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North Middletown Neighborhood Preservation Program Underway

Ready with an approved Work Plan and budget, the North Middletown Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) is in full swing.

There are a number of exciting activities and community projects that will be implemented in the North Middletown target neighborhood over the next year. Some of the projects include shade tree plantings around the picnic tables and playground at the Tonya Keller Bayshore Community Center, improved lighting at Ideal Beach and municipal parking lot, and installation of a security systems to enhance neighborhood safety.

Additional building and site improvements are also planned at the Community Center using federal funds leveraged by the NPP. The entire work plan and budget is available online at www.middletownnj.org/planning/npp.asp. In addition to the community projects, the NPP provides for grants to residents within the North Middletown NPP target area including 50/50 Paint and Materials Grant and grants for home rehabilitation.

50/50 PAINT AND MATERIALS GRANT

Residential property owners in the target neighborhood may apply for the 50/50 Paint and Materials Grant to improve the exterior of their home. NPP will reimburse the owner 50% of



the eligible costs of paint and/or materials used in the repair of their home, up to \$1,000.00, at the completion of the repairs. Labor costs are not reimbursable. In no case will reimbursement exceed \$1,000.00. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Grants will be awarded as long as NPP funding remains available.

HOME REHABILITATION GRANTS

Direct grants of up to \$25,000 each are available to improve the condition of low- and moderate-income households in the North Middletown target neighborhood. Under the program, the direct grants would be used to improve major systems with at least one code violation corrected. This component of the NPP will be partnered with available funds from the Township's ongoing Community Development Block Grant Home Rehabilitation Program.

The NPP Office is located in Middletown Township Municipal Complex, Johnson Gill Annex, 1 Kings Highway. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, Monday through Friday. Call 732-615-2000, ext. 2289 or send e-mail at asarrinik@middletownnj.org for information.

By Amy Sarrinikolaou, Program Coordinator

Township Considers Use of Wind Power

A small wind could make a big difference in Middletown's quest to cut energy costs and lessen its carbon footprint. The township is investigating the use of wind power to generate electricity for township buildings. Two anemometers have been installed on the roofs of the Public Works Building and the Middletown Arts Center to collect data on wind conditions. The devices were installed by Big Wind, Sea Girt, at no charge. The firm will collect wind data and provide a report on the project's viability.

If there is an adequate amount of wind, the township will consider installing vertical axis wind turbines to harvest the renewable energy resource and produce zero or low carbon electrical power. Power generated by the turbines would be used to offset municipal energy costs, explained Township Engineer Ted Maloney.

Harnessing the wind to create energy is the latest in a series of eco-friendly projects the township has undertaken since the Middletown Green Initiative was launched in 2007. Other projects include the biofuel pilot program which utilizes used vegetable oil to fuel township vehicles; installation of energy efficient light bulbs in township buildings; and Dock and Roll, a free community shuttle service.



BUSINESS TO BUSINESS NIGHT

MORE THAN 120 BUSINESS OWNERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED THE 2ND ANNUAL MIDDLETOWN BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS NIGHT HELD AT THE MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER. THE EVENT WAS SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COUNCIL WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF WHOLE FOODS AND SUZI'S SWEET SHOPPE. SILVER TULIP FLORIST, STAPLES, MARY KAY COSMETICS, AND CENTREX SPORTS CLUB AND ALL AMERICAN PRINT AND COPY ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE NIGHT'S SUCCESS.

Official News Published for the Residents of Middletown Township

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 Engineer 615-2259

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

Verizon FIOS channel 26

Middletown Emergency Radio

1620 AM

Fire Dept. Training Academy Receives Key Donation

Last June the Middletown Fire Department Training Academy needed an emergency deluge system for a newly-constructed live burn room. The room is using for training. A deluge system is designed to fully suppress live fire in the burn room in the event of an emergency. Rich Fire Protection and Reliable Sprinkler generously donated the necessary materials. Two members of the Sprinkler Fitter Local 696, Red Bank, then donated their time on a Saturday to install the system.

