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Small Town  
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Jersey



# MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

## Recreation Master Plan Unveiled May 6 at Middletown Arts Center

The Township's newly-minted Recreation Master Plan will be presented to the public on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street. The plan is the culmination of more than a year's worth of intensive study and analysis of all recreational venues, available space and the community's recreational interests. It outlines courses of action the township can take over the next 15 years to address growing and changing recreational interests.

Gathering input from the public was a major component of the process. Focus groups, surveys and public meetings were some of the tools used to learn about residents' recreational wants and needs. Artists, coaches, community leaders, environmentalists, parents, students, and seniors were among those who provided input.

The comprehensive document addresses departmental operations, potential infrastructure improvements, and facility development and renovation. Needs and cost assessments were conducted on synthetic turf, and indoor facilities for hockey and aquatics. Brandstetter Carol Inc., who developed the plan, also conducted a benchmark study that compares park resources and recreational opportunities to other towns of similar size.

The master plan was guided by a local steering committee that included representation from the Township Committee, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and school district. Copies of the final plan will be made available through the website.

By Gregg A. Silva, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director

## Mercantante appointed as Township Administrator

Anthony P. Mercantante, the township's Planning Director has been promoted to the position of Township Administrator.

"I have always felt honored by the opportunity to serve the community that I live and raise my children in and I am thrilled that the Township Committee has shown this kind of confidence in me. I know this will be a challenge and I plan to take it head on," said Township Administrator Anthony P. Mercantante.

Mercantante, 50, has lived in Middletown since 1966, except for a five-year period living in California, and he has worked for its municipal government for more than 20 years. He served as Middletown's Director of Planning and Community Development since 1989 and was the township's assistant planner from 1980 to 1984. Mercantante was also employed as a senior planner for the City of Signal Hill, California and Heyer, Gruel and Associates, a private consulting firm.

"Mr. Mercantante has been an exceptional planner and I am confident he will be an exceptional township administrator. His experience as a resident and a municipal manager makes him an invaluable asset. I look forward to working with him in his new role as our administrator," said Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger.

Mercantante, a licensed planner, holds a master's degree in public policy and administration from California State University Long Beach, and a bachelor's degree in geography from Rowan University. He is a 1976 graduate of Middletown High School. His accomplishments include preparing Middletown's award-winning Master Plan, "Into the Future... Vision 2012"; a 1994 County Open Space Planning Award and receiving two Monmouth County Planning Merit Awards.



Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger congratulates Township Administrator Anthony P. Mercantante with his wife, Peggy, by his side.

Mercantante, lives in Belford, with his wife, Peggy, and their children, Elizabeth and T.J.

As township administrator and public safety director, Mercantante will earn \$125,000 a year and will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the 42-square-mile municipality. The municipality has approximately 338 employees and operates on an annual budget of approximately \$62 million.



Courtesy of Det. Pete White

## POLICE OFFICER GETS PROMOTION

FROM LEFT: BRIAN STEFANSKI, 6, AND ANDREW STEFANSKI, 10, HELP PIN A GOLD SHIELD ON THEIR DAD, LT. ROBERT WILLIAM STEFANSKI, DURING A SPECIAL CEREMONY TO MARK HIS PROMOTION. LT. STEFANSKI, A LIFE-LONG MIDDLETOWN RESIDENT, JOINED THE POLICE FORCE IN 1990 AFTER SERVING AS A COMMUNICATIONS OPERATION FOR THREE YEARS.

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Middletown NJ 07748

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## Municipal Directory

**Police, Fire & Rescue  
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

Code Enforcement 615-2286

Crossroads 615-2269  
(substance abuse services)

Emergency Management 615-2111

EMS (First Aid) 615-2252

Fire Prevention 615-2270

Health 615-2094

Mayor's Office 615-2024

Parks & Recreation 615-2260

Planning & Zoning 615-2098

Public Works 615-2109

Public Information 615-2287

Recycling 615-2008

Senior Center 615-2265

Tax Assessor 615-2089

Tax Collector 615-2086

Township Administrator 615-2013

Township Clerk 615-2014  
(parking permits, voter registrations,  
elections, Committee agenda)

Social Services 615-2085

### Other Important Numbers

Board of Education 671-3850

Library 671-3700

Sewerage Authority 495-1010

### Website

www.middletonnj.org

### Middletown Municipal Television

Comcast Cable Channel 20

# Heroes Among Us



*EMERGENCY RESPONDERS  
RESCUE WOMAN FROM  
FIRE*

*The Middletown Township Committee presented Life Saving Awards to three firefighters and one police officer for their brave rescue of a bedridden woman from a house fire. From left are: Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Fire Chief Vincent Falci, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Michael Chenoweth, Firefighters Robert Betz and Ed Skelly and Patrolman Steve Keller with the rescued woman, Julie Milazzo.*

As residents of Middletown, you have the benefit of being protected by the world's largest all-volunteer Fire Department. The Middletown Township Fire Department is comprised of 11 fire companies, a Special Services Unit, a Mask Service Unit, Fire Police, Fire Explorers and its own state-accredited Fire Academy.

The department's membership is quite diverse. Members are students, police officers, business owners, airline pilots and every occupation in between. We are husbands, wives, sons, and daughters. However, collectively we are just one thing.....firefighters. Unique individuals that consistently go above and beyond for one simple reason; we want to help.

This past February, the members of this department truly displayed just how much they care. In a matter of five days, firefighters rescued a bedridden woman from her burning bedroom and later that week saved the businesses of three township business owners when one of four stores in a strip mall caught fire. If not for the dedication and training of these volunteers, the lives of many people in our community would have been forever changed. All of this was accomplished for one basic reason, because WE CARE.

Now is the time for YOU to CARE. Show your thanks and appreciation for these fine men and women, who at a moment's notice, leave their dinner tables, children's birthdays, warm beds and sometimes their jobs to help their neighbors in need. When you receive a fund drive request, be generous. When you see a firefighter, say thanks. Better yet, contact your local firehouse and become a volunteer. Who knows, maybe you will become one of the Heroes Among Us.

*By Chief Vincent P Falci, Middletown Fire Department*

*Middletown  
firefighters  
battle the  
Quick Chek  
fire on  
Rt. 35.*



## Municipal Budget Update

The Middletown budget team is continuing to closely examine the proposed municipal budget to ensure it provides high quality municipal services in a manner that minimizes their impact on township taxpayers to the extent possible.

As introduced, the proposed budget maintains essential services such as law enforcement, building inspections, snow removal and leaf and brush collection while addressing several budgetary issues including \$634,511 reduction in state aid, a \$1.1 million increase in state-mandated pension contributions, a \$316,394 state-mandated increase in the library's operating budget, increased utility expenses of \$600,000 and \$770,000 in severance packages for police officers who retired in 2007. Despite these budgetary issues, which total \$3,420,905, the proposed budget totals \$62,263,389.03 and represents an increase of \$2,473,999.89 or 4.1 percent over the 2007 amended budget of \$59,789,388.86. The increase is below the Consumer Price Index and the state's spending cap.

As introduced, the municipal tax rate would increase 5.1 cents to 75.7 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and would cost the average owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 an additional \$1.95 per week. Every penny on the tax rate equates to \$498,727 in needed revenue.

"We've already cut more than \$4.2 million in proposed expenditures through five rounds of departmental budget reviews since November and are actively searching for more cost savings," said Chief Financial Officer Richard E. Wright, Jr., a member of the township's budget team. Additionally, Wright stated that the local impact of the Governor's proposed cut in municipal aid contributed to 1.25 cents of this year's increase. Should the legislature restore the state aid to last year's level prior to budget adoption the municipal tax rate would be reduced to 3.8 cents for the 2008 budget.

"Middletown has a long history of fiscal conservatism, innovative cost-saving measures, and below average tax increases," said Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger. "However, it is more and more difficult to minimize property tax burdens in the face of escalating fuel and health care costs, shrinking municipal aid and expensive state mandates such as stormwater management, the provision of affordable housing and increased pension costs. While we can't control state-mandated costs, we can continue to look for ways to do more with less to provide residents with the affordable, high-quality services they expect and deserve."

