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Middletown Ranked One of Best Places to Live by MONEY Magazine

A low crime rate, good schools, and an abundance of cultural and leisure activities are among the reasons that MONEY Magazine has ranked Middletown among the Top 100 Places to Live in America for 2008.

"It is a great honor for Middletown to be recognized for a second time as one of the best places for families to live," said Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger. He noted that Middletown was included in the annual listing in 2006. "This designation confirms that Middletown's efforts to offer its residents the highest possible quality of life have been and continue to be very successful."

Middletown, which ranked eighty-sixth, received some of its best marks in Quality of Life category. MONEY used the FBI Uniform Crime Report to measure safety. Middletown has a personal crime ratio of 1 out of every 1,000 incidents compared to the Best Cities average of 2 out of 1,000. When it came to property crimes, Middletown scored 12 out of 1,000 incidents, which is more than 2.5 times lower than the Best Cities average. MONEY also reported that 92.3% of days reviewed had a "good" air quality index. The Best Cities average was 75.9%.

Above average rankings were also received in the Education category. Residents have access to 128 colleges, universities and professional schools and 35 junior colleges and technical

institutes within a 30-mile radius. The Best Cities average is 49 and 25 respectively. Meanwhile students reading test scores are 16.6% above the state average and 36.3% above average when it comes to math test scores. The Best Cities average is 17.3% and 16.4% respectively.

Middletown also scored above average in the Leisure and Culture category because of the township's proximity to many movie theaters, restaurants, libraries and museums. "A measure of credit for our ranking here belongs to the community for supporting the creation of a top-notch Arts Center and Public Library within Middletown's borders," said Scharfenberger.

Cities with populations greater than 50,000 but less than 300,000 were ranked by MONEY Magazine on a series of factors including economy, arts and leisure options, cost of living, income, housing, medical care and school quality. This year's goal was to zero in on the best small cities for families, according to MONEY.com

Nine other Jersey towns were ranked in the top 100. Edison ranked number 35, Franklin Township, 5, Hamilton, 51, Howell, 77, Parsippany Troy/Hills, 13, Piscataway, 23, Union, 75, Washington, 58 and Wayne, 100. Visit www.money.com for details.

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Native Nature at Poricy Park

In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Poricy Park Conservancy is restoring the native grasses that once grew in the 10-acre field behind the farmhouse.

After 4 years of planning and site preparation, the field was seeded this summer.

The seed mixture included 40 pounds of native warm season grasses (switchgrass, Indian grass, big and little bluestem) and 10 pounds of wildflowers (black-eyed susans, lupine, oxeye sunflower and purple coneflower.) During the first year the grasses should grow mostly down, developing roots a couple of meters in length. As the plants develop into tall bunches or clumps, they are expected to replace invasive species such as the multiflora rose and mugwort that inhabited the field.

While the park's visitors may not really notice if the grass around them is native to the area, the effort will mean a lot to wildlife at the 250-acre nature preserve. Native grasses provide important habitat to grassland wildlife such as grasshopper sparrows, bobolinks, upland sandpipers, bobwhite quail, and wild ring-necked pheasants. In addition, fungi, bacteria and invertebrates will flourish in the soil under native grasses and support songbirds, game birds, waterfowl, reptiles, and amphibians.

Poricy Park, located at 345 Oak Hill Road, is committed to historic and environmental preservation and education. Visit www.poricypark.org or call 732-842-5966 for upcoming activities.



Middletown Day
Sept. 27, 2008
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fun For the Whole Family!
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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

MIDDLETOWN'S NEW PLANNER

Middletown's new planning director, Jason Greenspan, doesn't have to worry about meeting a new staff or handling a longer commute to work. Greenspan, who was named Employee of the Year in 2006, is a licensed planner and holds a bachelor's degree in urban studies from Rutgers University. Greenspan, 38, is a lifelong Monmouth County resident and currently serves as a member of the Asbury Park Zoning Board of Adjustment. He was previously employed by CMX Engineers and Consultants, South Brunswick and Franklin townships. Middletown intends to leave the senior planner position unfilled through the remainder of 2008 as part of an effort to cut costs.

Old Village Fire Company Open House Sept. 15

Ever wonder about becoming a firefighter or want to learn more about the volunteer fire service that protects Middletown? The Old Village Fire Company invites you to an open house on September 15th starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring the family. Firefighters will offer station tours, equipment demonstrations and answer all of your questions. Please ask about non-firefighting opportunities. The firehouse is located at 1340 Hwy 35 South, across from ShopRite. Visit www.oldvillagefc.org.

Wheelchair Swing Added to Croydon Hall



A new wheelchair swing has been added to the playground at Croydon Hall, thanks to a community partnership forged between Middletown Township, Middletown Elks 2179, Whirl Construction, Pat Dunphy, a local physical therapist. The playground is located across from the Parks and Recreation administrative building, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo. The swing was dedicated to the community during a special dedication ceremony. From left are: (front row) Elks 2007 Poster Child Kyle Smith, Melanie Luebs, Abby Dunn (back row) Elks Special Children Committee Chairman Mike Dickie, Todd Syrdale, Committeeman Patrick Short, Pat Dunphy, Eddie Lopez of Whirl Construction, Exalted Ruler Michael Parulis Jr., Parks and Recreation Director Gregg Silva, Deputy Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill, Sabrina Dunn, and Mayor Gerard Scharfenberger.

Municipal Budget Adopted

The final municipal budget, adopted by a majority of the Township Committee, reflects the township's commitment to minimize taxpayer costs to the extent possible and to maintain a stable budget that funds quality municipal services. This year's budget totals \$62,263,389.03 million. Despite increasing costs and losses in revenue, budget appropriations are \$2.4 million under the state-mandated spending limit and \$1 million under the 4% state-mandated cap on levy increases. State aid was cut by \$634,511. Rising expenses and unfunded state mandates that had to be addressed in this year's budget include a \$600,000 increase in utility expenses, \$316,394 mandated increase in the library operating budget, a mandated \$1.1 million increase state pension contributions and a \$440,000 for a truck wash mandated by the state Environmental Protection Department.

The 2008 municipal tax rate is set at 75.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and includes a 5.1-cent increase. For the owner of a home assessed at \$200,000, the increase equates to an additional \$1.95 per week. Visit the website to view the adopted budget.

Did You Know?

Middletown First Aid Squads are ALL Volunteer

If you call 911 for emergency medical attention, chances are you'll see a friend or neighbor arrive at your door. Why? Because Middletown residents have been volunteering to answer first aid calls since the first squad was formed in 1933.

Middletown is proudly served by five all-volunteer first aid squads. They are: Middletown Township First Aid & Rescue Squad, Fairview First Aid Squad, Port Monmouth First Aid Squad, Leonardo First Aid & Rescue Squad, and Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad. The squads belong to the Emergency Medical Services Department, which is also an all-volunteer organization. The department works with the township to coordinate supplies and funding to make our dollars go further than if we worked individually.

Collectively, the squads have approximately 125 members that volunteer to help residents, visitors, and travelers. In addition to ambulances, we offer dive and water rescue teams, two bicycle teams, heavy rescue apparatus and a support services unit for major incidents.

While it may sound like a lot of equipment, Middletown is a big town with 42-square miles and 68,000 people. There are many occasions where our squads and specialized units are able cover multiple emergencies of varying types simultaneously. We're proud to report that there are not too many other squads in this state – paid or volunteer – can make that claim.

Interested in helping your neighbors and friends in their time of need? All you need is the interest, we supply the training. Contact us at membership@middletonnems.org, or (732)615-2252.

By Robert Pflieger, Middletown EMS Director



Message from the Mayor

Gerry Scharfenberger Ph.D.

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Middletown Leads the Way in Ensuring Transparency in Government

Government as the founding fathers envisioned it, is predicated upon the principle that ordinary citizens would play a pivotal role in every aspect of its function; from choosing its leaders to setting policy. Abraham Lincoln characterized this as "government of the people, by the people and for the people." Critical to these are maintaining communication and a steady flow of information between the governing body and the people they serve. To that end, Middletown has been at the forefront of ensuring transparency in government in a number of diverse ways.

We live in a world of ever-increasing ways of communicating through new and improved technological advances. Middletown has made great use of these tools, as exemplified by the township website. The website has recently been completely revamped, with more information, links to township services and organizations, and modes of communication between the township and the residents. Through the online Citizens Communication Center, residents can submit questions or comments to the township at any time of day or night. Inquiries are then addressed by the appropriate township official or department. In addition, we have the capacity to send alerts through text messages to those who register with the township and provide us with their cell phone information.

The 'Reverse 911' system is another excellent method of contacting residents quickly with important information. In the event of an emergency, impending crisis, or important community announcement we have the capacity to send critical information and/or instructions by telephone to a targeted area, or to the township as a whole. These recorded messages have been used with great success for such occurrences as the rash of coyote sightings, utility outages, potential flooding and the FEMA flood map open house.

We are also working to expand the information available on the website. Middletown was fortunate to have received a Monmouth County PARIS grant, which funds the feasibility and development of many various inventory and integration systems including the (RIM) Records Inventory Management system. RIM will be shared with 13 towns including Middletown this fall. This program will allow for the township records, in archives and day forward, to be imaged, indexed, searchable by keyword and shared. We also hope to offer access to the public to these records based on their status as a government record through a terminal located at the library and the township clerk's office and eventually online. This will allow the public a means of searching minutes, ordinances, and resolutions from as far back as 1900 and type in a keyword to review every document in which that word or phrase exists. With the help of Monmouth County and the PARIS program we hope to be able to begin this service by the spring of 2009.

