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North Middletown Preservation Spawns New Community Group

The North Middletown Preservation Program has reached another milestone with the birth of the Ideal Beach Community Association (IBCA). The new non-profit group is dedicated to furthering program goals including enhancing their quality of life and building a stronger sense of community.

“The North Middletown Preservation Program been an amazing catalyst for a renewed sense of pride in the community and enthusiasm in civic involvement that I hope will continue for many years,” said Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger. “The township is looking forward to working with the Ideal Beach Community Association to meet programs goals.”

Membership in IBCA is open to all residents. Non-residents who wish to support the neighborhood are welcome as

Associate Members. IBCA meets every second Tuesday at the Tonya Keller Bayshore Community Center located at the corner of Port Monmouth Road and Bray Avenue. For more information email idealbeachnj@gmail.com.

Middletown secured up to \$280,000 in state, federal and local funds to preserve and improve a targeted area of the neighborhood. The township conducted walking tours, community meetings and a survey to find out what residents wanted to see improved. Activities and community projects identified in the resulting work plan are currently being implemented. These include a home rehabilitation grant program; shade tree plantings and building improvements at Tonya Keller Bayshore Community Center; installation of speed monitors along key roadways; and installation of a security system to enhance neighborhood safety.

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Buy Middletown Business Directory



www.middletownnj.org/buy

Youth Job Fair

March 24

The Middletown Community Affairs Council invites you to participate in the 19th Annual Middletown Township Youth Job Fair. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Middletown High School North Cafeteria, 63 Tindall Rd. There are no fees to participate. Each employer is given adequate table space to conduct interviews and accept applications. Employers located in Middletown and the surrounding areas are welcome to participate. Interested employers can contact John Giordano at 732-996-7495 or johngiordano@verizon.net and/or Mitch Gotesky at 732-915-2445 or nycred1@aol.com



READY FOR DUTY

Police Officers Stephen Greenwood, Richard Fulham, Michael Pintillie, and Nicholas Fenezia graduated from the 22-week Cape May Police Academy on January 27th. Fulham was elected class president by his peers. The officers will spend their first 12 weeks on patrol with a Field Training officer. From left are Deputy Chief Joseph Braun, Officers Greenwood, Fulham, Pintillie, and Fenezia with Chief of Police Robert Oches.

2010 Neighborhood Meetings

The Township Committee is holding three neighborhood meetings this year to give residents an opportunity to speak informally with township officials and staff about life in Middletown. Township Committee members, and representatives from the departments of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs; Planning; Police and Public Works are scheduled to attend. No formal action will be taken.

Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m.
Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church St.

Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m.
Middletown Senior Center, 900 Leonardville Rd.

Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m.
Tonya Keller Bayshore Community Center, 50 Bray Ave.

Middletown Town Hall
1 Kings Highway
Middletown NJ 07748

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**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

Health Department Message Rabies Prevention

Issues dealing with Rabies often do not get the attention they deserve. Most of us can be affected by this disease. Rabies is an ancient disease caused by a virus found in the saliva of infected wildlife and domestic animals. If the disease is not treated after exposure from an animal, there is no known treatment after symptoms appear in humans. The virus will eventually cause death due to respiratory paralysis.

Rabies cases have always been around in New Jersey. Back in the late 1930s, there was large outbreak among dogs. As a result, in 1942 we started mass vaccinations for dogs and stray animals. Rabies cases were under control until 1989 when rabies from raccoons had made it to New Jersey after traveling for years up the eastern United States from West Virginia.

To keep this virus under control, Middletown has required vaccinations of all dogs and cats in the township. Free Rabies vaccination clinics are held in September for cats and October for Dogs. All public clinics are open to any resident of New Jersey at no charge to the pet owner and funded through pet license fees.