Methods that are used to reduce municipal costs include a 13-percent reduction in the municipal workforce since 1989, streamlining work practices through greater use of technology, participating interlocal agreements, defraying project costs with grant monies and refinancing existing bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates.

Meanwhile, Township Committee members continue to express opposition to expensive state proposals, directives and mandates that further burden New Jersey's taxpayers. Recently adopted resolutions have cemented their opposition to the governor's proposed reduction of municipal aid, his proposed increase of state tolls, and proposed legislation that would mandate paid family leave.

Residents of the Solid Waste Collection district will note there is no tax increase in the garbage tax this year. It will remain at 14.6 cents per 100 of assessed valuation.

Historically, the municipal tax rate is about 20 percent of the tax bill homeowners receive. Another 19 percent is the county's portion of the bill. The final 61 percent goes to school taxes. The township's proposed budget can be found at www.middletonnj.org. A public hearing is scheduled for May 5, 2008 at 8 p.m. at Town Hall.



Message from the Mayor

Gerry Scharfenberger Ph.D.

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1 KINGS HIGHWAY,  
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## MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

The Mayor's Office at Town Hall will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10a.m. to noon to give residents an opportunity to discuss any topic of interest to them.

# The Impact of the Affordable Housing Program on Middletown

One of the most emotional and hotly-contested political issues confronting New Jersey today is affordable housing. While on its face the concept is noble, it does come with an enormous financial and environmental cost to the taxpayers. Thus, in these times of skyrocketing property taxes and budgetary stress at all levels of government, it is important to understand the role that the affordable housing program plays in our present and future well-being as a township.

First, a short explanation of what the affordable housing program is. The affordable housing program that exists today is the result of a State Supreme Court decision handed down in 1975, which resulted in municipalities like Middletown being ordered by the state to provide a percentage of its housing stock to low and moderate income persons. The number of units is tied directly to the population, number of existing and future market rate units and jobs within a municipality. Given the fact that Middletown is so large, our affordable housing obligation, as one would expect, is also proportionately large. At present, our obligation from the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) rounds 1, 2 & 3 stands in the neighborhood of 2,160 units. This is a tremendous number alone; however, when one considers that in the past only about 20% of any development had to be affordable, the number of units that must be constructed overall to meet our obligation is staggering. Since 2000, Middletown has had 1,187 new multi-family housing units built or approved. Of those, 440 are affordable housing units. This means that 37% of the new multi-family housing units built or being built in Middletown are affordable housing units.

One of the ways that Middletown has met part of its obligation has been through the use of Regional Contribution Agreements, or RCAs. RCAs allow a municipality to transfer a portion of its obligation to another town in the region to rehabilitate existing, substandard housing. In some cases the money can be used for new housing, but in most cases it is used for substantial rehabilitation. This is beneficial on several levels: it rehabilitates existing buildings and improves areas with concentrations of housing that is in poor condition, while protecting open space and the environmental infrastructure. At present, the state has made several changes to the affordable housing rules and regulations, which many argue, have dire consequences. One in particular is the increased costs of RCAs, from \$35,000 to \$70,000

per unit. This increase could virtually eliminate them as an option for Middletown.

Another major change is the revised formula for calculating a municipality's obligation, which will increase the number of units that Middletown must build. As a result, not only may we be forced to build all of the units within the boundaries of the township, we must now build more of them. Much of this comes at the expense of our precious, dwindling open space. Perhaps what is most distressing is the cost to the taxpayers. The governor has publicly stated that he wants to see 100,000 affordable housing units built in the state, although some estimates put the number at nearly ten times that. The cost to the taxpayers to subsidize 100,000 units comes to around \$16 billion dollars. Then there are the added costs of administration, planning and legal representation for the town. Builders will often challenge local zoning ordinances as a way to increase housing densities to absorb the affordable housing units, overriding our ability to control development. Increased densities also put additional strains on township schools, services and infrastructure. This has a tremendous impact on our budget with no room for adjustment when looking for areas to cut.

The Middletown Township Committee has recently passed a resolution asking the governor to re-examine the entire affordable housing program and consider its impact on the taxpayers. Many residents have outwardly questioned their ability to subsidize housing for others when they themselves are faced with rising property taxes, energy costs, and an uncertain economy. Still, the township is bound by the state mandate and has been very aggressive in trying to satisfy its legal obligations. Ironically, Middletown already has one of the most diverse array of housing units in the state with homes available in every range of the pricing spectrum. The key to making housing more affordable for all New Jerseyans is to rid the state of the yoke of costly government programs and cumbersome unfunded mandates and create a more equitable funding system for essential services. In the final analysis, our most important obligation still remains with the residents of Middletown, who are asking that we do everything in our power to keep Middletown affordable for everyone and protect the character and landscape that attracted people to the township in the first place.

## REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

The township can send alerts about local emergencies via e-mail and cell phone text message through the Citizen Communication Center. In order to receive alerts, residents must register through the township's website at [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org).

The alerting system can send messages to the entire registry or to those living within a specific location. The system has used been to notify residents about incidents such as coyote sightings, water main breaks, and potential flooding. Sign up today!

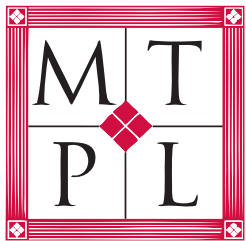
### CORRECTIONS

February 2008 Newsletter

The Human Rights Commission meeting schedule was incorrectly listed as the 4th Wednesday of each month. Commission meetings are generally held the 4th Thursday of each month.

An event listing for East Meets West, an art exhibit at the Middletown Library, incorrectly stated the exhibit is comprised of work from eight local Chinese artists from Taiwan. The listing should have referenced work from eight local artists from Taiwan.

The phone number to call for information on the Recycling Center canopy project was incorrect. The correct number is 732-615-2008.



Spring 2008

# CHECK IT OUT!

## South Asian Film Festival Indian Independent Cinema Short Films

Introduction by Shefali Mehta, a festival organizer  
Monday, June 2nd, 6:30 PM  
*Little Terrorist, Whose Children Are These, Dancing Kathmandu, Naming Ceremony*  
Indian music and refreshments courtesy of Neelam.  
Monday June 9th, 6:00 – 9:00 PM  
*Viva Liberty, 1001 Auditions, Priam, Red Roses*

## In The Gallery

GOLDEN RULE PROJECT ART EXHIBIT  
SPONSORED BY THE MONMOUTH CENTER FOR WORLD RELIGIONS AND ETHICAL THOUGHT  
MAY 29TH – JUNE 10TH  
ARTISTS' RECEPTION SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

*Did you know that all religions espouse some version of the Golden Rule?*

The Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical Thought will display art, poetry, and prose demonstrating each child's understanding of the Golden Rule in his or her own tradition. A partial listing of participating groups in this art project include Middletown Al Aman School, Allen Chapel AME Church, Baha'i Faith of Monmouth County, Christian Science Faith, Congregation B'nai Israel, Middletown Islamic Center of Monmouth County, Temple Beth Elm Temple Miriam, and Middletown Unitarian Universalist.

## CONOVER-WIHTOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Trustees of the Middletown Township Public Library is pleased to announce the availability of the Conover-Wihtol Scholarship for no less than \$500 for graduate study in Library Science. The Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Edith B. Conover and Karl F. Wihtol, both long-time residents of Middletown Township and dedicated friends to the Library.

First consideration for eligibility will be given to residents of Middletown Township, but in the absence of qualified applicants from the Township, New Jersey residents will be considered.

Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree or be in the final semester of undergraduate studies. The applicant will also be expected to provide evidence of acceptance for graduate work at an ALA accredited school of Library Science.

Application forms are available from the Middletown Township Public Library, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748. Completed application forms must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2008.

# Remembering the Holocaust

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JERRY CASCIANO

MAY 3RD – MAY 25TH

OPENING RECEPTION

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Jerry Casciano grew up listening to his late father's accounts of his participation in the liberation of Dachau during World War II. As a result of these memories the noted photographer traveled to Europe to shoot a series of photos at the Dachau and Treblinka camps. These evocative photos will be on display in the Middletown Library Gallery from May 3rd through May 25th.

Meet photographer, Jerry Casciano, Dr. Paul Winkler of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, and New Jersey Holocaust survivors.

