster assistance is not the answer. Federal assistance is only available if the President declares a disaster; whereas flood insurance pays even if a disaster is not declared.

## POLICE AUXILIARY GRADUATES

A NEW BATCH OF RECRUITS HAS JOINED THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE AUXILIARY. FROM LEFT SGT. WILLIAM COLANGELO; AUXILIARY OFFICER KAITLYN ROBERTSON, CATHERINE SIMPLOT, JOHN SVENDA, GREGORY TIVEN, JOHN MANIA AND KEVIN TOOMEY; MAYOR ANTHONY FIORE; AUXILIARY OFFICE MATTHEW RABINOWITZ AND PHILIP PAONE; AND POLICE CHIEF ROBERT OCHES.

THE POLICE AUXILIARY IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES AT SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS PARADES, STREET FAIRS, AND SECURITY FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND DURING WEATHER AND OTHER EMERGENCIES. CALL SGT. WILLIAM COLANGELO AT (732) 615-2041 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



## MIDDLETOWN TV

Watch Middletown TV on Comcast Cable Channel 20 and Verizon Fios 26. Viewers can find local history and school programs, community announcements and programming from NASA and the Pentagon. Visit [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) for the program schedule.

## Thank You 9-11 Flag Sponsors

Thanks to the overwhelming support of the community about 80 flag banners were installed along Middletown-Lincroft Road, Church Street and Kings Highway to honor the 37 residents who died on September 11, 2011. Local businesses, organizations and individuals donated more than \$23,000 to fund the tribute. The sponsor list can be viewed at [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org)

Township Committee  
Workshop Meeting  
Town Hall, 8 p.m.  
1st Monday (monthly)

Township Committee  
Regular Meeting  
Town Hall, 8 p.m.  
3rd Monday (monthly)

Planning Board  
Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
1st Wednesday (monthly)

Zoning Board  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.  
4th Monday (monthly)

Community Affairs Council  
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
1st Wednesday (monthly)

Environmental Commission  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.  
3rd Wednesday (monthly)

Human Rights Commission  
Town Hall, 8 p.m.  
4th Thursday (monthly)

Landmarks Commission  
Main Library, 7:30 p.m.  
2nd Thursday (monthly)

Library Board  
Main Library, 7 p.m.  
3rd Wednesday (monthly)

Municipal Alliance  
Crossroads, Croydon Hall, 8:30 a.m.  
3rd Saturday (monthly)

Recreation Advisory Committee  
Middletown Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.  
4th Monday (monthly)

Safety Council  
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
3rd Thursday (monthly)

Veteran's Affairs Committee  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.  
1st Tuesday (monthly)

Upcoming Public Meetings

## Immunization Services

### Infants, Children, & Teens Vaccines:

Dtap, Flu, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hib,  
HPV, Polio, Meningococcal, MMR,  
Pneumonia, Rotavirus, TD, Tdap

### Adults Vaccines:

Flu, Hepatitis B, HPV, Tdap

TB Testing also available for a fee of \$10.00  
Low Cost, clarified upon appointment.

Pre-registration is required. Please call (732) 615-2096 if you have any questions or would like to set up an appointment. You can also [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) for information. Please bring your child's immunization card/record to the appointment.

## Tax Collector's Message

Tax payment deadlines for the next four quarters are as follows:

November 10, 2011  
February 10, 2012  
May 10, 2012  
August 10, 2012

Please note an accelerated Tax Sale will be held in December. All delinquent taxes and applicable costs must be paid with cash or certified funds after 4:00 p.m. November 10, 2011. Certified funds are cash, bank cashier check or money order. No credit card, online or ACH payments will be accepted as payment for delinquent taxes.

Per information from the State, applicable homeowners will have their 2010 Homestead Benefit credit applied directly to their May 2012 tax quarter. As in 2011 an adjusted bill will be mailed in April indicating the reduced tax amount due for the May 2012 quarter.