Last September, the Fire Academy found itself in need of assistance again. This time the local carpenters union answered the call. Nine members of the Local 2250 Carpenters Union donated a weeknight's worth of time to reconstruct the Academy's roof prop. The prop, used to teach firefighters the proper method for ventilating a roof, was in need of a complete overhaul. The carpenters stripped the peaked roof prop of its lumber and reconstructed it to perfection. With a slight modification in design the roof prop will serve our Firefighters for many more years to come.

Both donations saved the Fire Academy and the township an estimated \$10,000 in materials and labor. Visit www.middletonfireacademy.com
By Dave D'Arcy, MTFD Training Academy



TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

JIM CANTY AND GRETCHEN SMITH, MIDDLETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TREASURER GAIL NELSEN, DEPUTY MAYOR GERARD P. SCHARFENBERGER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT RANDALL GABRELIAN MET FOR A TOUR OF THE MCLEOD-RICE HOUSE AT CROYDON HALL. SMITH, A DESCENDANT OF THE MCLEOD FAMILY, STOPPED BY TO VISIT THE HOUSE SHE KNEW AS A CHILD. EFFORTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HOUSE AND ITS OCCUPANTS CONTINUE ALONG WITH FUND-RAISING EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE LATE 19TH CENTURY STRUCTURE. FOR MORE INFORMATION SEND AN E-MAIL TO MACLEODRICE@GMAIL.COM OR A LETTER TO FRIENDS OF THE MACLEOD RICE HOUSE, BOX 4262, MIDDLETOWN 07748.



Road & Park Improvements Approved

Middletown is gearing up to improve more than a dozen township roads and parks. Road projects are divided into road reconstruction, which includes milling, paving and drainage work, and road resurfacing. Road reconstruction projects approved this year include:

- Delaware Avenue Area Reconstruction, Phase III, with improvements to be made on Mohawk Avenue from Huron Avenue to Ontario Avenue and Huron Way from Delaware Avenue to Mohawk Avenue,
- Cooper Blvd. from East Roosevelt Circle to Route 35,
- Mulberry Lane from Monmouth Avenue to Terminus
- Church Lane from Red Hill Road to Wallace Road
- Park Place from Garnsey Place to Campbell Avenue
- Reilly Street and Kelly Street

The 2009 Roadway Resurfacing Program includes:

- Kings Highway from Heritage Drive to Windy Hill Lane,
- Hillside Avenue from Grand Avenue to First Avenue,
- Fire Thorne Circle from Shady Oaks to cul-de-sac,
- West Front Street from Normandy Road to Stevenson Park.

Parks upgrades include improvements at several athletic fields and tennis courts, and roller hockey rink renovations. Funding is also allocated to construct athletic fields adjacent to Conifer Village on Route 36. Traffic and circulation improvements will be made in the Campbell's Junction section of Middletown. The project includes enhancing an existing bus stop on Leonardville Road. Other improvements funded this year include drainage improvements to the Pelican Road Outfalls at Borden Road, Train Station Parking Lot improvements, and ADA upgrades at various buildings and parks.

Township Works to Secure Flood Insurance Discounts for Property Owners

The Federal Emergency Management Agency began to review the township's application to participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) in October. The voluntary incentive program provides participating communities with flood insurance discounts for property owners.

Middletown officially notified Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of its intention to participate in the program in January 2009. With guidance from FEMA, the township is currently conducting a review of community activities that meet CRS requirements. Recent steps taken include amending building codes to comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

regulations, fine-tuning computerized maps of flood zones and creating a library of flood prevention information for property owners at the Middletown library.

FEMA regularly takes one year to complete the formal review of a community's application. Communities do receive credit for what they have done in the year prior to the application's submission. Flood insurance rates are discounted in increments of 5 percent based on a number of creditable activities such as public information, mapping and regulations, flood damage reduction and flood preparedness.

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H1N1 Facts

Like the common Seasonal Flu, the H1N1 virus can be spread person-to-person.

The H1N1 virus presents similarly to the Seasonal Flu. Symptoms include a fever of greater than 100° F, cough, sore throat, clogged nasal passages, runny nose, headache, chills and fever. There have also been reports of vomiting and diarrhea.

There is little or no known immunity to this virus.