HOLOCAUST RELATED FILMS IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

*Schindler's List* — Monday, May 12th, 2:00 PM

*Darfur Now* — Monday, May 19th, 7:00 PM

*The Hidden Child* — Maud Dahme will present her film *The Hidden Child*, documenting her Holocaust survival as a child hidden by Christian Dutch families. Thursday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m.



## Concerts

Wednesday, May 14th, 7:30 PM

Americana Songfest: Tony Sloan Revisits the 60s  
Tony Sloan and Friends. Acoustical guitar and popular twentieth-century American Music  
No reservations or tickets required.

Saturday, May 31st, 3:00 PM

Celadon Youth Orchestra  
This small orchestra is the only one selected to represent the United States at the International Children's Festival in Rome this summer.

Wednesday, June 4th, 7:30 PM

Monmouth Conservatory of Music Concert  
Doug Clark, tenor and Vladislav Kovalsky, piano, in a program of classical German lieder.

Wednesday, June 11th, 7:00 PM

Monmouth Conservatory Youth and Children's Chorus welcomes summer with a selection of favorite tunes from different cultures.



## "OUR PATRONS' FORUM"

*"I have visited the Library weekly for 17 years, and I'm always impressed by the selection of materials and the services available."*

— Beth Maletto

*"This is the best library in the world with the most knowledgeable and helpful staff."*

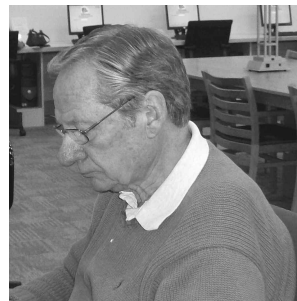
— Lori Anne Oliwa

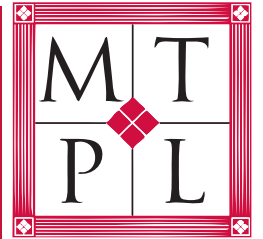
*"I visit the library all the time to take out books and music CDs."*

— Bob Astman

*"I borrow fiction titles regularly, and the Library's computers are faster than my home computer."*

— Karl Torjussen





## Book Clubs

Director's Choice Book Discussion Group  
Moderated by Middletown Main Library  
Director, Susan O'Neal

*New members are welcome at anytime. Everyone's voice is important – it is a democratic group. Join us for coffee and light refreshments at 9:00 AM in the library Community Room. Call 732-671-3700 ext 315 for more information. Or, add your name to our email list: soneal@mtpl.org*

### May 9th, 9:30 AM

*House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus. From The New York Times Book Review, "This is a story, told in highly visual, descriptive language, about how people you might choose to be your neighbors are repeatedly trapped by circumstances and transformed by events until finally they can—and do—destroy one another."

### June 13th, 9:30 AM

*The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. An apocalypse tale, hauntingly constructed.



Gina Larkin

### May 29th Poetry Reading

7:00 PM –  
8:30 PM

Gina Larkin,  
Wes Czyzewski,  
JC Todd

### Mystery Book Club

May 14th,  
10:00 AM  
Margaret Truman –  
Murder at Union  
Station

June Mystery Book Club will be a round robin of Edgar Award winning mysteries since 2000. See the film *Heavenly Creatures*, directed by Peter Jackson

### May 15th, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Thursday Evening Book and Movie Discussion.

### June 12th, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

*A Shot in the Heart* by Mikal Gilmore. Thursday Evening Book and Movie Discussion.

## "WE DO WII"

INTRODUCTION TO "WII" FOR SENIOR ADULTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH, 10:00 AM

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, 10:00 AM

TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 10:00 AM

*Introduction to Wii. Everyone Can Do It! No Special Skills Required! For Seniors Ages 60 and over only! Refreshments. Lotsa laughs! Wear comfortable shoes. Come play with us! Play tennis, bowling, golf, football, table tennis, baseball, darts, hoops and more!*

## THE TEEN ZONE

**May 2** Wii for Teens and Card games, SPIT and UNO 3:30-4:30 PM

**May 5** Cinco de Mayo, Mexican Cultural Fest 7:00-8:30 PM

**May 6** DIY Craft and Wii games 3:00-4:30 PM

**May 11** Movie Matinee 2:30-4:30 PM

**May 15** Gossip Girls Book Group 3:30-4:30 PM

**May 20** Wii Games 3:30-4:30 PM

**May 27** DIY Crafts and Wii Games 3:30-4:30 PM

## Annual Review of Library Services and Performance

**Question:** What Middletown civic institution was visited by enough people in 2007 to fill up Giants Stadium 6 times?

**Answer:** The Middletown Township Public Library with 471,330 visitors!

**Are you surprised?** If you're one of the nearly 2,000 people who visit each day, you already know that Middletown Library is a destination of choice in the community. If not, there is room for you too!

### Financial Review

Revenue	Expense <sup>[1]</sup>
Municipal Appropriation \$3,846,403	Salaries & Wages \$1,595,000
Per Capita State Aid \$ 71,165 <sup>[2]</sup>	Benefits \$ 900,000
Fines & Copier \$ 130,649 <sup>[3]</sup>	Materials \$ 700,000
<b>TOTAL \$4,048,217</b>	Operations \$ 616,080
	Capital Expenses from State Aid \$ 40,270

Volumes Borrowed	860,359
Reserves Filled	17,735
InterLibrary Loans Obtained for Middletown residents	1,554
New Cardholders	3,005
Reference & Research Questions Answered	67,074
Internet Use	71,502
Subscription Database Use	62,770
Number of Programs	982
Attendance at Programs	38,378
Volumes Added to the Collection	25,762
Number of E-Reference Books	78

### Top 5 Fiction Titles for 2007

1. The Secret by Rhonda Byrne
2. Simple Genius by David Baldacci
3. The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory
4. A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
5. The Quickie by James Patterson

### Top 5 collections of non-fiction borrowing, in order, are:

1. Biography
2. Cooking
3. Diet, Health and Fitness
4. Family Life, especially Parenting
5. Economics

**The final test:** If you've read any of the above, the answer to this last question should be a snap.

**Question:** What Middletown civic institution had enough program attendees in 2007 to fill up NJPAC 14 times?

## Computer Classes

Register at least 8 days in advance. All classes are held at 10:30 am and are 1-1/2 hours long. Monday classes are at 7:00 pm. All classes are free to Middletown adult residents and non-residents. Please register by calling the library or in person. All classes are held in the Computer Lab.

- May 6th, Consumer Health on the Web
- May 13th, Using the Library Website
- May 20th, PC Literacy
- June 3rd, Internet for Beginners
- June 10th, Microsoft Word
- June 17th, Computer Maintenance (last class until September)

## Library Locations:

**All libraries will be closed on Memorial day, Monday 26th**

### MAIN LIBRARY

55 New Monmouth Road

### BAYSHORE BRANCH

180 Main Street, Port Monmouth

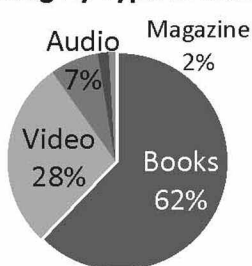
### LINCROFT BRANCH

722 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

### NAVESINK BRANCH

Monmouth & Sears Avenue

### Borrowing By Type of Material

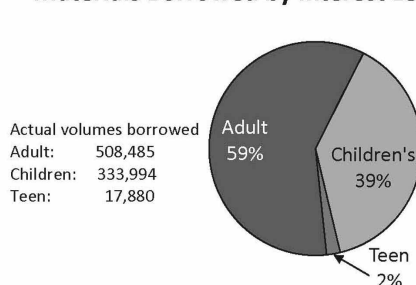


<sup>[1]</sup> Estimates- 2007 expenses not finalized  
<sup>[2]</sup> Usually spent for Capital projects  
<sup>[3]</sup> Reserve for Contingency/Capital Expense

### Quick Facts for 2007

The number of books borrowed in 2007 was up 3% over the previous year. Reading is still very important with our customers. The actual number, which represents 62% of all borrowing, was 532,234. Two thirds of materials borrowed were from the adult and teen collections; one third was children's material.

### Materials Borrowed by Interest Level





## Registration Information

Registrations are computerized. Please complete all registration forms as completely as possible. Adult in-house programs are free to Middletown Senior Citizens. NO telephone registrations will be accepted. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. You will ONLY be called if a class is cancelled or postponed. Refunds will only be granted up to and before the 2nd class of the program THERE IS A \$5.00 REFUND FEE.