A related feature is the township's public access TV channel on cable channel 20. This wonderful forum allows us to run PSAs, informational programming and event schedules 24-hours a day. Some of the most-watched segments have been the "coyote forum" moderated by a state biologist, *Eagles in Focus*, which is taped at High School South

by students, the Municipal Alliance's 'Reaching Out to Prevent Substance Abuse' presentation, summer concerts, and the *Rude Awakening* documentary to name a few.

Perhaps no other medium reaches more people and provides more diverse information than the very newsletter you are reading, *Middletown Matters*. This award-winning publication is sent to every residence and covers a range of topics, events and aspects of the township in each of the six annual issues. The new format has not only allowed us to provide more information, but has actually saved the township money by eliminating certain paid newspaper notices and special mailings. It has also increased participation in Parks and Recreation Department and library programs, which brings in extra revenue to the township, while increasing the number of people volunteering, which helps cut costs, provide additional services, increases resident participation and improves the quality of life in general.

While the use of new technology as a means of communication is growing, there is no substitute for meeting and speaking with people face to face. In addition to the bimonthly meetings and numerous special meetings held during the year, the township committee conducts four neighborhood meetings each spring. Each meeting is scheduled in a different geographic quadrant of the township, giving coverage to all parts of our vast community. In addition to the township committee, department heads or their representatives are there to answer questions that require specialized knowledge. These meetings are particularly useful, since it gives the township committee a chance to meet with and hear the concerns of residents who don't normally attend the regular meetings in a relaxed, informal setting. As I have often said, many times we hear of an issue for the first time at these neighborhood meetings, which allows us to address it quickly and effectively.

Another personalized mode of communication is the bimonthly mayor's office hours. On the first and third Saturday of every month, I have office hours at town hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Residents can come in without an appointment to discuss anything they wish with me in my office. This has been popular with residents from all over the township, who find it invaluable to be able to speak personally to the mayor without having to wait for an appointment and have questions answered and problems addressed. I find it particularly constructive in that it gives me the opportunity to discuss issues at length without the time or space constraints of a formal meeting or a print article. If I don't have visitors, I make use of the time by personally calling residents who have contacted the Mayor's Office via telephone or the Internet.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of the various avenues available to communicate with the township and keep themselves informed. This will help us all to keep Middletown the great place it is to live and confront the many challenges we face in these complex and trying times for our state.

FREE RABIES VACCINATIONS

Everyone is invited to get a free rabies vaccination for their cats on September 20th from 9a.m. to 11a.m. and their dogs on October 4th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Middletown Health Department, located at the corner of Kings Highway and Penelope Lane. State law requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated and licensed. Since the early 1940s mass vaccinations have been held for dogs to reduce animal and human deaths from rabies. The rabies virus attacks the nervous system causing an inflammation of the brain and is almost always fatal. In animals, it may affect part of the brain that causes aggression and can cause them to attack without fear and provocation. Since rabies is endemic to all parts of the state. By way of proper vaccination, we can protect our four-legged and two-legged family members from contact with infected wildlife. To obtain more information about rabies clinics, pet licensing or any other Animal Control question, call 732-615-2095.

By Senior Sanitarian Rich Debenedetto

CORRECTION JUNE/JULY ISSUE

The mayor's column should have read "Now that the budget was introduced, rather than adopted.

Fall Pick-Up Schedule

Brush Collection

Zones	Collection Begins
F & H	8/28/08
I & K	9/12/08
J & L	9/24/08
E & G	10/7/08
C & D	10/20/08
A & B	10/27/08

Leaf Collection

Zones	Collection Begins
E & G	11/10/08
J & L	11/24/08
I & K	12/16/08
F & H	1/9/09
C & D	1/26/09
A & B	1/26/09

Unsure of your zone?

Call Public Works at 732-615-2008

Leaf and Brush Collection Guidelines:

BRUSH/LOGS

1. Tree limbs are not to exceed 8 inches in diameter and can be no more than 50 pounds in weight. They must be cut into lengths not to exceed 3 feet, to permit the material to be loaded at the rear of the truck. The compactor truck loading area will not accommodate branches in excess of 3 feet, which could cause possible damage to equipment and considerable delays in the collection effort.
2. Separate larger tree parts from brush & branches. Do not put leaves out until brush is collected.
3. Tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties will not be collected with brush or leaves. These items must be disposed of privately.
4. Place brush and tree parts at the curb no more than 10 days prior to your collection date. Do not place this material on the street and/or sidewalks, as it creates a serious hazard for children walking to school and other pedestrians, as well as an unsightly condition in your neighborhood.
5. The maximum collection per residence on one pickup will be 3 cubic yards (the equivalent to twelve 30 gallon trash cans).
6. Residents are responsible for BRUSH removal after the scheduled pick up occurs. Brush can be brought to Kanes Lane Recycling Center, by residents, during regular work hours.

LEAVES

1. Place in a neat row at the curb, not in the road. Do Not Mix Brush, Branches, Or Seed Pods With Leaves.
2. Leaves will be accepted at the Recycling Center on Kanes Lane from residents and landscapers with permits through 6/01/08 at no charge. Leaves in bags must be emptied into the area provided and the bags deposited in the trash. Bagged leaves WILL NOT be collected curbside.
3. No grass clippings are accepted curbside or at Kanes Lane.
4. Residents should make every effort to have leaves placed curbside by the date scheduled above for their zone. Public works will not pick up material that does not meet the above guidelines or make call backs.



Managing Leftover Paint

HERE ARE six steps that you can take to avoid creating or improperly disposing of leftover paint. But remember: with so many other environment-friendly ways to deal with leftover paint, disposal is really your "last resort"

- 1 **FIRST, ALWAYS BUY ONLY WHAT YOU NEED AND USE IT UP.** When you buy only the paint you need and then use it up, there isn't any paint left over to dispose. It's called "source reduction and it's the same idea behind manufacturers getting rid of excess packaging, like cardboard CD boxes. When you can avoid creating waste or using excessive packaging at the start, you avoid polluting the environment later.
- 2 **RECYCLE THE EMPTY CAN.** Check with your local recycling coordinator to determine if paint cans can be placed with other bottles and cans for local recycling collections.
- 3 **STORE PAINT PROPERLY FOR FUTURE PROJECTS.** Did you know that when properly stored, paint can last for years! Just make sure the lid fits securely so the paint doesn't leak, and store the paint can upside down. The paint will create a tight seal around the lid, keeping the paint fresh until you need it again for use on touch-up jobs and smaller projects.
- 4 **DONATE IT.** Always donate your usable leftover paint to churches, community groups, theater groups, and others who need or want it before considering any form of disposal. Almost everyone can use up or donate leftover paint. But, if you still have leftover latex or solvent-based paint, disposal is your last resort...
- 5 **DRY LEFTOVER LATEX-BASED PAINT AND DISCARD IT.** Let your leftover LATEX paint air dry, ideally, away from children and pets. You can even add an absorbent material such as cat box filler to speed drying, then throw the paint away with your normal trash.
Remember, air drying liquid oil-based paint is generally not recommended, but if the paint has already solidified in a closed can, you can dispose of it in the regular trash.
- 6 **BRING LEFTOVER LIQUID PAINT** to the Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

Info provided by the Nat'l Paint & Coatings Assoc. (202) 462-6272 and Nat'l Decorating Products Assoc. (314) 991-3470.

Mixed Paper & Magazines

These materials may not be placed out for curbside collection, but can be dropped off at Kanes Lane during normal working hours.

DROP-OFF ONLY:

Many types of household, school and office papers, as well as magazines, may be dropped off at the Kanes Lane Recycling Center during the center's hours. Please do not place these materials out for curbside recycling collection.

Instructions:

- Magazines may be tied with twine. • Mixed paper can be dropped off either loose or tied with twine.
- Do not place any plastic or paper bags into the drop-off container.

ACCEPTABLE MIXED PAPER:

Magazines, catalogs, writing or office paper, envelopes (with or without windows), advertising mail brochures, school composition paper, construction paper, facsimile (fax) paper, photocopy paper, mimeograph paper, coupon insets, carbonless copy paper, non-metallic wrapping paper, real estate listing paper. No hardcover books.

Corrugated Cardboard:

Corrugated paper will be accepted from residents at the Kanes Lane Recycling Facility during normal hours of operation. No commercial drop off accepted.

Bulk Pick-up Days

For residents in the garbage district (garbage pick-up is paid for through a separate charge on your tax bill).

BULK PICK-UP DAYS ARE:

The first full week of garbage collection in a month (first Monday thru Saturday in the month) and the third full week, the second pick-up day of the week (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) are bulk item pick-up days.

Construction demolition debris (ie; sheetrock, lumber - treated or not, concrete, cement and cement block, etc.) and metal items are not considered Bulk materials and will not be picked up by the Township Contractor.

EXAMPLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2008:

Bulk pick-up days in your corresponding collection zone are 9/4, 9/5, 9/6, and 9/18, 9/19, 9/20.

MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING

Curbside Recyclable Collection

RECYCLING IS MANDATORY

Recyclables will be collected according to the schedule below. Schedules are determined by election districts. The collection schedule is shifted to the next work day for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Years and proclaimed state or municipal emergencies such as snow days. Call Public Works at (732) 615-2000 or the Town Clerk's Office at (732) 615-2014 for information on election districts.