The best way to prevent the H1N1 virus or the "regular" Seasonal Flu is to practice good hygiene.

Wash your hands often, cover you nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing, and throw away used tissues.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth without washing your hands.

Stay home if you are sick.

Individuals that show signs of influenza illness should not go to school, work or attend other public gatherings until they are fever free without the use of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours.

Message from the Mayor

H1N1: Behind the Scenes

Since the H1N1 virus (formerly known as the swine flu) began to spread around the world, the Middletown Health Department has done a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to minimize the impact of the effect of the virus on our community.

The Middletown Health Department is working closely with the state Department of Health and Senior Services to address this pandemic. In addition to monitoring the new virus, Middletown is maintaining a heightened public awareness campaign designed to educate the public about H1N1 symptoms and prevention.

Most recently, the Health Department began gearing up to administer the H1N1 vaccination through free public clinics. Middletown is working with a consortium of Monmouth County public health officials to schedule a series of clinics in schools and other public facilities across the county beginning this fall. Because a booster shot may be needed public health officials must be ready to enter every person's H1N1 vaccination information into a database to ensure proper dosing. Residents can go to any clinic in Monmouth

County to receive the vaccination.

Fortunately, the township is eligible to receive up to \$158,000 in grant money from the state Department of Health and Senior Services to help defray the substantial administrative costs related to H1N1 including paying the professionals needed to provide the shots. Our health department was a very busy place before H1N1 made landfall in the United States. The traditional flu season begins in the fall and brings a separate set of vaccination clinics that need to occur. Our Health Department is also responsible for animal control, pet licensing, issuing marriage and death certificates, investigating communicable diseases and inspecting hundreds of retail food vendors.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Health Department staff for their dedication and commitment to keeping us healthy and safe. Please read the Health Department's message below to learn more about the H1N1 virus.



5 New Officers Join Police Department

FIVE MILITARY VETERANS ARE THE LATEST RECRUITS TO JOIN THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT. PATROLMAN JOHN G. MELE, A FORMER MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICER, ENTERED DIRECTLY INTO THE TOWNSHIP'S 12-WEEK FIELD TRAINING OFFICER PROGRAM. PATROLMEN STEPHEN G. GREENWOOD, NICHOLAS T. FENEZIA, RICHARD P FULLHAM, MICHAEL E. PINTILIE ARE ATTENDING CAPE MAY POLICE ACADEMY. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE IN JANUARY 2010.

Health Department Message H1N1 - The New Flu

There is a "New Flu" circulating around the world. This influenza virus is known as H1N1 (formerly referred to as the Swine Flu). The H1N1 virus should not be confused with the yearly Seasonal Flu seen every fall and winter. This virus was first discovered in Mexico in early April. It spread rapidly with the first U.S. case identified in California on April 15th. The first case in New Jersey was reported on April 26th. H1N1 quickly spread around the world. The World Health Organization (WHO), in response to the virulence of this "New Flu" declared H1N1 Influenza a Pandemic Influenza on June 11, 2009. This declaration was due to the rapid spread of the virus from person to person.

Each year the Middletown Health Department runs a vaccination campaign for the influenza virus. This vaccine only provides protection against the Seasonal Flu, not the new H1N1 virus. Currently, there is a H1N1-specific vaccine in production. There is a target of mid to late October for this vaccine to be available. Before the vaccine is distributed, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will issue guidelines on which specific high risk priority groups of people will be the first to be vaccinated. Eventually, as the supplies increase, the vaccine should be available to everyone. The Health Department has been told that the vaccine will be given and a second booster will be needed 21-28 days later. In addition, there is no mandate that anyone is required to get this shot.

Stay tuned to the township web site, TV station and local press for information about upcoming public H1N1 vaccination clinics. For more information, visit www.middletownnj.org or call 732-615-2095.