## Ways to Register:

- 1) In person at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Office:  
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737
- 2) By mail to:  
Make Checks payable to:  
Middletown Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
Mail to: Middletown Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
900 Leonardville Road  
Leonardo, NJ 07737
- 3) On the internet at: [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org)  
Click on Parks and Recreation then  
Click on "on-line registrations"

ALL YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS ARE FOR TEN (10) SESSIONS EACH, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

ALL PROGRAMS HAVE LIMITED SPACE - ENROLL EARLY TO ASSURE PLACEMENT IN A CLASS.

NON-RESIDENTS WILL BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST AND IN THE EVENT A PROGRAM IS NOT FILLED, WILL THEN BE CALLED. INSTRUCTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PLACE PARTICIPANTS IN ANOTHER SECTION OF CLASS IF ABILITIES WARRANT A CHANGE.

## Facilities

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES</b>	Middletown Arts Center Croydon Hall 900 Leonardville Road Leonardo, NJ 07737 (732) 615-2260
Office Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday E-mail: <a href="mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org">recreation@middletownnj.org</a>	Miniature Golf Course Tindall Park Tindall Road Middletown, NJ 07748 (732) 671-5145
Tonya Keller Bayshore Recreation Center 50 Bray Avenue Middletown, NJ 07748 (732) 787-1880	Swim & Tennis Club 214 Harmony Road Middletown, NJ 07748 (732) 671-5757
Hillside Community Center 144 Chestnut Avenue Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 (732) 872-8101	<b>BEACHES</b>
Senior Center/ Croydon Hall 900 Leonardville Road Leonardo, NJ 07737 (732) 615-2265	Ideal Beach Bayside Parkway (732)787-6157
	Leonardo Beach Beach Avenue (732)872-6708

## Special Events

### COMMUNITY ART SHOW SERIES

#### Photography Show: May 3-11

*Award Reception Sunday, May 4 at 2:00p.m.*

Open to adult photographers in both amateur and professional categories as well as youth photographers ages 8-12 and 13-17 or high school seniors. Entry fee for children is \$2.00 per piece with a 6 piece maximum. Entry fee for adults is \$25 for up to 6 framed photographs. Photographers may also enter unframed matted, photographs for display in our print racks. Photos will be accepted at the Arts Center on Monday, April 28 and Tuesday, April 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm.

#### Amateur Art Show: May 31- June 8

*Award Reception Sunday, June 1st at 2:00p.m.*

Open to adult artists who are beginners or paint as a hobby, but do not sell their work. Entry fee is \$25 for up to 5 framed pieces. Specific size restrictions will apply. Artwork will be accepted at the Arts Center on Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm.

#### Exhibit Hours - All Shows

*Monday-Friday 3p.m. - 8p.m.*

*Saturday 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.*

*Sunday 11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

### KID'S FISHING DERBY

*Saturday, April 26*

The fishing derby will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at Shadow Lake, located in Stevenson Park, West Front St. Lincroft. The derby is open to children ages 7-14. Children must be accompanied by an adult and must provide their own bait and tackle. Cost is \$8 per person and pre-registration is required. Check in will be held at 9:00a.m. followed by fishing from 9:30-11:15a.m. Prizes will be awarded at 11:30 a.m. in a variety of categories and age groups. Rain or shine.

### ANNUAL MOTHER / SON BRUNCH

*Sunday, May 4*

Middletown Moms will have the opportunity to escort their sons (Grades K - 5) to an afternoon of relaxation and great fun. Open to Middletown residents only. This event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The price is \$33 per person. This includes a buffet brunch, DJ for entertainment, a 5 x 7 photo of mom and son, and a special gift for every son.

### FATHER / SON ADVENTURE OUTING

*Friday, May 30 (New Date)*

*Blackbeard's Cave in Bayville, NJ.*

Fathers & sons, grades K-5, will be able to enjoy this great event. Dinner will be provided for all participants (2 slices of pizza and a soda). The bus departs at 4:00p.m. and returns at approximately 10:00p.m. This event is for Middletown residents only. The fee will be \$33 per person and includes all of the facility's amenities, transportation and a T-shirt for each son. Fathers can purchase a T-shirt for an additional \$7. Rain date will be Friday, June 13.

### BASEBALL TRIPS

**SHEA STADIUM.** Come to see the NY Mets, in their final season at Shea Stadium, take on the LA Dodgers with ex-Yankee Manager Joe Torre on Sunday, June 1. The cost is \$45 per person which includes charter bus transportation and upper reserved seats. The bus will depart at 10:00 a.m. and will return immediately after the game. Game time is 1:10 p.m.

**YANKEE STADIUM** to see the NY Yankees take on the Texas Rangers in their final season. Come say good bye to Yankee Stadium as the Yankees call their last year in the House That Ruth Built "The Swan Song for the Cathedral", on Tuesday, July 1. The cost is \$30 per person which includes, charter bus transportation and Bleacher seats. The bus will depart at 3:30p.m. and will return immediately after the game. Game time is 7:05p.m.

**ORIOLE PARK at Camden Yards, Baltimore, MD** to see the NY Yankees take on the Baltimore Orioles, on Sunday, August, 24. The game is currently scheduled for a 1:35p.m. start. However, please keep in mind there is a possibility the start time could change because of the TV schedule. In addition, there is time scheduled prior to the game to visit the inner harbor. The cost is \$55 per person which includes, charter bus transportation and Eutaw St. Reserve tickets. The bus will depart at 8:00a.m. and will return immediately after the game.

*Registration is currently being accepted for all trips and events listed above. All trips depart and return to the Johnson Gill Annex at Middletown Town Hall on Kings Highway, located behind the Police Station. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are limited so register early! For more information or to be sent a registration form, please call the Recreation Office at 732-615-2260.*

## MIDDLETOWN SWIM & TENNIS CLUB

214 Harmony Road • 732-671-5757

**OPEN HOUSE:** Saturday & Sunday 9am-1pm Through May 18

**OPEN WEEKENDS:** Beginning May 24

**OPEN DAILY:** Beginning June 21\*

### Applications

Visit the Parks & Recreation Office or [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org)  
(go to parks & recreation, then forms)

*\*subject to change*

# & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

## Adult Instructional & Activity Programs

### FITNESS PROGRAMS

ALL SUMMER FITNESS PROGRAMS ARE HELD AT THE HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

### BALANCE & STRETCH

A fitness program designed and focused on strengthening muscles needed for balance, flexibility, mobility and stability. Learn to exercise to increase these areas and increase body motion.

Tuesday, 8:15-9:00a.m. (12 weeks)

First class starts July 8

Code #221223-01 Cost \$35.00

### BODY TONING

The program is designed to help better condition and improve muscle tone, shape and to improve cardiac output with the use of free weights and exercise.

Mondays, 9:00-10:00a.m. (12 weeks)

First class starts July 7

Code #221221-01 Cost \$35.00

### KICK BOXING

The program is designed to help better condition and improve muscle tone and cardiac output. This is a moderate to high energy cardiovascular workout program that combines kick boxing techniques to work the upper body, lower body and abdominals.

Mondays, 6:30-7:30p.m. (12 weeks)

First class starts July 7

Code #221114-01 Cost \$35.00

### PILATES BODY SCULPTURE

Pilates will strengthen and lengthen muscles, improve posture and flexibility and build core strength. These workouts will help to sculpture your body in ways that normal exercise does not accomplish.

Mondays, 7:30-8:30p.m. (12 weeks)

First class starts July 7

Code #221118-01 Cost \$35.00

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00a.m. (12 weeks)

First class starts July 8

Code #221118-02 Cost \$35.00

### LOW IMPACT CARDIO

Beginner, intermediate and advanced exercises are demonstrated. Everyone is encouraged to work at their own comfort level.

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15p.m. (12 weeks)

First class starts July 9

Code #221116-01 Cost \$35.00

Thursdays, 9:00 to 10:00am (12 weeks)

First class starts July 10

Code # 221116-02 Cost \$35.00

### BEGINNERS YOGA

Yoga allows you to enhance creativity, create energy and reduce stress. Meditation, posture, breathing and relaxation will help to improve

health function of the body and mind.