Newspapers will be picked up once a month. Aluminum/tin cans, glass bottles/jars, and certain plastic bottles will be picked up once a month, on a day not to coincide with the newspaper pickup. Aluminum, tin, plastic bottles, and glass should be co-mingled and placed in rigid metal or plastic receptacles that do not exceed 30 gallons and 50 pounds.

ZONE	ELECTION DISTRICT	ALUMINUM & TIN CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES GLASS BOTTLES & JARS	NEWSPAPERS
A	7, 17, 27, 46	1st Tuesday	3rd Tuesday
B	3, 6, 21, 36	2nd Tuesday	4th Tuesday
C	15, 26, 37, 46A	1st Monday	3rd Monday
D	13, 16, 23, 33	2nd Monday	4th Monday
E	4, 9, 24	1st Friday	3rd Friday
F	11, 14, 34	1st Thursday	3rd Thursday
G	2, 28, 29	2nd Friday	4th Friday
H	1, 22, 31, 45	1st Saturday	3rd Saturday
I	8, 12, 18, 32	2nd Saturday	4th Saturday
J	30, 38, 39, 44	2nd Thursday	4th Thursday
K	10, 20, 35, 40, 41, 43	1st Wednesday	3rd Wednesday
L	5, 19, 25, 42	2nd Wednesday	4th Wednesday

Curbside Recycling Guidelines

NEWSPRINT must be tied with sturdy string, twine, or cord and placed at the curb or dropped off at the Kanes Lane Recycling Center in bundles, no larger than 12 inches in height. They will not be collected when tied with masking tape, stockings, or placed in paper or plastic bags.

ALUMINUM AND TIN: Beverage and food cans should be rinsed and placed curbside commingled in rigid containers or separated and brought to one of the recycling centers. **Paint, aerosol cans and hazardous materials are not acceptable.**

PLASTIC: Milk, soda, water, juice, laundry detergent, bleach and fabric softener bottles are acceptable. Remove cap or lid; wash container and flatten. Put in rigid recycling containers.

GLASS: Food and beverage containers should be rinsed and commingled in rigid containers for curbside collection or separated by color and dropped at one of the recycling centers. Opaque or blue glass, ceramic ware, plate windows or drinking glasses are not recyclable.

Recycling Drop-Off Centers

PUBLIC WORKS, KANES LANE (Located off Hwy. 35 N., across from Cooper Electric)

Monday thru Saturday — 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Sunday — 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter

Materials accepted at the Kanes Lane Recycling Center:

- Aluminum/Tin Cans
- Motor Oil (used)
- Corrugated Cardboard - Brown Paper Bags
- Used Clothing
- Mixed Paper and Magazines
- Batteries (automotive & household)
- Glass Containers (separated by color)
- Scrap Metal
- Appliances
- Newsprint Paper
- Plastic (some #1 & #2)
- Vehicle Tires

MIDDLETOWN TRAIN STATION PARKING LOT — Open 24 Hours

Only aluminum and tin cans, plastic bottles and glass separated by color (brown, clear, green) will be accepted. Kanes Lane is the only location where other recyclables are accepted.

Notice: Recycling Violators: All drop-off locations within the Township are being monitored. Violators of the Township recycling ordinance will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Plastic

CURBSIDE:

Acceptable plastic containers should be put out with the aluminum, glass and bi-metal commingled collection once a month.

DROP-OFF:

Acceptable plastic containers may be dropped off at the Kanes Lane Recycling Center during the center's regular hours.

ACCEPTABLE:

Some pourable containers with a number 1 or number 2 enclosed in the triangular recycling symbol molded into the bottom of the container. The number 1 indicates that the container is made of polyethylene terephthalate (PET). The number 2 signifies that the container is made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE).

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Containers with numbers other than 1 or 2, or with no triangular recycling symbol, molded onto the bottom.

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Units

Federal and State recycling regulations prohibit the discarding of refrigeration and air conditioning units containing CFV refrigerants. Any person knowingly venting or otherwise releasing any class 1 (CFCS) or class 2 (HCFS) substance as a refrigerant is in violation of law.

Public Works will provide curbside pickup of used refrigeration and air conditioning units for a fee of \$25.00 per unit to Township residents. To schedule pickup, call the Public Works Recycling Department at (732) 615-2008, weekdays from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Residents may also drop off used refrigeration or air conditioning units at our Kanes Lane Recycling Center during the center's hours for a fee of \$10.00 per unit, payment by check preferred.

APPLIANCES—As the County Reclamation Center has banned the disposal of white goods (appliances) and metal items at their facility, your garbage collector will not remove such items from the curb. We suggest you request that the old unit be taken away when a new appliance is delivered. However, Middletown residents may drop off such items at the Kanes Lane Recycling Facility during normal working hours, free of charge.

Electronics Recycling —

The Kanes Lane Recycling Center accepts the following materials from Middletown residents.

- Computer CPU
- VCRS
- Printers
- Laptops
- Fax Machines
- Televisions
- Copiers
- Stereos
- Computer Monitors/Terminals

Tires:

- Automobile (under 17" rim diameter):
\$2.00 each off rim, \$3.00 on rim
- Tires to be unloaded at the Kanes Lane Recycling Facility
- Pick-up truck/sport utility tires:
\$7.00 each - must be off the rim
- No construction-type equipment accepted

Monmouth County's Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY—732-922-2234

HOURS: Monday through Friday,
7:30 am - 11:15 am and 12:45 pm - 3:15pm
SATURDAY 7:30 am - 1:45 pm

Monmouth County Residents Only.

LOCATION: 3211 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, Monmouth County Reclamation Center Building H

HHWF ACCEPTS: Motor Oil, Oil Filters, Propane Tanks, Antifreeze, Batteries, Gasoline, Pesticides, Fertilizers, Herbicides, Paints, Solvents, Thinners, Varnishes, Pool Chemicals, (Materials must be in marked containers with original labels.)

Youth Instructional & Teen Activity Programs

SCIENCE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

An 8-week program for youth from K- 5th grade. Each week will cover a different subject. Learn about Bugs, Detective Science, Kitchen Chemistry, Mad Science Machines, Mineral Mania, Movie Effects, Science of Toys and Walloping Weather. Classes held at the Croydon Hall Activity Center.

Grades K-2

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00p.m. (8 weeks)

First session starts October 21, 2008

Code # 311400-01 Cost \$99.00

Grades 3-5

Tuesdays, 5:00 to 6:00p.m. (8 weeks)

First session starts October 21, 2008

Code # 311400-02 Cost \$99.00

Grades K-2

Thursdays, 4:00 5:00p.m. (8 weeks)

First session starts October 23, 2008

Code # 311400-03 Cost \$99.00

Grades 3-5

Thursdays, 5:00-6:00p.m. (8 weeks)

First session starts on October 23, 2008

Code # 311400-04 Cost \$99.00

COMPUTERTOTS PROGRAMS

CLAY ANIMATION 1

Grades 1 and 2—Working in teams, students do it all - from building their characters and sets to creating a storyline. They use digital cameras and special software in the production process. They learn how to animate, assemble & edit movies. "Claymation Premiere" allows them to show off their creations. Fun, learning, and excitement go hand-in-hand in their special class.

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00p.m. (8 weeks)

First sessions starts on October 7, 2008

Code # 311450-01 Cost \$99.00

JUNIOR ENGINEERING

Grades 3 & 4

The course is designed to introduce boys and girls to the fun and exciting world of LEGO® Engineering. Explore, investigate and solve problems, learn the building blocks of engineering, levers, wheels, gears and pulleys. Use LEGO® component parts. Work in teams, build simple machines, add special motors, create "go." Fun hands-on class. Learn to make things that move.

Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm (8 weeks)

First sessions starts on October 7, 2008

Code 311450-02 Cost \$99.00

ROCKETEERING

Grades 4-6

Design and build your own rocket, then launch it with compressed air! This 4-week course demonstrates the basics of aeronautics, including thrust, drag & ballast. Sign-up now, you'll have a blast!

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00pm (4 weeks)

First sessions starts on October 8, 2008

Code # 311450-03 Cost \$59.00

BEGINNERS CERAMICS

Boys and girls 7-14 years old

Learn to decorate various figures from pre-cast molds. Instruction by certified teacher.

Thursdays, 4:00-5:30p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts September 11, 2008

Code # 311030-01

Cost \$55.00 including all supplies.

Croydon Hall Activity Center

BASIC KARATE

Boys and girls 4 years old and older

Learn basic karate moves and discipline.

Instruction by Black Belt. Uniform required, may be purchased at 1st session. Classes held at Amatos Karate, 509 Palmer Avenue

Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:00am (10 weeks)

First session starts September 20, 2008

Code #311093-01 Cost \$35.00

Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:00am (10 weeks)

First session starts November 29, 2008

Code #311093-02 Cost \$35.00

YOUNG BOWLERS

Boys and girls 5-14 years old. The program for 12 weeks. Cost is \$7.00 per participant per week for 2 games. Includes rental shoes, balls, trophies and tee shirts. Programs held at the Brunswick Zone, Hazlet.

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.

Starting September 24, 2008

Code #311085-01

Registration Cost \$ 10.00

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.