Did You Know MUNICIPAL COURT PRIMER

Sessions - The Middletown Township Municipal Court is in session every Monday at 8:30 a.m., the first second and third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Cases - This court hears quasi-criminal and motor vehicle matters which occur within the boundaries of Middletown Township. The majority of quasi-criminal matters will require appearance in court. Motor vehicle tickets that do not require a court appearance may be paid at the Court Clerk's Office during business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday Friday or at www.njmcdirect.com

Questions? - Please make sure to take the time to read the front and back of the ticket or complaint so that you are aware of what is required of you. Should you receive a motor vehicle summons or a quasi-criminal complaint, you may contact the court at 732-615-2036 with specific questions. Please note that calls are not accepted when court is in session. The court office can be reached after 2:00 p.m. on court days.

Meet Mayor Brightbill

Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill holds open office hours at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway, on the first Wednesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Residents are welcomed on a first-come basis to discuss any concerns or issues they may have related to township government. Residents are also invited to share thoughts and ideas about how the township can better serve its citizens at any time by contacting the mayor's office at 732-615-2024.

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Is All It Takes To
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MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

12 STEP SELF-HELP CONTACT INFORMATION

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
(800) 245-1377

AL-ANON AND ALA-TEEN
(732) 536-5676

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
(800) 992-0401

NAR-ANON
(732) 409-1238

For internet links to these and additional Self Help Groups visit the Crossroads page on the township's web site.

Municipal Alliance Collecting Cell Phones, MP3s and PDAs

Did you recently upgrade your cell phone? Do you have an old MP3 player or PDA taking up space? Donate your old phones, MP3 players, and PDAs to the Alliance. These items are being collected to raise funds for alcohol and drug prevention education programs. Devices do not have to be in working order. Collection boxes are located Town Hall, the Police Department, the Johnson-Gill Annex, Parks and Recreation Administration, and Crossroads. Call 732-615-2269 for more information or to request a collection box.

ADOLESCENT AND ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING SERVICES

The Community Based program provides short-term outpatient treatment at no charge to Middletown residents. A substance abuse evaluation is the first step in the counseling process.

Please call Mark A. Generoso, MS, CADC, CCS, (732)615-2275, to schedule a free & confidential appointment.



20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

February 2010 marks the 20th anniversary of the organization of the Middletown Alliance. Today the Alliance membership consists of 40 individuals representing a vast array of community professionals and concerned citizens. Eight individuals are founding members. More than half of the membership has been associated with the Alliance for more than 10 years.

Prevention Education Through Community Awareness Events

6th Annual Reaching Out Program Touches Community

Middletown Township and the Alliance continue to take proactive measures to educate the public before senseless tragedies happen with programs such as Reaching Out To Prevent Substance Abuse. The annual program was presented for the sixth consecutive year on May 14th at the Middletown Arts Center to an audience of 300 students, parents, and concerned residents.

This program is facilitated by the Middletown Alliance. The format is an interactive discussion about the legal, health, and personal consequences of alcohol and drug abuse and associated tragedies. Alcohol and drug prevention education literature is available in the outer area before and after the program.

The 2009 panel of speakers included Committeeman Anthony P. Fiore; Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante; Alliance Chairperson Ret. Det. Sgt. Mike Slover; Middletown Police Chief Robert Oches, Lieutenant Craig Weber and Sergeant Michael Shaffery; Municipal Court Judge Richard B. Thompson; and Middletown Public Schools Superintendent Karen Bilbao.

Sharing their personal stories were Ashley Bedell, a Middletown high school graduate who currently is enrolled at Brookdale Community College, and Erin Wheeler, whose brother DJ was killed in a drunk driving accident.

The program began with parents and siblings of individuals who have lost their lives due to issues of substance abuse rising to introduce themselves. Each person stated the name, date, and circumstances regarding their family's tragedy.

Many direct questions regarding what is being done in our township to prevent substance abuse were asked by the audience to each of the panelists. The questions and answers evoked both a lively and informative discussion. Watch the Middletown channel schedule of events to view the Reaching Out program. You will learn how our community leaders addressed your neighborhood concerns regarding issues of substance abuse.

The 7th Annual Reaching Out program will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Middletown Arts Center.

Alliance Community Rally Recognizes Recovery Month Together We Learn, Together We Heal

September 2009 was proclaimed National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in our township by the Mayor and Middletown Township Committee. In recognition, the Middletown Alliance held its annual Community Rally on the grounds of Crossroads during Middletown Day.