Mondays, 10:00-11:00a.m.

First class starts July 7

Code #221222-01 Cost \$35.00

Saturdays, 8:30-9:30a.m.

Code #221222-02 Cost \$35.00

### FITNESS PROGRAMS SPECIAL OFFER:

Register for any two (2) programs

Code #221119-01 Cost \$60.00

Register for any three (3) programs

Code #221115-01 Cost \$90.00

### PERSONAL TRAINING GROUP

ALL SUMMER FITNESS PROGRAMS ARE HELD AT THE CROYDON HALL GYMNASIUM FITNESS ROOM.

This program is designed with the personal touch in mind. Participants are evaluated for individual needs and abilities. Programs are developed based on evaluation and monitored during a six-week period. Limited enrollment per session and each session runs for 6 weeks twice per week.

Mondays, 11:00-12:00p.m.

and Fridays, 10:30-11:30a.m.

First Class starts July 7

Code #221220-01 Cost \$95.00

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30p.m.

First Class starts July 7

Code #221220-02 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-11:00a.m.

First Class starts July 8

Code #221220-03 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00a.m.-

12:00p.m.

First Class starts July 8

Code #221220-04 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30p.m.

First Class starts on July 8

Code #221220-05 Cost \$95.00

Saturdays, 9:30-10:30a.m.

First Class starts on July 12

Once per week for 6 weeks

Code #221220-06 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30a.m.

First Class starts July 12

Once per week for 6 weeks

Code #221220-07 Cost \$50.00

### SECOND SESSION

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30p.m.

First class starts August 18

Code #221220-08 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-11:00a.m.

First class starts August 19

Code #221220-09 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00a.m.-

12:00p.m.

First class starts August 18

Code #221220-10 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30p.m.

First class starts August 18

Code #221220-11 Cost \$95.00

Saturdays, 9:30-10:30a.m.

First class starts August 23

Once per week for 6 weeks

Code #221220-12 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30a.m.

First class starts August 23

Once per week for 6 weeks.

Code #221220-13 Cost \$50.00

### WOMEN'S CIRCUIT TRAINING

This program is designed as a come-when-you-want program. You can go any day of the week, between 5:30a.m and 10:30p.m.

NEW STUDENTS ONLY - One Month Use

Sunday-Saturday, 5:30a.m.-10:30p.m.

New session starts every day

Code #221230-01 Cost \$35.00

Centrex/Fit Express, 887 Hwy 35

### YOGA FOR RELAXATION

Meditation, posture, breathing and relaxation improve the health function of both body and mind. Yoga allows you to enhance creativity, create energy and reduce stress.

INTERMEDIATE

Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm (12 weeks)

Prerequisite: Beginners class

First session starts June 30

Code#221210-01 Cost \$60.00

Croydon Hall Senior Center East Wing

BEGINNERS

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30p.m. (12 weeks)

First session Starts on July 1

Code#221210-02 Cost \$60.00

Croydon Hall Senior Center East Wing

### TENNIS PROGRAMS

#### ADULTS

This program consists of 6 weeks of supervised play and instruction.

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm (6 weeks)

First session starts July 10

Code# 221505-01 Cost \$55.00

Tindall Park, Tindall Road

#### WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The women's league consists of 6 weeks of supervised singles and doubles play, including tips on strategy and technique.

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts July 9

Code# 221520-01 Cost \$45.00

Held at Tindall Park, Tindall Rd.

## Senior Center

The Middletown Senior Center welcomes Middletown residents 60 or older to become a member. Registration is free and required to participate in Senior Center events. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. Transportation provided to events for registered members with advance reservation. Events are held in the East Wing of the Senior Center unless noted otherwise.

MAY 8, 1:00P.M.

MOTHER'S DAY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Special day to honor the ladies. Entertainment & refreshments.

MAY 15, 11:30A.M.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH LUNCHEON

Celebrate Older Americans Month with a luncheon at Jacques, Palmer Avenue. Choice of Chicken Marguerite, Flounder Florentine, or Prime Rib. Cost is \$25.00. Sign up by May 1.

MAY 22, 1:00P.M.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

Pay tribute to our veterans and active members of the military. Program scheduled to include a flag ceremony and musical entertainment.

MAY 29, 11:30A.M.

SENIOR HEALTH & INFORMATION FAIR

Free health screening and information about services offered in the community. Door prizes & light refreshments.

JUNE 4, 6:30-8:30P.M.

FIFTIES DANCE

Enjoy your favorite music with entertainer Jerry Castaldo. Dessert & coffee served. Cost is \$3. Sign up by June 2.

JUNE 5, 1:00 P.M.

"KEEPING YOUR KEYS"

The Monmouth County Sheriff's office will make a presentation about safe driving techniques.

JUNE 12, 1:00P.M.

FATHER'S DAY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Special Day to honor the gentlemen. Entertainment & refreshments.

JUNE 19 - 1:00P.M.

"HEALTHY SKIN AS WE AGE"

A wellness speaker will make a presentation about skin care.

JUNE 26, 12-3:00P.M.

OPEN HOUSE

Stop in & discover services and programs offered by the Center. Free registration.



## Youth Instructional & Teen Activity Programs

### COMPUTER CAMPS

This camp is designed for young computer lovers in grades 4-8. This three-week program will focus on multi-media and animation. Instruction by certified teacher.

CAMPS ARE HELD TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAYS AT THORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

#### 4-5 Grade Camp

Tues.-Thurs., 12:00-2:00 p.m.

First Session starts July 8 (3 weeks)

Code #211100-01 Cost \$45.00

#### 6-8 Grade Camp

Tues.-Thurs, 9:00a.m.-noon

First session starts July 8 (3 weeks)

Code #211100-02 Cost \$65.00

### BASEBALL CAMP

Boys and girls 6 to 15 years old

Participants receive a t-shirt and basic skills instruction. BODMAN PARK

July 28 - July 31 (4 days)

Mon.-Thurs, 4:00-8:00p.m.

Code #211081-01 Cost \$60.00

### GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Girls 8 to 14 years old

Limited registration. Instruction provided by certified Middletown teacher/coach. Girls receive a t-shirt. CROYDON HALL GYMNASIUM

July 21 - 25 (5 days)

Monday-Friday, 4:00-7:00p.m.

Code #211090-01 Cost \$50.00

### BOYS BASKETBALL CAMPS

Boys ages 8 to 14

Instruction provided by certified teachers, Monmouth County and Shore Conference coaches. Participants receive a t-shirt and ball.

THESE 5-DAY CAMPS ARE HELD MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 4:00-6:00P.M. AT CROYDON HALL GYMNASIUM

Boys 7 to 10 years old, July 7- July 11

Code #211082-01 Cost \$75.00

Boys 11 to 14 year olds, July 14-18

Code #211082-02 Cost \$75.00

### CERAMICS CAMPS

Boys and girls 6 to 14 years old

Learn to decorate various clay figures from pre-cast molds. Instruction provided by certified teacher. All supplies included.

THESE 4-DAY CAMPS ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 2:00-4:00P.M. AT THE CROYDON HALL ACTIVITY CENTER

July 28-31

Code #211030-01 Cost \$55.00

August 4-7

Code #211030-02 Cost \$55.00

### GIRLS CHEERLEADING CAMPS

Girls 7-14 years old

Cheerleading techniques will be taught along with cheer, dance, and stunting. Instruction provided by former H.S. Captain of Varsity Cheerleading Squad and college cheerleader.

THESE 4-DAY CAMPS ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT CROYDON HALL.

Beginners - July 14-17

10:15a.m.-12:15p.m.

Code #211083-01 Cost \$35.00

Intermediate - August 4-7

10:15 a.m.-12:45p.m.

Code #211083-02 Cost \$45.00

Advanced - August 11-14

10:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Code #211083-03 Cost \$50.00

### GIRLS SOFTBALL CAMP

Girls in grades 3 to 8

Limited registration. Girls receive a t-shirt.

THESE 5-DAY CAMPS ARE HELD FROM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT BODMAN PARK.

July 7 - July 11

Grades 3-5: 4:00-6:00p.m.

Grades 6-8: 6:00-8:00p.m.