Starting September 27, 2008

Code #311085-02

Registration Cost \$10.00

ADULT & YOUTH PROGRAM

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

Starting September 28, 2008

Code #331085-01

Registration Cost \$10.00

GYMNASTICS

Instruction for beginners Learn basic gymnastic skills, including tumbling, jumps and more.

Instruction by accomplished gymnast

Classes are for first time students only. Dress in loose, comfortable sweats. Classes held at

Head Over Heels Gymnastics, Kanes Lane

Boys and girls from 4 and 5 years old.

Saturdays, 12:45 to 1:45p.m. (10 weeks)

First Session starts September 13, 2008

Code #311010-01 Cost \$35.00

Boys and girls from 6-10 year olds

Saturdays, 1:45 to 2:45p.m. (10 weeks)

First Session starts September 13, 2008

Code #311010-02 Cost \$35.00

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Grades 3-8

Pre-season camp to girls for the upcoming basketball season. Sharpen your skills and receive instruction from certified teacher/coach.

Monday- Friday, 4:00-6p.m.

October 27-31, 2008

Code #311090-01 Cost \$75.00

Croydon Hall Gymnasium

BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

Middle School Try-Out Preparation Camp

For boys that want to get prepared for school try-outs. Be ready for try-outs!

Monday-Friday, 4-6p.m.

November 3-7, 2008

For boys in grades 6-8

Code #311082-01 Cost \$75.00

Croydon Hall Gymnasium

YOUTH/TEEN FITNESS PROGRAMS

PERSONAL TRAINING - GROUP

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 6-week period. Limited enrollment per session and each session runs for 6 weeks twice per week.

All personal training programs are held at the Croydon Hall gymnasium

Tuesday & Thursday 4:30-5:30pm

First Class starts Sept 30, 2008 Cost \$50.00

9-12 yr olds Code # 311220-01

13-17 yr olds Code #321220-07

Saturdays, 11:30-12:30pm (Once per week)

First Class October 4, 2008 Cost \$50.00

13-17 yr olds Code #321220-08

YOUTH TENNIS

Tennis offers youth a fun, social experience, a great way stay fit and a good way to experience a sport that offers both individual and teamwork. Instruction for beginners and players at all levels.

Tennis programs all held at Tindall Park, Tindall Rd.

JUNIORS

Boys and girls from 8 to 11 years old.

Mondays, 4:30-6:00p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts September 8, 2008

Code 311500-01 Cost \$55.00

Boys and girls from 12 to 17 years old

Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts September 10, 2008

Code 311500-02 Cost \$55.00

FUTURE STARS

Boys and girls from 5- 7 years old

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts September 11, 2008

Code 311510-01 Cost \$40.00

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 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Transportation provided to events for registered members with advance reservation. Events are held in the East Wing of the Senior Center unless otherwise noted. All events begin at 1 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

SEPTEMBER 2
DON'T FALL FOR A TELEPHONE LINE
Presentation by Middletown Police Department Lt. Mike Shaffrey about frauds that target seniors

SEPTEMBER 4
BINGO
Bring a NEW non-food prize that costs \$5 or less to play.

SEPTEMBER 9
RUMMIKUB TOURNAMENT
Prizes awarded to the winners. Sign up by September 5.

SEPTEMBER 11
STRESS MANAGEMENT
Mary Beth Mc Donough, R.N. will speak about stress management.

SEPTEMBER 16
BEAUTY MAKEOVER BY LORD & TAYLOR
Don't miss this free class of skin care and makeup demonstration
Sign up by September 9. Registration limited.

SEPTEMBER 23
REVERSE MORTGAGES
Tony Bunn from USA Financial will present information on reverse mortgages.

SEPT. 25
MAGIC SHOW
Come and be mystified.

SEPTEMBER 27, 11 A.M.
GRANNY'S ATTIC SALE AT MIDDLETOWN DAY. Reserve a table & sell your garage sale items. Call the Center for information.

SEPTEMBER 30
TRIVIA GAME
Have fun testing your knowledge as you stretch your mind & memory.

OCTOBER 9, 11:30 A.M.
COLUMBUS DAY LUNCH
Enjoy a chicken parmesan lunch in the Nutrition Room. An Italian sing-along begins at 12:45 p.m with Rich Marzec and Lou Tonini in the East Wing. Lunch cost is \$3.

OCTOBER 15
EVENING DINNER DANCE, 5 P.M. 8:30 P.M. The wonderful Algia Motley is back ! Buffet dinner provided by Florentino's. Cost is \$15.00. Sign up by October 7.

OCTOBER 30
HALLOWEEN BIRTHDAY PARTY
Costume contest, prizes and refreshments.



Arts Make a Difference!

Expanded Offerings at Middletown Arts Center

In addition to its current extensive offerings of classes and visual arts exhibits, the Middletown Arts Center is expanding its programming this fall to include a new performance series and a new volunteer program. The Middletown Township Cultural & Arts Council (MTCAC) is dedicated to bringing quality arts programming to Middletown and is responsible for introducing a number of new and innovative programs and events. These new programs are a part of that commitment.

Arts do make a difference in the quality of life, and Middletown residents have been exploring that concept at their award-winning Arts Center. Activities were humming along all summer with an ever-growing number of people taking advantage of the handsome facility. The primary events of the summer were **In Focus**, a photography show that featured six fine art photographers, the **7th Annual Summer Arts Camps**, and **Honk! The Musical**. The camps had record enrollment this year with over 500 campers and offered 39 workshops and classes for all ages.



Honk! The Musical was the second show produced by our teen theater company, Peer Players. This year they doubled the number of performances to six. From left are: (front row) Tiffany Lewcyk, Stephen Bucco, Forrest Burdett, Katie Kroeper, (middle row) Joseph Kim, Samantha Aurelio, Sara Howard, Christina Lennon, Allison Cloonan, Leah Sugerman, Elizabeth Coulter (back row) Melissa Cloonan, Danny Cassidy. Kristen Costa, Mike Daneman, Patrick Diggins, Brittany Oxley, Stefanie Winters (not pictured) are the remaining members of the company. Photo Credit: Ron Steelman

OPEN HOUSE SEPT 14

1p.m. to 4 p.m.

Come learn about all the fun and innovative classes, events, and workshops scheduled this fall at the Middletown Arts Center! This free family event will feature samplings from our wide array of programs. Meet the instructors, participate in hands-on activities, and watch special demonstrations sure to please. If you haven't visited the Middletown Arts Center yet, here's a great opportunity to experience this wonderful community center where there is something for everyone! It's ALL at the MAC!

World Class Jazz Guitarist Coming Oct. 12

Martin Taylor is making a special U.S. appearance at the MAC on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 3 p.m. Jazz Guitarist Jerry Topinka will open for Taylor, who will offer a "question and answer" session in addition to his great music in this must-see performance. Tickets are \$45 and there is limited seating. This event is being presented by the Jersey Shore Jazz and Blues Foundation and Jerry Topinka Music Enterprises. For tickets and more information, please visit www.jsjbf.org or call them at (732) 933-1984.

NEW MTCAC PERFORMANCE SERIES FALL 2008

MUSIC SERIES SUNDAYS, 3 P.M.

Four different musical concerts offering various musical genres from the top musical performers in Monmouth County.

FESTIVAL OF DANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

An afternoon of dancing fun for the whole family. Demonstrations, free lessons, and exhibits.

DREW THE DRAMATIC FOOL "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7:30 P.M.

Help, Help, I know This Title Is Long, But Somebody's Trying to Kill me!
A comic vaudeville for the whole family. "If you like Bill Irwin, you'll have to see this world-class visual comedian."



HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE BALL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 7:30 P.M.

Come in decorative or scary costumes and masks...and dance to all kinds of music. Prizes for best costumes and masks...especially homemade masks!

COMING TO AMERICA – TRANSFORMATIONS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 8 P.M.

A poignant show for teens and adults. Stephanie Satié's one-woman show presents a gallery of women whose lives have been transformed...in coming to America.

THE MIDDLETOWN MOON POETRY JAM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2 P.M.

For poets of all ages: writers, readers, rappers, & poetry lovers, including surprise guests! Sign up for a reading time. Join the Jam! Prizes!



**HOLIDAY MAGIC
WITH MADELEINE
THE MAGICIAN
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 14, 3 P.M.**
Madeleine the Magician, one of NYC's best, has performed at all NYC Harry Potter book signings with Potter author J.K. Rowling.

FALL 2008 — CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

The fall class and workshop schedule will be available at the Arts Center and online starting August 15. Classes begin in September. The schedule includes various arts classes and workshops for beginners and for professionals; expanded dance classes such as "Boogy For Boys;" scrap-booking for both adults and for children; and improvisational acting classes for teens. New classes will be added to the schedule for individuals with special needs. In early

December Santa's creative arts workshops will be offered to help children make artistic gifts for their family and friends. Parents may enjoy this time to take care of their own holiday shopping.

Far Left: Children have the opportunity to work in a variety of media and are taught by friendly and expert teachers.
Left: The adult guitar class is a favorite and students work with their instructor and in a group setting.





SPECIAL EXHIBIT

ANOTHER VIEW - A Collection of Artwork Created by and for the Blind

A special exhibit including paintings, sculptures, prints, and mixed media work with an emphasis on tactual accessibility that has been created by blind and visually impaired children and adults will be on display at the Middletown Arts Center from September 28 through October 12. The eclectic works will raise awareness and dispel stereotypes regarding the abilities of the blind and visually impaired to create deeply emotional and beautiful works of art.