Recovery Month serves to educate the public on substance abuse as a national health crisis, that addiction is a treatable disease, and that recovery is possible. Recovery Month highlights the benefits of treatment for not only the affected individual, but for their family, friends, workplace, and society as a whole. Educating the public reduces the stigma associated with addiction and treatment.

Accurate knowledge of the disease helps people to understand the importance of supporting treatment programs, those who work within the treatment field, and those in need of treatment.

The Alliance provided substance abuse prevention education literature for teens and adult. Among the displays was the look-a-like-drug drug kit. In additions to a variety of what many drugs look like, also included in the kit are various samples of common drug paraphernalia. Crossroads Counselors were on hand to answer specific questions regarding treatment. Many Alliance members, including grieving families and 12-Step member were on hand to provide information.

REACHING OUT



To Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Project P.L.U.S. Registration Alert Peer Leaders Understanding Students

WHO: Fifth Grade Students

WHEN: One hour a week for 7 weeks
6:00–7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays OR Thursdays (schedule on right)

WHERE: The Senior Center at Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo

WHAT: Project P.L.U.S. is a free after-school peer leadership program offered to all fifth grade students. The program teaches the students the health and legal consequences of dangerous substances and prepares them for the upper grades.

Nearly 1,200 students have completed the program since 2001. Their most popular comments were: "I wish the program was longer;" "I met new friends;" "It was great to have fun and learn at the same time;" and "I'll never forget Project P.L.U.S."

The program is facilitated by Ret. Det. Sgt. Mike Slover. Guest speakers include police, students, grieving families, recovering addicts, and members of the Middletown Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

The last session of each Project P.L.U.S. includes a Completion Ceremony where students receive certificates of completion from the Mayor followed by a pizza party.

Space in each group is limited to the first fifty (50) students to register. Parents/Guardians must attend the first and last week of each group. You will receive a confirmation phone regarding your registration. All confirmed participants will receive a schedule. Complete and cut the form below and mail by to: Project P.L.U.S., Crossroads at Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737

Project P.L.U.S. Schedule

Group #1 Wednesdays*
For students who attend:
Bayview
Fairview
Leonardo
Navesink

2009 Program Dates
October 21 & 28
November 4, 11 & 18
December 2 & 9

Group #3 Wednesdays
For students who attend:
St. Mary's
Harmony
New Monmouth
Ocean Avenue
Port Monmouth

2010 Program Dates
February 3, 10, 17 & 24
March 3, 10 & 17

Group #5 Wednesdays
For students who attend:
St. Leo's
Oak Hill Academy
Lincroft
Nut Swamp
River Plaza
Village

2010 Program Dates
April 28
May 5, 12, 19 & 26
June 2 & 9

Group #2 Thursdays*
For students who attend:
Bayview
Fairview
Leonardo
Navesink

2009 Program Dates
October 22 & 29
November 5, 12 & 19
December 3 & 10

Group #4 Thursdays
For students who attend:
St. Mary's
Harmony
New Monmouth
Ocean Avenue
Port Monmouth

2010 Program Dates
February 4, 11, 18 & 25
March 4, 11 & 18

Group #6 Thursdays
For students who attend:
St. Leo's
Oak Hill Academy
Lincroft
Nut Swamp
River Plaza
Village

2010 Program Dates
April 29
May 6, 13, 20 & 27
June 3 & 10

CROSSROADS CONTACT INFORMATION

Crossroads at Croydon Hall
900 Leonardville Road,
Leonardo 07737
Fax: 732-291-4398

*CROSSROADS DIRECTOR, ALLIANCE
CHAIRPERSON*

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PROJECT P.L.U.S. APPLICATION GROUPS 3-6

Clearly Print Student's Name

Clearly Print Parent/Guardian's Name

School Currently Attending

Home Phone

Mailing address

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

Circle Your Preferred Group

GROUP #3 GROUP #4 DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS FEBRUARY 1

GROUP #5 GROUP #6 DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 26

*GROUP #1 & GROUP #2 ARE ALREADY RESERVED.

Alliance Substance Abuse

Prevention Programs

K.I.D.S. and G.L.A.D.