Dogs, cats and other wildlife become infectious once they show signs and symptoms, eventually succumbing to death. Obtaining rabies vaccinations for our pets is the best form of prevention. Keep your pet's shots up to date. Don't let your yard become an attraction for wildlife. Make sure there are no openings in your house for animals to enter. Do not make contact with wildlife and avoid taking in strays. If you find wildlife acting strangely, keep your distance and make sure your pet does not come in contact with it. Contact your veterinarian at once if you believe there was contact between your pet and wildlife, whether the wildlife was acting strange or not.

If any person is bitten or scratched by wildlife or any domestic animal, please seek immediate medical attention to assess if post exposure medical treatment is necessary. If the animal can be safely captured, do so and contact Animal Control to see if the animal can be tested. If you have any questions or problems, contact the Health Department and Animal Control at 732-615-2094. In the event of an emergency after hours and on weekends/holidays contact the Police Department.

*By Rich DeBenedetto
Senior Health Sanitarian*

Keep Middletown Clean and Green!

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



Police Sgt. Makes the Grade

From left are: Middletown Police Sgt. Charles Terefenko and Police Chief Robert Oches at Terefenko's graduation from the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police Command & Leadership Program. Candidates with the greatest leadership potential are selected to attend intensive 18-week program.

Questions & Answers

Q WHAT IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES EACH QUARTER WITHOUT INCURRING INTEREST PENALTY?

A Taxes must be received on February 26, May 28, August 31 and November 30 by 4 p.m. in person or by mail or by 3 p.m. online.

Q CAN I PAY MY TAXES ONLINE?

A Yes. Taxes can be paid online using a credit card or debit card. Your block and lot information and available funds are required for this transaction. All online payments must be received by 3 p.m. to be credited for the same business day.

Q CAN I PAY MY TAXES BY MAIL?

A Yes. Taxes can be paid by mail. Make checks payable to Tax Collector and mail to: Tax Collector, Township of Middletown, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748-2594. Always include the appropriate dated stub or the entire bill with your payment. Block and lot numbers should be put in the memo area of your check. If you require a receipt, enclose the full bill with the numbered stubs and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Taxes can also be paid in-person. Bring your tax payment to the Tax Department's payment window during business hours. Business hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays and the Friday following Thanksgiving. After 4 p.m., use the night drop box located by the front door of the Johnson-Gill Annex. Always include the appropriate dated stub or the entire bill with your payment. Block and lot numbers should be put in the memo area of your check.

2010 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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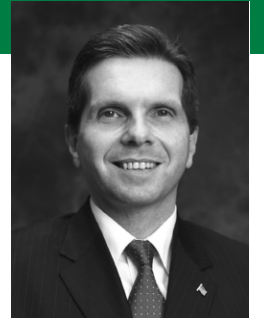
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Message from the Mayor

2010 Goals and Objectives Focus On Meeting Economic Challenges



I just want to say that I am both humbled and honored to be asked once again to serve as the mayor of the greatest township in New Jersey. Before I talk about the coming year, I just want to say a few words about our outgoing Mayor. I think it is not an overstatement to say that we will look back on this past year that Pam Brightbill served as Mayor as among the highest points in the long history of Middletown's government. As a fellow member of the committee I feel fortunate to have her as a colleague and grateful for what she has taught me about leadership and dedication to public service.

In the coming year, it is no secret that we are in the throes of one of the most serious economic downturns in recent memory. New Jersey has been hit particularly hard with unemployment over 10% and taxes in nearly every category the highest in the nation. This crisis has hit even well-run towns like Middletown especially hard. A projected drop off in revenue, coupled with increased energy costs, health insurance costs and contractually-mandated salary increases will result in a budget shortfall of several million dollars this year. That's the bad news.