Code #211080-01 Cost \$55.00

### YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

Boys and girls 6 to 12 years old

This 4-day camp offers basic skill instruction and game play. Participants receive a t-shirt. Limited registration.

THESE 4-DAY CAMPS ARE HELD MONDAY-THURSDAY 5:00-7:00 P.M. AT BODMAN PARK.

Ages 6 to 8 years,

July 21-July 24.

Code #211091-01 Cost \$35.00

Ages 9 to 12,

July 28 - 31

Code #211091-02 Cost \$35.00

### GOALIE CAMPS

Boys and girls ages 6 to 12

This camp offers basic skill instruction and game play. Participants receive a t-shirt camp.

THESE 4-DAY CAMPS ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 5:00-6:00P.M. AT BODMAN PARK.

Ages 6 to 8,

August 4 - 7

Code #211098-01 Cost \$25.00

Ages 9 to 12,

August 4-7

Code #211098-02 Cost \$25.00

### YOUTH FITNESS CAMP

Boys and girls 9-12 years old

This camp will help improve fitness, strength and agility, which improves their performance in sports and day-to-day activities. Instruction by certified trainer.

Mon, Wed. & Fri. 3:00-4:30p.m.

Starting July 7 (3 weeks)

Code #211200-01 Cost \$65.00

Croydon Hall Gymnasium

### SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

The swim instruction program is for beginners and intermediates. Each Class will be held for 2 weeks and is for Middletown Residents only. Lessons will be conducted at Camp Hope in Lincroft.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED WITH A \$35.00 PAYMENT, ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED.

Session No. 1 June 23 to July 3

Beginners

1:00-1:50p.m. Code #211009-01

2:00-2:50p.m. Code #211009-02

Intermediate

3:00-3:50p.m. Code #211009-03

Session No. 2 July 7 to July 18

Beginners

1:00-1:50p.m. Code #211009-04

2:00-2:50a.m. Code #211009-05

6:00-6:50p.m. Code #211009-07

Intermediate

3:00-3:50p.m. Code #211009-06

Session No. 3 July 21 to Aug. 1

Beginners

1:00-1:50p.m. Code #211009-08

2:00-2:50p.m. Code #211009-09

6:00-6:50p.m. Code #211009-11

Intermediate

3:00-3:50p.m. Code #211009-10

### GYMNASTIC CAMPS

Boys and Girls 4 to 9 years old

Each camp will consist of three 2-hour sessions on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Instruction provided by Head Over Heels Gymnastics on Kanes Lane. Camps are for first time participants only.

4 to 6 year olds

July 7, July 9, & July 11, 1:30-3:30p.m.

Code # 211015-01 Cost \$35.00

7 to 9 year olds

July 14, July 16, & July 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Code # 211015-02 Cost \$35.00

### BODIES IN MOTION DANCE CAMP

Students will learn different styles of dance, including ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop. Instruction provided by Bodies in Motion Centre staff.

THESE 3-DAY CAMPS ARE HELD MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY AT HEAD OVER HEELS GYMNASIUMS, KANES LANE.

4-7 year olds

August 5, 6 & 7, 1:15-3:15p.m.

Code #211018-01 Cost \$35.00

Ages 8 & older

August 12, 13 & 14, 1:15-3:15p.m.

Code #211018-02 Cost \$35.00

### YOUNG BOWLERS PROGRAM

Boys and girls 5 to 14 years old

The program runs on Monday or Wednesday starting at 4p.m. for 12 weeks. Cost is \$8.00 per participant per week for 2 games. Includes rental shoes, balls, trophies and t-shirts. Programs are held at the Brunswick Zone, Hazlet.

Mondays at 4:00p.m., Starts June 2

Code #211085-01

Registration Cost \$ 10.00

Wednesdays at 4:00p.m., Starts June 4

Code #211085-02

Registration Cost \$10.00

Adult & Youth Program,

Thursdays at 7:00p.m., Starts June 5

Code #231085-03

Registration Cost \$10.00

### FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

Girls in grades 5-9

This camp offers basic thru intermediate skill drills, game play techniques and tactics. Instruction by high school coaches Jenna Minnuies, Nina Hallard & Tiffany Kenney. Camp will be held at Bayshore Middle School. Participants must have shin guards, mouth piece and stick.

THESE 5-DAY CAMPS IS HELD MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BAYSHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

July 7 - 11, 9-11:00a.m.

Code #211032-01 Cost \$75.00

July 21 - 25, 9-11:00a.m.

Code #211032-02 Cost \$75.00

July 21-25, 6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.

Code #211032-03 Cost \$75.00

### RIVER RANGERS PROGRAM

Boys and girls 10 to 14 years old

This 5-day camp is for youths who want to explore local creeks and rivers. They'll gain self-esteem by acquiring team-building skills and developing self-reliance. Program runs Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

August 4 to 8

Code #211060-01 Cost 150.00

August 11-15

Code #211060-02 Cost 150.00

# & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

## Youth Instructional & Teen Activity Programs

### KARATE KID CAMP

Boys and girls ages 4-12  
This Monday-Thursday camp will be held at Amato's Karate, Palmer Avenue. Uniform required.

4 to 12 year olds  
July 7- 10, 12:00-1:55 p.m.  
Code #211095-01 Cost \$35.00

### SUMMER MAD SCIENCE CAMPS

Camps are for boys and girls in grades 1-5  
Mad Science camps are held at Croydon Hall Activity Center

### SURVIVAL - PREDATORS & PREY

Predator or prey, which will you be? Campers will discover how birds and beasts catch their prey without becoming someone else's lunch. They will then be challenged to survive in the exciting, pulse pounding "Food Chain Survival" game.

CAMPS ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 2:00-5:00P.M.

June 23 - 27  
Code #211400-01 Cost \$130.00

August 4 - 8  
Code #211400-07 Cost \$130.00

### RADICAL REACTIONS & DETECTIVE SCIENCE

In this 5-day program, campers will have tons of fun mixing up potions and experimenting with all kinds of chemical reactions! Our young chemist will grow crystals, create sidewalk chalk, and make chromatography t-shirts to take home.

CAMPS ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 2:00-5:00P.M.

July 7 - 11  
Code #211400-02 Cost \$130.00

July 28 - August 1  
Code #211400-05 Cost \$130.00

### MAD MACHINES & JUNIOR ENGINEERS

Throughout the week, campers will discover how many different machines, simple & complex, we use in our daily lives. The junior Mad Science engineers will design and build bridges, 'skyscrapers' and a geodesic dome big enough for all the campers to sit inside!

July 14 - 18  
Monday-Friday, 2:00-5:00p.m.  
Code #211400-03 Cost \$130.00

July 28 - Aug. 1  
Monday-Friday, 9a.m. - 12:00p.m.  
Code #211400-04 Cost \$130.00

### SPACE - THE FINAL FRONTIER

Throughout the week, brave young astronauts will explore the mysteries of the solar system and the

science behind air and space travel. Students will learn the basics of rocket science, how scientists study the planets and stars, how astronauts live and work in space and much more.

August 4 - 8  
Monday - Friday, 9a.m.-12p.m.  
Code #211400-06 Cost \$130.00

### COMPUTERTOTS COMPUTER EXPLORERS

CAMPS ARE HELD AT THE CROYDON HALL ACTIVITY CENTER

### DINO DIG

Boys and Girls 5 to 8 years old  
Budding paleontologists learn about dinosaurs and the techniques used in extracting fossils in this hands-on class. Go on your own fossil dig, analyze and assemble skeleton pieces, produce a fossil reconstruction, create a mural...and take home a movie documentary of your discoveries!

June 30-July 3  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., 2:00-4:00p.m.  
Code #211450-01 Cost \$130.00

### AMUSEMENT PARK ANTICS

Boys and Girls 9-12 years old  
Campers will create the virtual theme park of their dreams, design the perfect roller coaster and see what it would feel like to ride on it. Camp uses the Advanced Lego Mindstorm System.

August 11-14  
Mon.-Thurs., 2:00-4:30p.m.  
Code 211450-03 Cost \$130.00

### AROUND THE WORLD

Boys and girls 3 - 5 years old  
Join us in our around the world adventure!! The children will receive passports and visit different countries as they travel through the week. They will be experiencing the fun of a new place, language and culture through computer activities, games, crafts and celebrating a local festival.