Kids Instructed on Dangerous Substances and Grown-ups Learning About Drugs are educational prevention programs for children 5 to 15 years old and adults. Youth and adults learn the health and legal consequences of involvement with substance abuse in an age appropriate format.

Meetings

Alliance meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month at Crossroads. Meetings begin promptly at 8:30AM. Call (732) 615-2269 for additional information.

Adult Instructional Programs

WOMEN'S CENTREX TRAINING

This program is designed as a come-when-you-want-program. You can go any day of the week 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. NEW STUDENTS ONLY. One Month Use

Sunday-Saturday

New session Starts every day

Code #421230-01 Cost \$35.00

Centrex, Union Square, 500 Rt. 35

ADULT AEROBICS

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

First Session starts on December 8, 2009

Code # 421742-01 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 7:00 p.m.

First session starts December 3, 2009

Code # 421740-01 Cost \$45.00

Tonya Keller Recreation Center

ADULT KARATE/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.

Mondays 7:00-8:00 p.m. (5 weeks)

& Wednesdays, 8:15-9:15pm (5 weeks)

First session starts on November 2, 2009

Code #421211-01 Cost \$45.00

Amatos Karate, 509 Palmer Ave

Special Events and Trips

SOCCER TURKEY SHOOT

Friday, November 20

The object of this fall favorite is for children to shoot a soccer ball at a target which is worth various points. Winners will be divided by age groups and receive trophies and turkeys for the highest scoring winners. The competition is open to Middletown children at the following times: 6-7 year olds at 6:00 p.m., 8-9 year olds at 6:45 p.m. and 10-12 year olds at 7:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$5.00 per person. Participants can register at the door.

NEW YORK RANGERS GAME

Monday, November 23

See the NY Rangers take on the Columbus Blue Jackets at Madison Square Garden. Fee is \$90 per person. Includes charter bus transportation and section 322 seats. Bus departs at 3:30 p.m. from the Johnson Gill annex. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Returns immediately after the game (approximately 11:30 p.m.)

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5

Meet Santa during a buffet breakfast at Jacques Reception Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children 2 years old and older will receive a gift from Santa. A professional photographer will take a free photo of your children with

Santa and provide one 5"x7" and 4 wallet-sized photos to take home. One sitting per family. Music provided by a DJ.

Middletown Residents Only.

Limited Seating. Fee is \$27 for residents 5 and older, \$16 for residents aged 2-4. Residents under the age of 2 who will attend need to be included on the registration form.

Holiday Celebration

Sunday December 6
Free!



The annual holiday celebration is moving to the Middletown Arts Center. Stay tuned for new activities with lots of holiday spirit. Visit website for event time and activity schedule.

Holiday Train Ride

Saturday, December 12

Trains will depart at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Each ride is approximately 2 hours. The trains will feature a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, carolers, roving entertainment and more. Each child over the age of 1 will receive a goody bag. Under the age of 1 is free, however a ticket is still needed. Registrants will be assigned a specific location on the train at the time of registration. It is highly recommended that if you would like to sit with other families that you all register early and at the same time. Tickets go on sale October 29. Price is \$12.

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular Trip

Tuesday, December 8

Show time is 8:00 p.m. There will be ample time before the show to enjoy all the magic of NYC during the holidays. See the Christmas tree; enjoy the ice skaters, window displays and decorations; go shopping or to your favorite local restaurant. Includes round trip transportation via charter bus and orchestra seating. Bus departs at 3:15 p.m. sharp from the Johnson-Gill Annex at Town Hall. Returns immediately following the show. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Price is \$95.00. Middletown Residents Only.

PRE NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Tuesday, December 29

Middletown students grades K-5 and their parents are invited to celebrate the New Year with a fun-filled afternoon at the Croydon Hall gym. A Professional DJ will provide music, fun and games. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your own lunch or order some pizzas to be delivered. The party runs from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission fee \$5.00 per person (including adults) to be paid at the door.

Youth/Teen Ski/Snowboarding Trips 2010:

Tentative dates are Saturday January 9, 23, 30 and Saturday, February 6, 20, 27. Location and price to be announced. Detailed registration information should be available by late October. Plan to attend the Parent and Teen/child Group Meeting on November 9.