The children included in the exhibit are from St. Lucy Day School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Philadelphia. The adults are from the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association at Camp Happiness in Leonardo which operates under the direction of Doug Scott. These adults have participated in creative sessions at the Middletown Arts Center. Both groups have received national recognition for their artwork. Also exhibiting is Dennis Gentile, an 83 year-old artist from New Haven, Connecticut who is donating the proceeds from his landscapes to the International Council of Education for People with Visual Impairment. Susan Ferraro, an accomplished artist and art instructor, will have work included in the exhibit.



NEW!

An Arts Center Volunteer Corps is being formed to help with the expanding activities at the Middletown Arts Center. Orientation sessions will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19 and Monday, September 8. Help present Fall 2008 Performance Series by becoming an ambassador for the arts and see the shows for free!

There are many ways to participate: Marketing Assistants (hanging posters & flyers, staffing promotional booths), Box Office Assistants, Ushers, Building Guides, Production Assistants (help backstage), Hospitality Team (refreshment stand), and soliciting Supporting Memberships at the lobby event table. Come take part in this rewarding program.

WEBSITE AND EMAILS

Be sure to check the Middletown Arts Center website at: www.middletownarts.org for updates on all the programs being offered, or call 732-706-4100. You'll want to sign up for Email newsletters which will remind you of important scheduling updates. You'll also want to explore becoming a Member of the Arts Center. Annual Memberships are available, which offer a discount on classes and MTCAC events, special member-only events, and regular newsletters.

Middletown Day

Sept. 27, 2008
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free Admission
Croydon Hall is located at 900 Leonardville Road in the Leonardo section of Middletown Township. This event is held rain or shine. No bicycles or skateboards on the grounds please.

Free Parking

- Bayshore Middle School
- Commuter lot at Rt. 36 & Appleton Avenue
- Kunkel Park, Brevent Avenue
- Bayview Elementary, Leonardville Road

Free shuttle bus service
Service is provided from the Commuter lot, Bayview Elementary School & Kunkel Park. Round trip service is provided every 5 to 10 minutes.

Free Hats are provided to the first 1,500 visitors

Information
Visit the Information Tent located in the center of Middletown Day. Call (732) 615-2260 or visit www.middletownnj.org for event information.

Volunteers
Volunteers are always needed. All receive a T-shirt. A minimum commitment of four hours is required. Call Volunteer Coordinator Robyne Hastick at (732) 615-2265 for details.

Sponsorships
Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call Parks and Recreation at (732) 615-2260 ext. 2235 for details.

Win Prizes!
Everyone who rides the shuttle to Middletown Day will receive a chance to enter a contest for a special prizes.

Middletown Day • Sept. 27, 2008 • 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. • Fun For the Whole Family!

Things to Do



Circus

Take the little ones to the circus at 12:30 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Craft Fair

Peruse homemade wares and get a head start on your holiday shopping.



Support the Troops

Sign a special banner that we'll send to our Hometown Hero, Army Sgt. Eric McCoy, and his fellow soldiers in Delta Company, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion!

Classic Car Show

A free car show will be held rain or shine. Vehicles that have been restored to their original condition as well as those that have been artfully modified are welcome. More than 30 trophies are awarded. The People's Choice award is selected by ballot. Ballots cost \$1. Proceeds are donated to Middletown



Exhibits

Middletown exhibitors include Clean Communities, the Middletown Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Middletown Historical Society, Middletown Arts Center, Middletown Emergency Management and Policy Park.



Schedule



Food Court

Bring your appetite and enjoy tasty festival fare including sausage sandwiches, fried Oreos, pizza and butterfly fries.

Games

Let the kids try their hand at sand art, rock climbing, mini-golf, classic carnival games and much more.

Granny's Attic

Visit the Senior Center for an old-fashioned flea market.



Hayride

Tour Middletown Day with a free hayride.

Petting Zoo

Spend a little time feeding friendly animals. Pony rides also available.

11 a.m. Opening ceremonies
Free Hats to First 1,500 People
Carnival Games Open
Classic Car Show Opens
Craft Fair Opens
Exhibits Opens
Food Court Opens
Granny's Flea Market Opens
Hayride Opens
Demonstrations Begin

12:00 p.m. Clean Communities Recycling Show
12:30 p.m. Beth Anne Clayton Band
1 p.m. Big Top Circus
2:15 p.m. Big Top Circus
2:30 p.m. The Passions
3:30 p.m. Big Top Circus
3:45 p.m. Car show awards ceremony
4:15 p.m. Kenny Vance and the Planotones
6:00 p.m. Festival Closes

**More activities announced during the day*

Police Explorer Post No. 102. Call (732) 615-2260 to register. The show is located in the parking lot in front of the Senior Center.

Demonstrations Safety Lessons

The Fire Department will offer free safety lessons in the fire safety trailer. Children are taught about kitchen hazards and fire safety. They will also demonstrate repelling and confined space rescue techniques throughout the day.

The Police Department Traffic

Safety Bureau will offer hands-on activities used in Rude Awakening, a drug and alcohol awareness program. Activities include an obstacle course on which residents wearing DWI Fatal Vision Goggles drive golf carts to simulate alcohol-impaired driving.

Middletown's First Aid Squads will demonstrate how they perform extrications using the jaws of life.

Volunteers will also be on hand to offer first aid advice and membership details.



Emergency Management

Middletown Emergency Management will provide information on emergency preparedness for families and pets, and emergency shelter locations



12:30 p.m.
Beth Anne Clayton
Band



2:30 p.m.
The
Passions



4:15 p.m.
Kenny Vance and
the Planotones





Adult Instructional & Activity Programs

BEGINNERS COMPUTERS

Learn basic computer skills, from turning on the computer to running programs including Microsoft Word and Excel. Create simple letters, spreadsheets and more.

Wednesdays 7:00-9:00p.m. (5 weeks)
First Class starts September 17, 2008
Code #321112-01 Cost \$60.00
Thorne Middle School Computer Lab

INTERMEDIATE COMPUTERS

This course is designed for the person who already has knowledge of computers and wants to improve their skills. Learn some advance techniques in Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point and Publisher. Create letters, spreadsheets, presentations and more. Classes held at Thorne Middle School Computer lab.

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00p.m. (5 weeks)
First Class starts October 22, 2008
Code #321112-02 Cost \$60.00
Thorne Middle School Computer Lab

FITNESS PROGRAMS

All fitness programs are held at the Croydon Hall Gymnasium.

BALANCE & STRETCH

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

Monday, 8:15 -9:00am (12 weeks)
First Class Starts Oct. 6, 2008
Code #321223-01 Cost \$35.00

Tuesday, 8:15 - 9:00am (12 weeks)
First class starts Oct. 7, 2008
Code #321223-02 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 October 6, 2008
Code #321221-01 Cost \$35.00

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:00p.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts October 8, 2008
Code #321221-02 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, 10:00-11:00 a.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts October 6, 2008
Code #321222-01 Cost \$35.00

Saturdays, 8:30-9:30a.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts October 11, 2008
Code #321222-02 Cost \$35.00

KICK BOXING

The program is designed to help better condition, 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 October 6, 2008
Code #321114-01 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 October 6, 2008
Code #321118-01 Cost \$35.00

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

First Class starts, October 7, 2008
Code #321118-02 Cost \$35.00

LOW IMPACT CARDIO

A low impact aerobic workout with body conditioning exercises. 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 October 8, 2008
Code #321116-01 Cost \$35.00

Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:00a.m. (12 weeks)
First Class starts October 9, 2008
Code # 321116-02 Cost \$35.00

FITNESS PROGRAMS SPECIAL OFFER:

Register for any two (2) programs
Code #321119-01 Cost \$60.00
Register for any three (3) programs
Code #321115-01 Cost \$90.00

PERSONAL TRAINING - GROUP

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 six week period. Limited enrollment per session and each session runs for 6 weeks twice per week. All personal training programs are held at the Croydon Hall gymnasium

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30p.m.
First Class starts September 29, 2008
Code #321220-01 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-11:00a.m.
First Class starts on September 23, 2008
Code #321220-02 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
First Class starts September 23, 2008
Code #321220-03 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30p.m.
First Class starts September 23, 2008
Code #321220-04 Cost \$95.00

Mondays, 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Fridays, 10:30a.m.-11:30a.m.
First Class starts September 22, 2008
Code #321220-05 Cost \$95.00

Saturdays, 9:30-10:30am (Once per week)
First Class starts October 4, 2008
Code #321220-06 Cost \$50.00

TEEN Sessions

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am (Once per week)
First Class starts October 4, 2008
Code #321220-07 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays, 11:30-12:30pm (Once per week)
First Class starts October 4, 2008
Code #321220-08 Cost \$50.00

SECOND SESSIONS

Monday & Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30p.m.
First Class starts on November 17, 2008
Code #321220-09 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-11:00a.m.
First Class starts November 4, 2008
Code #321220-10 Cost \$95.00
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00-12:00p.m.
First Class starts November 4, 2008
Code #321220-11 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30p.m.
First Class starts November 4, 2008
Code #321220-12 Cost \$95.00

Mondays, 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Fridays, 10:30-11:30a.m.
First Class starts November 17, 2008
Code #321220-13 Cost \$95.00

Saturdays, 9:30-10:30am (Once per week)
First Class starts November 22, 2008
Code #321220-14 Cost \$50.00

TEEN Sessions

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am (Once per week)
First Class starts November 22, 2008
Code #321220-15 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays, 11:30-12:30pm (Once per week)
First Class starts November 22, 2008
Code #321220-16 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 the hours of 5:30a.m. to 10:30p.m..