August 11 - 14  
Mon.-Thurs., 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Code #211450-02 Cost \$99.00

### TEEN ADVENTURE CLUB

MIDDLETOWN STUDENTS  
ENTERING GRADES 7-10 IN SEPTEMBER 2008

Participants have the opportunity to attend a trip three times a week over the summer months. Club membership is required to participate. Once a member, a trip list will then be sent. Members have the option to attend whichever trips they choose and must only pay for those selected trips. All trips will be chaperoned. Trips may include, but are not limited to: Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Great Adventure, Medieval Times, Waterworks, Morey's Piers, white water rafting, laser tag, mall trips, movies and bowling, a baseball game, Dave and Busters Arcade, and a Broadway show. **Registration Deadline has been extended to May 9, 2008.**

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays  
June 23 to August 8, 2008  
Code# 211330-01, Membership fee \$25.00

## 2008 Summer Recreation Program

June 23 - July 25, 2008  
Youth ages 6-12

Three locations -  
Thorne & Thompson Middle  
Schools, Croydon hall

Program held rain or shine  
Monday-Fridays  
9:00a.m. to 1:30p.m

Activities include organized  
sports, arts & crafts, weekly  
trips and more

Registration starts  
Saturday, May 3rd  
9:00am - 1:30pm  
Croydon Hall  
900 Leonardville Rd.

## PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

### Parents/Guardians Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Participant Information

Code # \_\_\_\_\_ Activity Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Name \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment: 1. Cash \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Check \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to : Middletown Parks and Recreation: 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737



## Happy First Birthday!

The Middletown Arts Center celebrated its FIRST birthday with a calendar full of exciting arts events that reminded us just how far we have come. Last year's ribbon cutting ceremony in March marked the birth of something wonderful right here in our town for all to enjoy. Among our many inaugural events and activities were:

- The 50th Annual Middletown Adult Art Show with fifty artists participating
- The 34th Annual Middletown Youth Arts show that highlighted the work of 99 students
- The award-winning "Paint Your Middletown" banner contest which invited children from across the town to paint something interesting about their neighborhood
- The formation of a Teen Arts Advisory Panel to bring together talented teenagers to create and assist with programs for our youth
- Several sessions of our popular "Day Off From School is a Day On at the MAC" program that offers affordable arts activities for children when school is closed.
- Free Senior Days that welcomed Senior Citizens into the center, providing transportation for those registered with our Senior Center.
- The Monmouth County Arts Council's Art Education Awards and a roundtable event with neighboring arts councils to exchange ideas about community arts
- The New Jersey State Council on the Arts workshops for teaching artists
- A violin concert that was the culmination of a Middletown Education Foundation program for young violinists in our schools
- Our free Spring Arts Festival that included performances by the VooDudes, Richard Reiter's Drum Circle and the teen jazz and blues group, Outside the

Box, as well as art exhibits and craft demonstrations.

- "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" produced and directed by the Middletown Arts Center's newly formed Teen Theatre Group
- Two sold-out concerts by Bruce Gallipani's "Rockit For Kids!" program
- A very successful 8-week Summer Arts Camp series "Caras and Colleagues" exhibit that featured the work of 19 illustrators and included original autographed illustrations by Norman Rockwell
- An equine art exhibit that included the work of five area artists in celebration of the Breeder's Cup.
- Additional exhibits included the work of Jay Hochheiser, Chris Covert, and Mike Harper, all of whom won the honor at the art show
- Celdon Youth's Debut "Music From the East" Concert
- Two River Theatre's rehearsals of Macbeth and Glass Menagerie

In 2007, the educational programs at the Middletown Arts Center included a total of 19 new adult classes with 123 registrants and 36 new youth classes with 295 registrants. Our special classes and workshops included 541 registrants and our summer camp hosted a record 440 children. In addition to arts programming, the Middletown Arts Center also hosted several township events including the Middletown Fire Academy Graduation, Neighborhood meetings, a Middletown Parks and Recreation Master Plan Workshop, and the Coyote Awareness Meeting. Paid memberships at the Middletown Arts Center grew to over 300!

The Middletown Township Cultural and Arts

Council won the 2007 Victor E. Grossinger "Excellence in Programming" Award and the Charles M. Pike Award for outstanding recreation facility from the Monmouth County Recreation and Park Association. The Middletown Arts Center also won the "Excellence in Design" award from the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association.

The Middletown Arts Center continues to receive overwhelmingly positive response from visitors, residents, and participants. It is fast becoming a true gem in our township and we hope that you will celebrate with us and visit soon!



*Best in Show winner, Ian Smith, receives his trophy from Deputy Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill at the 35th Annual Middletown Youth Art Show. (Photo courtesy of Julia Silva)*

### Monmouth Civic Chorus to Perform

A new musical comes to New Jersey with the Monmouth Civic Chorus production of Golden Gate. Set in San Francisco in the 1930's, Golden Gate tells the story of a family traveling to the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. The music of the Golden Gate is a road trip from retro to pop, with sounds of the Jazz Age and 1990's Broadway. With music by Richard Pearson Thomas and book by Joe Calarco, the show is award winning. The world premiere of this concert version of Golden Gate, led by Dr. Mark Shapiro, will be performed at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2008. Tickets are \$25 regular, \$22 seniors, \$20 groups, \$5 students. Visit [www.monmouthcivicchorus.org](http://www.monmouthcivicchorus.org).

### AUDITIONS!!!!

The Middletown Peer Players, the Middletown Arts Center's Teen Theatre Group, will be holding auditions for *Honk! The Musical Tale of the Ugly Duckling* on Wednesday, May 21 and Thursday, May 22 from 5:00-8:00p.m. at the Arts Center. There will be a vocal audition, where accompaniment will be provided, and a dance audition. Bring sheet music and wear appropriate dance attire. Parts are available for males and females ages 15-21. For more information, check the Middletown Peer Players official website at [www.middletownpeerplayers.com](http://www.middletownpeerplayers.com) or call (732) 706-4100.



*"Puppy" by Rosemary Bagwell is an art project made of recycled cans for a recent community art event.*

### Classes, Camps, and More!

The Middletown Arts Center will be hosting many new and continuing spring arts classes for all ages. Among the many offerings are adult ballroom dancing, Photoshop, stained glass art, watercolor for teens, a new jazz workshop, and several "two-together" classes for children with an adult. Our very popular SUMMER ARTS Camps will run for eight weeks starting July 7th. Offerings will include full and half day programs in visual art, dance, theatre and music.

### Now Visit us on the Web!!!!

The Middletown Arts Center has a brand new web site that will provide you with schedules of classes and events and classes at the Arts Center as well as information about the Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council. Visit us today at [www.middletownarts.org](http://www.middletownarts.org)

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YOUTH  
ARTS  
CAMP

# State Award Received for Arts Center Design

The success of the Middletown Arts Center has recently been recognized by the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association with an award for excellence in design.

"We're proud that New Jersey Recreation and Park Association share our opinion that the Middletown Arts Center is unique and versatile facility worthy of recognition," said Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger. "This award belongs to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, the Middletown Arts Council and the many dedicated volunteers and professionals who worked so hard to see that a former commercial space was converted into the beautiful yet practical facility the community enjoys today."

The Middletown Arts Center, located at 36 Church Street, is a flexible recreation space suitable for a wide range of artistic and

cultural activities. The building includes many unique features including a handicapped-accessible grand entry converted from a truck loading ramp and a flex-arts space complete with a retractable stage and seating. The 23,000-square-foot facility also includes handicapped-accessible dressing rooms, an exhibit hall, formal art gallery, classrooms, an art studio, a music practice room, dance studio, and a media lab.

The award is the second the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department has received for the Art Center's design. In 2007, the township received a Charles Pike Award for Parks and Recreation Facilities from the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners, noted Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Gregg Silva.



FROM LEFT ARE: MONMOUTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ROBERT CZECH, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GREGG A. SILVA, DEPUTY MAYOR PAMELA M. BRIGHTBILL, ARTS CENTER DIRECTOR MAGGIE O'BRIEN, NEW JERSEY RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION AWARD CHAIRMAN TIM HILL, COUNTY SURROGATE AND ARTS COUNCIL MEMBER ROSEMARIE D. PETERS AND NEW JERSEY RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BETH RICHMOND.