Information

Call Middletown Parks & Recreation Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 732-615-2260 or visit www.middletownnj.org.

Facilities

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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

Office Hours:

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

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.

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.

SENIORS FREE PROGRAM POLICY

Middletown Senior Citizens are permitted to attend a limited number of classes held at Croydon Hall free of charge if space is available. Restrictions apply. Call 732-615-2260 for complete policy.

Ways to Register

In person - Visit the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Office, 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737

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

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

& CULTURAL AFFAIRS



MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

In the Gallery "Winter Delights"

Plain Air Painter of
the Jersey Coast
November 7 –
December 31

View exquisite
paintings of various
locations created by
this talented group of artists. Purchase a one-of-a-kind
painting for a wonderful holiday gift. Special workshops
with artists will be presented. Call the MAC for details.



Tanya Belikov and Richard Givney

Friday, November 20
Lesson 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Open dancing until
10:00 p.m. Tickets \$15 per person

Argentine Tango Milonga with Lee Sager

Saturdays November 21st, December 12th
Lesson 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.,
Open Dancing until 11:00 p.m.
Tickets \$15 per person

Holiday Snow Ball

Ballroom and Latin Dancing
with a special Holiday flair
Friday, December 11,
7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$20 per person

American Sign Language

Rock n' Roll Show
Rock n' Roll like you've never seen it!
Saturday December 5, 7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$12, Students/Seniors \$7

The Wag Holiday Family Concert

Classic, traditional, original and a cappella holiday
songs including a sing-along.
Sunday December 20, 2:00 p.m., Tickets \$10



A Day off from School is a Day ON at the MAC!

Creative half and full-day programs for children when
school is closed.

November 2-6, November 11
December 28, 29, 30
Members \$20 half-day/\$40 full-day
Non-members \$25 half-day/ \$50 full-day

Colts Neck Swing Band

Afternoon of Music and Dancing
Sunday, November 15 and December 13
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Tickets \$12 per person
Ballroom and Latin Dance Social

Senior Center Events

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. Seniors wishing to be
transported to the Senior Center to register can call 732-615-
2265. All events begin at 1 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

NOVEMBER 6

NOON
PRE-THANKSGIVING COVERED DISH
Bringing a tasty dish to feed 4-6 folks. Sign up by 10/30.

NOVEMBER 14

ANNUAL HOMECOMING DANCE
Don't miss this fun afternoon of music, dancing, and games
with the Middletown High School North Key Club. We'll
also crown the Senior Homecoming King and Queen. Sign
up by 11/10.

NOVEMBER 19

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY
An old-fashioned sing-a-long for all to enjoy followed by
refreshments.

DECEMBER 1

TREE LIGHTING
Holiday songs & refreshments
abound as we light the Center's
holiday tree.

DECEMBER 3

SENIOR CENTER
CHRISTMAS PARTY
& LUNCHEON
Our holiday party will
be held at the Shore
Casino. Music by Tony
of Cisco's Disco. Call the
Senior Center for tickets and information.



DECEMBER 10

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY
Entertainment and refreshments.



DECEMBER 17
HOLIDAY PARTY & GIFT
EXCHANGE
Bring a new unwrapped item, \$5.00 or
less to exchange. Enjoy cookies & hot
chocolate. Sign up by 12/15.

DECEMBER 29

PRE-NEW YEAR'S PARTY
Ring in the New Year at the Shore Casino.
Entertainment by Donny Pesce.
Call the Senior Center for tickets
and information.

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

The Middletown School District opened its doors this fall offering full-day kindergarten for the first time in its history. This additional instructional time in kindergarten will translate into literacy gains as these children move up through the educational levels.

School personnel, custodians, and principals worked through the summer recess to successfully convert many spaces in the 12 buildings for 23 additional kindergarten classrooms. The rooms came from a combination of special subject rooms (primarily computer labs and art and music rooms) as well as multi-age classrooms and some resource spaces. The latter have significantly decreased in necessity since a new educational delivery system focuses on bringing resources into the classroom, rather than pulling students out. Other subjects like art will be coming into the classroom where their projects align with a

“project based learning” approach. In some buildings, computers have been repositioned in libraries where instruction will take place.