NEW STUDENTS ONLY. One Month Use
Sunday-Saturday, 5:30a.m.-10:30p.m.
New session Starts every day
Code #321230-01 Cost \$35.00
Centrex/Fit Express, 887 Hwy 35

ADULT AEROBICS

The program is designed to help condition and improve muscle tone, shape and to improve cardiac output.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30p.m.
First Session starts on September 16th, 2008
Code # 321742-01 Cost \$45.00
Tonya Keller Recreation Center

ADULT CERAMICS

Learn basics of ceramics. Decorate various figures from pre-cast molds. Greenware may be purchased, glazed and fired.

Thursdays, 7:00p.m.
First session starts on September 18th, 2008
Code # 321740-01 Cost \$45.00
Tonya Keller Recreation Center

Facilities

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

Office Hours:
8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday
E-mail: recreation@middletownnj.org

Tonya Keller Bayshore Recreation 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

Miniature Golf Course
Tindall Park Tindall Road
Middletown, NJ 07748
(732) 671-5145

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

BEACHES

Ideal Beach Bayside Parkway
(732)787-6157

Leonardo Beach Beach Avenue
(732)872-6708

& CULTURAL AFFAIRS

ADULT KICKBOXING

Learn basic karate and kick boxing moves and discipline for fitness and health. Instruction by Black Belt. Uniform required, may be purchased at 1st session. Held at Amatos Karate, 509 Palmer Avenue
Mondays, 7:00 to 8:00p.m. (5 weeks)
Wednesdays, 8:15- 9:15p.m. (5 weeks)
 First session Starts on September 22, 2008
 Code #321211-01 Cost \$45.00

ADULT TAI CHI

Learn the ancient art of moving meditation . Each simple move is easy and enjoyable to learn. Tai Chi is a gentle stress-reliever and physical conditioner. Uniform required, may be purchased at 1st session Amatos Karate, 509 Palmer Avenue.
Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00p.m. (5 weeks)
 First session starts on September 23, 2008
 Code #321212-01 Cost \$45.00

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Enjoy this co-ed sport with teams picked on a weekly basis. Great exercise and socialization.
 Tuesdays, 8:00-10:00p.m.
 First session Starts September 23, 2008
 Code #321117-01 Cost \$35.00
 Croydon Hall Gymnasium

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. Held at the Croydon Hall Senior Center East Wing

BEGINNERS

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30p.m. (10 weeks)
 First session starts September 23, 2008
 Code#321210-02 Cost \$60.00

INTERMEDIATE

For those that have already completed the beginners program.
Mondays, 7:00-8:30p.m. (10 weeks)
 First session starts September 22, 2008
 Code#321210-01 Cost \$60.00

ADULT OPEN BASKETBALL

Open basketball for adults. New teams formed each week with participants present. All participants must be 18 years of age or older. Participants must register in person at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Office. The \$10.00 fee covers the 2008/2008 school year. ID Cards will be issued and must be presented at each session. There will be no session when school is closed.

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:30p.m.

First Session starts September 16, 2008
 Code # 321800-01 Cost \$10.00
 Thompson Middle School,
 Middletown/Lincroft Rd. For Middletown residents ONLY!

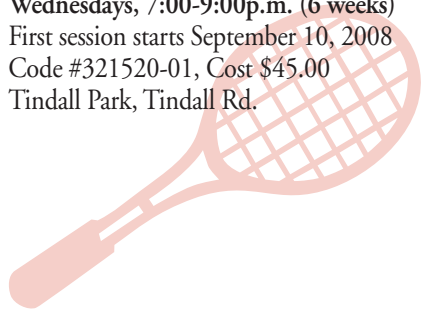
TENNIS PROGRAMS

ADULTS

This program consists of 6 weeks of supervised play and instruction.
 Thursdays, 6:30-8:00p.m. (6 weeks)
 First session starts September 11, 2008
 Code #321505-01 Cost \$55.00
 Tindall Park, Tindall Rd.

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 September 10, 2008
 Code #321520-01, Cost \$45.00
 Tindall Park, Tindall Rd.



Special Events and Trips

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Saturday, September 13

Watch a classic family movie under the stars on a large movie theater-sized screen and relax on the lawn at Normandy Park. Activities will be planned beginning at 6:00 p.m. for children of all ages and will include a petting zoo, sand art and more. The movie will begin at approximately 8:00p.m.

Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 OR
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Middletown Dads will have the opportunity to escort their "little angels" (grades K - 5) to an evening of dinner, dancing and great fun. Open to Middletown Residents only. Limited seating. Dinner will be buffet style. The evening will also include a souvenir photo and a special keepsake. It will be held at Jacques Reception Center, Palmer Ave. from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00p.m. The fee is \$33 per person. Pre-registration is required. Registration is now being accepted, Limited Seating is Available, so don't Delay!

Registration Information

NO telephone registrations accepted. Please complete registration forms as completely as possible. All programs are for ten (10) weeks unless otherwise noted. Instructors reserve the right to place participants in another class section if abilities warrant a change. Adult in-house programs are free to Middletown Seniors.
 Space is limited in all programs. Registration is on a first-come, first served basis. Participants will only be called if class is cancelled or postponed. Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and called if a class is not filled. Refunds will only be granted up to

and before the second class of the program. Refund fee is \$5.00.

Ways to Register

In person - Visit the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Office, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07748

Mail - Make checks payable to: Middletown Parks Recreation & Cultural Affairs. Mail to the above address with registration form.

Online - Visit www.middletonnj.org, Click on 'Parks and Recreation', then 'Online registration.'



HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO

Saturday, October 25th

Site and Time to be Announced. This great event will really bring out the spirit of Halloween. We are reinventing this traditional annual celebration and making it bigger and better then ever! So mark this date on your calendar so you and your family won't miss out on all the fun!

PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

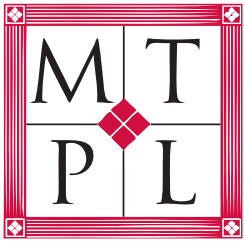
Parents/Guardians Information

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



Fall 2008

CHECK IT OUT!

Book Groups

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP GOES EXPLORING

As the library's Mystery Book Group enters its second season, members continue to seek out new authors and new ideas, and to enjoy quarterly "Mystery Round Robins." New mystery lovers are always welcome on the second Wednesday of every month at 10 am. Pick up your copy of the month's selection at the Borrower's Service Desk.

SEPTEMBER 10 – The theme is "detectives from other countries," the book is *Jar City: A Reykjavik Thriller*, by Arnaldur Indriðason, a police procedural set in Iceland.

OCTOBER 8 – *Mystery Round Robin – "the accidental detective."* Each member is asked to read and comment on a book with an unlikely detective, someone not professionally involved with crime or criminals, who solve a crime.

Book and Movie Discussion Group

The Thursday Night Book Group will move to the first Tuesday of every month beginning in September. Members read a book, see the movie, and discuss both.

September 2, 6:00 p.m., *The Night Listener*, R, 2006, based on the book by Armistead Maupin

October 7, 6:00 p.m., *The Mist*, based on the book by Stephen King

New Science Fiction Book Group

We're thinking about a Science Fiction Book Club – if you are interested, please call or e-mail the library at 732-671-3700, ext. 333, programs@mtpl.org.



October is National Reading Group Month

All of our registered book clubs are invited to a potluck supper

October has been officially designated as National Reading Group Month and New Jersey is leading the way in hopes of making this a recognized and anticipated celebration each year. To help promote this event the Middletown Library would like to invite all of our registered book clubs to a potluck supper, which will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2008 at 6 p.m. in our community room.

Each local club will be asked to bring an entrée, vegetable dish and dessert. The clubs will also be asked to briefly share one of their favorite 'reads'. We look forward to this evening being fun, informative and the first of many. Please look for additional information at the Borrower Services Desk or the Reference Desk when visiting the library.

you're invited

Art Exhibits



Who's Real – photo collage by Candy Langan

September 5 – 28

Through the Lens: Photographs, Paintings, Poetry and Crafts by Candy Langan and Friends
Opening Reception Saturday, September 13, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Event includes Artist's talk and demonstration



Red Bank Trestle, John White



Self Portrait, Gerda Liebmann

October 1 – 27

A World of Color: John White, watercolors, and Gerda Liebmann, acrylics
Opening Reception: Saturday, October 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Concerts

Sunday, September 14, 3:00 p.m.

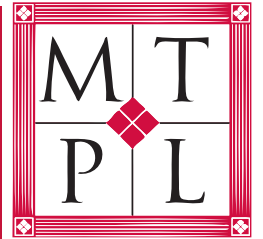
Bob Paddack's Nostalgia Big Band will present a toe-tapping selection of "big band" music from the 1940s. Tickets available at the library beginning August 1.

Monmouth Conservatory of Music photos credited to Walter Johnson



Music for a Wednesday Evening

Monmouth Conservatory of Music, Red Bank, and Middletown Township Public Library will present a fourth season of fine classical concerts on Wednesday evenings. The Friends of the Middletown Township Public Library are proud to join the Monmouth Conservatory of Music in sponsoring the 2008-2009 series. Hear some of the finest musicians in our area, and sometimes visiting artists. The first Classical Wednesday concert will be on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m.