## COYOTE PRECAUTIONS

Coyotes are typically secretive, nocturnal animals. However, coyotes can be seen anytime of day. For information on how to help reduce the likelihood of conflicts with coyotes visit [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org). An educational program, Learning About Coyotes, also airs on Middletown's cable channel.

The Eastern Coyote looks like a medium-sized German Shepard, with long thick fur, a full bushy tail, and pointed ears. If you see an animal that appears to be a coyote, please call the Middletown Police Department at (732) 615-2100.

## Emergency Planning for Pets

Residents are encouraged to include pets when making emergency plans for their families. Please remember that Red Cross disaster shelters cannot accept pets due to health and safety regulations. The only exception to this will be for service animals that assist people with disabilities. Residents should plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both them and their pets.

Middletown Emergency Management provides emergency planning guidelines for pets at local veterinarians' offices, animal hospitals, and kennels. This information was developed by the office of Homeland Security with the help of the American Kennel Club, American Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals, American Veterinary Medical Association and The Humane Society. Pick up a copy today at any of these locations or call 732-615-2129.

### Sponsors Needed for Summer Concert Series

Middletown's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department is seeking sponsors for the 2008 Summer Concert Series. Five evening concerts will be held on Thursdays beginning with *The Infernos* on June 26. This family favorite will be held at the Normandy Park on Nutswamp Road. Call 732-615-2260 for sponsorship information.

## Mosquito Season 101

As spring arrives in New Jersey, so do those pesky mosquitoes. There are 63 different species of mosquitoes that inhabit our state. Many are just a nuisance, but some can transmit disease.

In New Jersey there are three mosquito-borne viruses that are a concern to public health. The newest and most well-known is the West Nile Virus (WNV). The two other lesser known, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Saint Louis Encephalitis (SLE) have been around since the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Residents can play an important role in reducing mosquito populations around our property by eliminating their breeding sites. Since mosquitoes need stagnant water to develop and grow, eliminating standing water will reduce their numbers. Look around your yard for anything such as tires, buckets, wheelbarrows or other containers that collect rain water and dump them out or turn them over. If you have a bird bath, replace the water weekly. Keep pool covers pumped so water does not collect and drain any pool that is not being maintained properly. Check your gutters and clean them out if they are holding water as these out of sight areas can harbor thousands of mosquito larva.

Personal protection against mosquitoes should also be practiced. Ensure that your home is provided with window and door screens that are in good repair to keep these pests out. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk, so if you go out at these times, wear long sleeve shirts and long pants to protect you. The use of mosquito repellents on your skin and clothing can also help reduce your chances of getting bit. Please read the directions on these repellents and apply as per the manufacturer's directions.

For further information, please contact the Middletown Health Department 732-615-2096 or the Monmouth County Mosquito Commission 732-542-3630.

By Rich Debenedetto  
Head Sanitarian

## MIDDLETOWN MINIATURE GOLF COURSE

Tindall Park  
Tindall Road, Middletown

Spring Hours  
Weekdays — 3p.m. - 9p.m.  
Weekends — 10a.m. - 10p.m.

General Admission - \$2.00 per person  
Children 11 & Under - \$1.50 per person  
Senior Citizen - \$1.50 per person  
(60 & over)

Parties can be arranged for special events and family tournaments at reasonable prices  
Groups of 20 or more - \$1.50 per person  
(by advance reservation only)

**2 for 1 ADMISSION  
MONDAY - THURSDAY**

Offer expires June 28, 2008.

May not be combined with any other offer.

## Police Youth Week

The Middletown Police Department will hold its annual Police Youth Week August 4-8 for township children between the ages of 10 and 13. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children will have an opportunity to learn about the tasks police officers perform including first aid and CPR, motor vehicle stops, handcuffing, use of police canines, crime scene investigation, bicycle patrol, marine enforcement and others. Applications are available at [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org), at the police desk and the police chief's office. The deadline for submitting applications is June 16.

## Planning for a Safer Tomorrow

Help Middletown plan for a safer tomorrow by completing a brief survey regarding your experiences with natural hazards such as hurricanes, severe winter storms and erosion. The survey is one component of a county-wide effort to identify natural hazards, and areas that are vulnerable to these hazards. The data will be used create a long-term action plan to mitigate the impact future emergencies would have on residents and property. Visit [www.middletownnj.org](http://www.middletownnj.org) to complete the survey.

Middletown Emergency Management is working on the project, formally known as the Monmouth County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Project, with county Emergency Management. The plan will include input from all 53 municipalities in Monmouth County.

## Township Receives Grant for Macleod-Rice House

Restoration of the historic Macleod-Rice House will take another step forward, thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission. The grant will be used to fund reconstruction of the front porch roof. A previous grant awarded by commission was used to repair the gutters on the 18th century house located at Croydon Hall in Leonardo.

The house was owned by Donald W. Macleod, a wealthy linens importer; then Melvin Rice, who was active in local and

state education. Woodrow Wilson, a good friend of Rice's, was a frequent visitor. Dr. John M. Carr, who bought the property in the 1940s, used the house as classroom space for Croydon Hall Academy, a boy's boarding school. After the school closed in 1975, the township acquired the property. Today, the mansion is home to the Middletown Township Historical Society and Crossroads, the township's substance abuse counseling program.



## BOAT BUILDING

The Middletown Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department & the Navesink Maritime Heritage Association will conduct a boat building weekend June 7-8, 2008 at the Fair Haven Firehouse. The total cost for this great family weekend is \$550.00. Call 732-615-2260 for details.

## Keep Middletown Clean and Green!

The township's property maintenance requirements are intended to preserve our high quality of life and property values while assuring a clean and attractive community. Please remember that township code requires all exterior properties to be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. All lawns are required to be kept cut. All exterior property areas are required to be free of excessive junk, trash and debris. Garbage must be kept in non-absorbent containers with tight-fitting lids and stored away from the street between removals. All sources of stagnant water must be eliminated, since it serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes and allows for potential mosquito transmission of the West Nile Virus. New sheds and fences require zoning approval. Please call the Code Enforcement Officer at 732-615-2286 with any questions about property maintenance requirements.

## Parental Rude Awakening

Parents are invited to experience the "Rude Awakening" that 5,500 high school students are participating in this spring regarding the life-altering decisions caused by the misuse of drugs and alcohol. The Rude Awakening adult program is specifically designed for Middletown residents 18 and older. The adult program will be presented at the Middletown Arts Center located next to the Middletown train station on Saturday, June 14 from 8:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. (Bring your own lunch and water/soda.)

The award-winning program includes an assembly, a golf cart obstacle course, basketball throw and spongeball toss. Participants wear DWI Fatal Vision goggles during the hands-on activities. They will also observe an EMS mock scenario crash and a crane will dropping several vehicles from varying heights to simulate speed at impact.

Pre-registration is required from April 1 through June 10. Contact Cpl. James Roese, Middletown Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau, at 732-615-2049. Leave a name and phone number. Open to the first 460 adults who register. A minimum of 200 participants is needed for this program to be presented.

## Hometown Heroes

In honor of Middletown's men and women actively serving in the military, a tribute wall is being created at Town Hall for our hometown heroes. Residents are invited to send photographs and biographies about their loved ones in the armed forces. Biographies should include the soldier's name, rank, military branch, location, Middletown address, local school attended, etc.

There is no deadline for entries. Submissions can be mailed to Mayor's Office, c/o Deputy Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ, 07748 or dropped off in person. All submissions must include a contact name and phone number.

**Township Committee  
Workshop Meeting**  
Town Hall, 8p.m.  
May 5, June 2

**Township Committee  
Regular Meeting**  
Town Hall, 8p.m.  
May 19, June 16

**Planning Board**  
Town Hall, 6:30p.m.  
May 7, June 4

**Zoning Board**  
Town Hall, 7p.m.  
May 12, June 23

**Community Affairs  
Council**  
Main Library, 7:30 p.m.  
1st Wednesday (monthly)

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

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

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

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

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

**Recreation Advisory  
Committee**  
Croydon Hall, 7:30p.m.  
4th Monday (monthly)

Upcoming Public Meetings