The vast majority of class sizes are 22 and under. Each classroom is staffed by a kindergarten teacher assisted by a paraprofessional. The district has also been successful in keeping new kindergartners at their home schools.

For years, parents and teachers urged the district to provide a full-day kindergarten program that the vast majority of Monmouth County schools already offered. Space and financing were always the major obstacles. This year, however, utilization of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) and the repositioning of existing staff enabled the school district to bring full day kindergarten to Middletown without any additional cost to the taxpayer.

Household Battery Recycling Changes

Most household batteries have little or no toxic content any more thanks to legislative mandates and improved recycling techniques. Therefore, recycling them is no longer necessary. Please dispose of common carbon-zinc and alkaline batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt), and rechargeable batteries with regular trash.

As of October 15th the only type of household batteries accepted at the township recycling center are the small “button batteries” used in many of the smaller electronic devices because they still contain mercury. Previously Monmouth County worked with municipalities to recycle common carbon-zinc and alkaline batteries and rechargeable batteries. The county is ending the program because the new requirements would add considerable expense to a program that already cost the county about \$1 for every pound of recycled batteries. Car batteries are still accepted. Call Middletown Recycling at 732-615-2208 or the Monmouth County Hazardous Waste Facility at 732-922-2234 for information.



Technology Enhances Municipal Services

Middletown strives to remain ahead of the curve and on the cutting edge by using technology to enhance municipal services. The keys to our continued success is to conduct exhaustive research and exercise good judgment before buying and integrating new technologies into departmental operations.

Two recent projects that involved the Management Information System (MIS) Department focused on expanding the use of the Internet to improve public services and worker productivity. The first was to augment the BUY MIDDLETOWN initiative by offering a web-based business directory. This project gives Middletown businesses a free venue to connect with local shoppers. Visit www.middletownnj.org/buy.

Another initiative was to accept online renewal of parking permits and include the option of paying by credit card. With substantial assistance from the Township Clerk's office, MIS was able to coordinate a fast and easy solution. Permits are now processed on a web-based system, which is much easier than keying in every permit by hand. The feedback has been tremendous and the volume of payments completed via the website remarkable. This is a true success that follows in the footsteps of online payments for tax bills and recreational programs. Visit our interactive web portal at www.middletownnj.org to see how much you can accomplish from your couch.

By *Todd Costello*,
Management Information Systems Director

Middletown Marketplace

The Middletown Marketplace, a weekly open air market held every Saturday at the Middletown Train Station Parking Lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m, continues to grow as word of this shopper's delight spreads.

Each week growing numbers of visitors attend to find approximately 50 vendors selling a wide array of products, Farmer's Market and Food Court. Middletown residents and businesses that participate can rent space at a discounted rate. In addition, several free spaces are reserved for local non-profit organizations wishing to promote their group. Each month, the Marketplace features a special event. Contact JC Promotions at 201-998-6311 from Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit www.middletownnj.org for information on how to participate. The Marketplace will operate through December.

SOCIAL SERVICES GEARS UP FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

November and December are busy months for the Social Services Office beginning with Thanksgiving. Lists of families are compiled from information gathered through this office as well as the Senior Center, schools, and the Tonya Keller Community Center. Middletown Helps Its Own, a non-profit organization, provides these families with holiday baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We thank the local businesses and schools who conduct toy and food drives to assist this local organization. Volunteers are always welcome to help with donations or sorting and packaging food baskets at the local VFW in Port Monmouth.

This office is very proud of the support we receive throughout Middletown including businesses, Township Offices, and residents who have helped out each season by adopting families. There is one particular family who make it a holiday tradition by taking their children along to shop for a needy family.

Social Services also assists “The Kenny Tiejten Foundation” by providing bikes to needy children. A Resource and Referral Guide listing many non-profit organizations throughout Monmouth County may be obtained from this office. For a copy of this guide, please call 732-615-2085 or the Social Services section of middletownnj.org.

By *Barbara Miceli*, Director

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Public Meetings