What We're Reading this Fall

Read-Around-the-World.....

is the theme of Director's Choice Book Discussion Group. Now in its fourth year, the group will read and discuss outstanding world literature of the 20th century. Each book will be award-winning fiction that is set in a country other than the US, and which conveys a means to a greater understanding of world's peoples and conditions. The discussion is led by Susan O'Neal, library director.

The group, which has an open membership — come and join at any time — meets on the second Friday of every month in the community room of the Main Library. The discussion begins at 9:30 a.m., but participants are welcome to come at 9 a.m. for coffee, tea and pastries. Dates and books for the rest of 2008 are:

- Sept. 12: *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe (Nigeria)
- Oct. 10: *Palace Walk*, by Naguib Mahfouz (Egypt)
- Nov. 14: *Love and Garbage*, by Ivan Klima (Czech)
- Dec. 12: *Suite Francaise*, by Irene Nemirovsky (France)



Things Fall Apart is an historical novel set in the author's native Nigeria while still a British colony and was first published in London in 1958 and New York in 1959. Noted Professor, Harold Bloom has written "Its firmly controlled prose, profound compassion, and loving insight into people will not wear out." Copies of each book in the schedule will be placed on special hold at the borrower services desk about six weeks to a month in advance of its discussion date.

THE TEEN ZONE

We're introducing Open Mic Nites

Come share your music on Tuesday, August 28, Tuesday, September 30, and Tuesday, October 28, from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Garage Sale!!!

The Teen Council will be holding a garage sale in October. Clear the clutter and contribute to providing mosquito nets for families in countries with large number of deaths attributed to malaria.

Coming to the TEEN ZONE this fall!

There will be more book chats, especially about the Twilight series, steal bingo sessions, Wii game sessions, teen culture fests, and community service opportunities. Some new programs on the horizon are: *making your own video games*, *Runescape tournament (with 18 computers, it should be pretty cool)*, *teen cooking classes*, *making your own podcasts*, and *a Google Earth session to check out the great wonders of the world as well as the neighbor's laundry hanging on the clothesline next door!* Check out our new teen webpage coming soon to find out all the info.

Teens – make your voices heard.

Join the library Teen Council and be in on the planning of new teen programs. Sign up at the Reference Desk, or email Teen Librarian Ellie Strbo at estrbo@mtpl.org.

Last Thursday Poetry Reading and Open Mic

moderated by Gloria Rovder Healy

"All you poets, you preachers, you soul song teachers, come out, come out wherever you are! Gloria wants to hear you sing."



Alissa Pecora

Poets and poetry lovers – mark your calendars! Middletown Township Public Library continues to offer the poetry on last Thursday of each month. Some of New Jersey's finest poets have been featured in this series, and new voices are always welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 7:00 p.m. – Featured poets Emari DiGiorgio, Alissa Pecora, Susan Rothbard, and Ken Ronkowitz

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7:00 p.m. – Featured poets Anna Evans, Mark Hillinghouse, Michelle Lerner

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7:00 p.m. – Featured poets Karen Haefelein, Christine Waldeyer, and Priscilla Orr

Computer Classes at the Library

Computer classes will resume September 9, 2008. All classes will run from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The first class will be Introduction to Computers, with a repeat of same class September 16. One-on-one computer tutoring will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reservations can be made at the Reference Desk, but no more than one appointment per person every two weeks.

Research from Home 24/7

If You Have a Child in Middletown Schools, You Need to Know This!

What's new in library databases that back-to-schoolers need to know? Need research material to help you write a report? Our Reference Librarians are always available to help you locate information. But...find yourself short of time to visit the library?

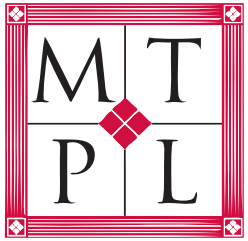
Right from home 24/7, students of all ages can search valuable resources with a wealth of information by utilizing the library's 73 reliable, authoritative databases and 500+ reference ebooks.

A very small sampling of the history resources offered from the library's website includes African American History Online, American Government, American History, American Indian History, Ancient & Medieval World History, American Decades Primary Sources, Dictionary of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Encyclopedia of Food and culture, and the Historical New York Times.

The library is continually adding to and enhancing its databases and ebook collection. Students are just a click away at www.mtpl.org from their own library of books, newspapers, and magazine articles to help add interest and depth to their reports.



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Fall 2008

CHECK IT OUT!

Save the Date:
Anniversary Concert,
Sunday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.
Celebrate the fourth anniversary of the reopened library.

Children's Activities at the Library

MUSIC OPEN MIC

MODERATED BY TONY SLOAN

Acoustic musicians of any age and any genre of music, teens to seniors, classical and jazz to pop and rock are invited to share their songs at an Open Mic on Tuesday, August 26 with featured performer Beth Arentsen. Future dates are Tuesday, September 30, and Tuesday, October 28, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Play our grand piano, or bring your own acoustic instruments.

Need a good read?

The Middletown Township Public Library website gives you access to *Gales Books and Authors*, and *EBSCO's Novelist* – both databases will suggest authors or titles that you might like – “readalikes” (authors similar to those you like) or books by genre, setting or theme.

You can also register on the library website for *Next Reads*, a monthly newsletter recommending books in different areas, ranging from “armchair travel” to “thrillers and suspense.” Or check out *Pearl's Picks*, recommended reading from super-librarian Nancy Pearl, updated monthly and available at mtpl.org

Library Locations & Hours

MAIN LIBRARY (732) 671-3700

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (*Sunday hours resume the first Sunday after labor Day, September 7th*)

BAYSHORE BRANCH (732) 787-1568

Mon. & Wed. 1-5 & 6-8 p.m.
Tues. & Fri. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.

LINCROFT BRANCH (732) 747-1140

Mon. & Wed. 1-5 & 6-8 p.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

NAVESINK BRANCH (732) 291-1120

Mon. & Wed. 1-5 & 6-8 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER
18TH, 7:00-
8:00 P.M.
LENAPE
FAMILY AND
VILLAGE LIFE

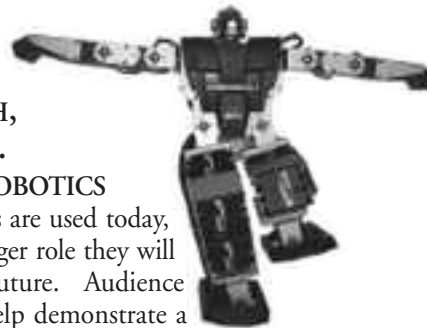
John T. Kraft is an archaeologist/educator who has presented thousands of programs on the Lenape or Delaware Indians of New Jersey. He has helped discover and excavate Lenape villages and artifacts, and has added much new information about their family life, dwellings, diet, spiritual beliefs and technology. He will present details of traditional Lenape life by focusing on everyday village activities and the roles of men, women and children within the family and community. Registration is required. Free tickets will be available starting Monday, September 8th. Grades K-6.



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 4TH,
3:00-4:00 P.M.

WORLD OF ROBOTICS

Learn how robots are used today, and the much larger role they will play in our future. Audience volunteers will help demonstrate a computer-programmable, mobile robot using its electronic voice, multi-sensors, arm, wrist, and hand. A robo-one class humanoid robot will show its all-too-human moves. For children in grades K-12. Registration required. Free tickets will be available starting September 22nd.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 7:30-8:30 P.M.
UNIBEAT DRUM CIRCLES PRESENTS
COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



Be part of the fun in this interactive rhythm event designed to promote unity, diversity and fun. Share the joy of creating spontaneous and inspiring music! Utilizing a variety of hand drums and percussion instruments, this centuries-old means of communicating through drumming promotes creativity and self-expression. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the fun. No prior musical experience is necessary. For ages 4 and up. Registration required. Free tickets will be available in the Children's Department starting September 29th.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 7:00-8:00 P.M.
EMPOWERING OUR FAMILIES TO LEAD AND
SUCCEED

*Parent Strategies in Overcoming
Conflict and Communication
Pitfalls, Presented by George
Anthony*

Effective communication management can have many benefits. It can help our children to learn new and better ways to respond to problems and build better and more lasting relationships in our home and community. Learn appropriate responses to conflict situations which arise in family situations, schools and in professional environments. George Anthony, Middletown resident, is a dedicated educator, who is able to inspire and motivate groups of people using conflict resolution skills. He has spoken at the United Nations many times, including the International Day of Peace. Registration required. Please register in person or at the Children's Department at 732 671-3700 x340 starting October 1st.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 2:30-3:30 P.M.
ANIMALIA WITH HOBEY FORD

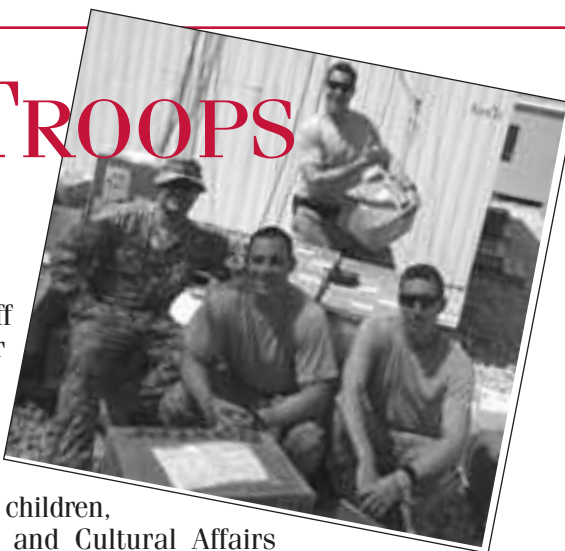
Winner of puppetry's highest honor, the UNIMA Citation of Excellence, and recipient of three Jim Henson Foundation grants, Hobe Ford is known for excellence in puppetry performance and craft. This beautiful production explores the world of animals through movement, music and visually stunning puppetry. Breaking out of the traditional puppet theater booth, Hobe Ford turns the whole theater into his performance stage. The performance includes a magnified look at butterfly and frog metamorphosis, the world of birds and a classic undersea ballet of whales, frolicking dolphins and otters. Audiences witness the magic of beautiful, animated, carved foam puppets, each one a work of art. In creating these "Foamies," Hobe carefully studies each animal's characteristic movements; he then designs various control mechanisms to make the puppets move in a lifelike manner. Registration required. Free tickets will be available starting Monday, October 13th. Ages 5 and up.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Middletown Adopts Hometown Hero's Battalion

One of Middletown's Hometown Heroes, Army Staff Sgt. Eric McCoy, has gone to Iraq for his second tour of duty as a member of Delta Company, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion. Middletown is adopting Eric's 37-member battalion and will be shipping donated supplies to Iraq over the next year. Eric, a long-time resident who lives in River Plaza with his wife and two children, is a foreman for Middletown's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department.

Donations will be accepted at the usual drop off points – the Main Library, Croydon Hall, the Senior Center, Arts Center and Town Hall. Visit the Support the Troops section of the website for donations guidelines or call 732-615-2287.



Delta Company, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion

of duty and local schools attended. Submissions can be mailed to Mayor's Office, c/o Deputy Mayor Pam Brightbill, 1 Kings Hwy. Middletown, NJ, 07748 or dropped off in person. Please include a contact name, address and phone number. Call 732-615-2287 with questions.

Charlie Company Update

The men and women of Charlie Company, 1BSTB, 82nd Airborne Division, have safely returned to their home base in Fort Bragg, NC. Middletown's last shipment Iraq was used to re-supply soldiers with needed hygiene items for the remainder of their tour.

HELP US HELP YOU

The Middletown Township Fire Department responds to nearly 3,000 calls per year, many of which could have been avoided. Two very common calls we are dispatched to on a fairly regular basis are clothes dryer fires and oven fires. Although most fires could be avoided through proper fire prevention, these two stand out as the easiest avoidable.

All clothes dryers have vents that carry the hot air produced during their drying cycle to the outside of the home. During a dryer's normal cycle, lint from the clothes being dried is produced and builds up inside the dryer and the vent. Gone unchecked, this lint will eventually catch fire from the heat produced during the drying cycle.

One of the signs that you have a lint build up is longer than normal drying times. As lint builds up, it begins to constrict the air flow in your vent which results in inefficient operation of your dryer unit. It is imperative that you clean the vent and the lint in the unit itself. Ideally, this should be completed on a monthly basis. By doing this simple task, you will greatly reduce the chance of ever experiencing a dryer fire in your home.

Oven fires are easily avoidable as well. With the exception of unit malfunctions, most oven fires are simply due to excess grease buildup inside or on top of the cooking areas. Be sure to wipe away any grease buildup or spills as they occur. Additionally, for those that have self cleaning ovens, heavy buildup or spills should be cleaned prior to running the self cleaning mode. During this operation, the inside temperature reaches extremely high levels and any heavy buildup WILL catch fire.

Lastly, NEVER run clothes dryers or leave stove tops, ovens or self cleaning modes on when you are not at home. By taking these few simple steps, you can help us help you.

By Chief Vincent P. Falci

Middletown Business to Business Night Sept. 10

Middletown's first Business to Business Night will be held on Wednesday, September 10th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street. The event's goal is to bring local businesses together to foster new business opportunities. This free event, hosted by the Middletown Community Affairs Council, is open only to Middletown-based businesses. Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger and Township Committee members are scheduled to attend. Whole Foods will donate the refreshments.

Business owners or their representatives can RSVP to Lori Anne Oliwa at (732)757-7443 or middletownbusinessevent@yahoo.com

Cops In Shops

Middletown's Cops in Shops program, which aims to combat underage purchase and consumption of alcohol, continues thanks to an \$8,000 grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Middletown police made 31 arrests during 20 undercover operations conducted between June 2007 and May 2008. Cops in Shops is a cooperative effort between police, liquor retailers and the community. Undercover operations are funded by the grant. Arrests can lead to a \$500 fine and loss of driving privileges for six months. Contact Sgt. Darren Schwedes at 732-615-2041 for details.

WHAT IS NONPOINT 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, 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. But there's good news – we can make simple changes to keep our environment clean. Below are few ways we can reduce non-point source pollution. For more information visit www.njstormwater.org

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.

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.

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.

FIRST AID KEVIN TOOMEY WINS MATT HENKEL AWARD

FROM LEFT ARE: MIDDLETOWN FIRST AID AND RESCUE MIDDLETOWN MEMBER KEVIN TOOMEY, MAYOR GERARD P. SCHARFENBERGER AND THE HENKEL FAMILY DURING PRESENTATION OF THE 2008 MATT P. HENKEL MEMORIAL EMS SERVICE AWARD. TOOMEY, A MEMBER FOR 2 YEARS, RECEIVED THE AWARD FOR EARNING HIS EMT CERTIFICATION WHILE ENDURING HIS OWN PERSONAL FIGHT WITH AN EPILEPTIC DISORDER. TO MEMORIALIZE HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, THE HENKEL FAMILY ESTABLISHED THE AWARD IN 2006 AFTER MATT DIED FOLLOWING A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SURGERY.



Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteers Wanted

The Middletown Police Department, in conjunction with 180 Turning Lives Around, has a team of trained volunteer advocates available to meet confidentially with domestic violence victims at police headquarters 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Applications are currently being accepted for the fall training session which begins October 27. Applicants must be Middletown residents, at least 18 years of age, have access to transportation, a valid driver's license, and must be willing to serve on an on-call shift basis, submit to background investigations and complete the 40-hour training course. Contact Sgt. Darren Schwedes at 732-615-2041.

WORKING TO PREVENT BRUSH FIRES

Township officials are working with county, state, and federal officials to identify measures that can be taken to mitigate brushfire/wildfire hazards and risks in Middletown.

"The good news is brush fires have been on the decline in the past few years. However, it's important that we take a proactive stance in seeking avenues to mitigate the long-standing problem," said Fire Official Clifford Dainty. Dainty, is gathering input from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the state Forest Fire Service, Monmouth County Parks System and Monmouth County Mosquito Commission.

Over 100 wildfires burn in the marshlands of New Jersey every year, aggravated by dry weather and an invasive plant species known as Phragmites. During last century Phragmites reed grass replaced many of the native species along the state's waterways and estuarine areas. They are highly flammable and produce a tremendous amount of heat. Visit www.njwildfire.org to learn how you can protect your home.

Municipal Alliance Collecting Cell Phones, MP3s and PDAs



The Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is collecting old and unwanted phones, MP3s, iPods and PDAs to raise funds for alcohol and drug prevention education programs such as the annual Reaching Out program and Project PLUS, the fifth-grade peer leadership program. Devices do not have to be in working order. However, the newer the device the more credit the Alliance earns. Batteries, cradles and phone cords are also accepted. Collection boxes are located Town Hall, the Johnson-Gill Annex, Parks and Recreation Office, and Crossroads at Croydon Hall. Contact Fern Foster 732-615-2269 for details.

Coyote Precautions

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. For more informatio about coyotes, visit www.middletownnj.org.



Middletown Fire Academy Graduates

Fourteen dedicated volunteer firefighters have graduated from The Middletown Fire Academy. In order to graduate, the recruits had to complete about 180 hours of training, which included classroom lectures and practice drills. From left are: (bottom row) Kevin Tormey, River Plaza Fire Company; Kiernan Miller Jr., Brevent Park & Leonardo Fire Company; Thomas Kirman, Fair Haven Fire Department; Edward Bennett Jr., Lincroft Fire Company; Michael Liffner, Lincroft Fire Company; William Gehr, Community Fire Company; Daniel Anzivino, Belford Engine Fire Company; Stephanie Hawley, Atlantic Highlands Fire Company, and Michael Schmerler, Brevent Park & Leonardo Fire Company; (top row) Jayson Turegano, Belford Engine Fire Company; Ken Howe, Community Fire Company; Shane Hall, Brevent Park & Leonardo Fire Company; Patrick Conley, River Plaza Fire Company. Not pictured: Timothy Lingelbach, Navesink Hook & Ladder Fire Company.

Township Committee Workshop Meeting

Town Hall, 8p.m.
Sept. 2, Oct. 6

Township Committee Regular Meeting

Town Hall, 8p.m.
Sept. 15, Oct. 20

Planning Board

Town Hall, 6:30p.m.
Sept. 3, Oct. 1

Zoning Board

Town Hall, 7p.m.
Sept. 22, Oct. 27

Community Affairs Council

Town Hall, 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)
No meetings July & Aug.

Recreation Advisory Committee

Croydon Hall, 7:30p.m.
4th Monday (monthly)

Upcoming Public Meetings