The good news is, for the last ten years, the township has embarked on a number of measures that have prepared us for just such a crisis and we are poised to meet these challenges head on. Some of the steps we have taken include cutting the Middletown workforce by over 15% over the last 20 years and entering into over 35 inter-local agreements to cut costs and improve services in town. The Green Initiative, passed in 2006, has been steadily reducing energy costs throughout the township. A township energy audit being conducted now will result in additional cost savings. The hiring of an in-house engineer in 2006 has also resulted in significant savings. Also, we have negotiated a flat fee retainer, saving approximately \$70,000, for all services provided by our Township Attorney. An audit of the township's insurance plans devised by Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore will determine ways to save significant amounts of money in one of our highest cost areas. Mayor Brightbill's Buy Middletown campaign will help to strengthen our commercial tax base. In addition, the Township Administrator and department heads have done a masterful job of cutting overtime costs, finding ways to operate the town in a more fiscally efficient manner and adjusting to an ever-changing economic landscape.

As a related aside, last November I was asked to be a part of Governor-elect Chris Christie's transition team. This has allowed me to join with other knowledgeable individuals in helping to shape the direction that our state will take in the coming years. It has also enabled Middletown to have a voice in addressing issues that need to be changed in order to ease the pressure on Middletown taxpayers and allow us to institute many of the reforms that we have otherwise been prohibited from exploring. Some of the more notable issues include removing impediments to additional shared service agreements and unhinging the yoke of excessive unfunded mandates and other regulations on the township. Ironically, one of the areas I was asked to review was COAH, the state's government subsidized low-income housing program. As a result, I was able to make recommendations to help eliminate one of the most onerous burdens placed upon taxpayers.

As the leaders of local government, we have to be mindful of the effect that our policies have on those who elected us. Thomas Jefferson once said:

A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it, has earned - this is the sum of good government.

To that end, I would propose the following additional steps to meet the economic challenges we are facing head on:

- Request a continued freeze of all township salaries.
- Inventory and review all township assets and consider the divestiture of those deemed superfluous.
- Remind the unions that the taxpayers are demanding lower costs and lower taxes.
- Require worker contributions to health plans in line with those of the private sector.
- Consider the sale of the swim club to a private entity who would continue its operation without interruption.
- Hire a highly qualified Chief Financial Officer.
- Complete new inter-local agreements currently in negotiations to save taxpayers money, while delivering services in the coming years.

These are just some of the many proposals we will be implementing this year. I would like to close by reaffirming the promises that I made to the people of Middletown in the past and that is: honesty, an open ear for all your concerns, and a 110% effort every step of the way.

Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger holds open office hours the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway. No appointments are necessary. Residents are welcomed on a first-come basis to discuss any concerns or issues they may have related to township government. Residents are 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.

Winter Road & Fire Safety

The Public Works Department reminds residents to keep streets and sidewalks free from snow and safe for travel. Residents should shovel their sidewalks and driveways as necessary without putting snow back into a recently-plowed street. When snow is returned to the street, it can turn to ice and create potentially more hazardous road conditions. To ensure the safety of Middletown's school children and pedestrians, property owners are required by ordinance to shovel sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours of a snowstorm. Violators can be fined.

The Middletown Fire Department requests that residents assist the all-volunteer department by clearing snow from fire hydrants near their homes so firefighters can access them quickly during a fire.

Spring Pick-Up Schedule

Leaf Collection

Zones	Collection Begins
F & H	3/18/10
E & G	3/25/10
A & B	4/01/10
C & D	4/08/10
I & K	4/15/10
J & L	4/22/10

Brush Collection

Zones	Collection Begins
A & B	4/29/10
C & D	5/06/10
F & H	5/12/10
E & G	5/20/10
I & K	6/01/10
J & L	6/09/10

*Unsure of your zone?
Call Public Works at 732-615-2008
www.middletonnj.org/zone*

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. Leaves mixed with brush **will not** be collected.
2. Leaves will be accepted at the Recycling Center on Kanes Lane from residents and landscapers with permits through 6/01/10 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.
5. Collection violations are subject to fines under township ordinance #230-15.

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RECYCLING MAKES \$ENSE!!!!

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

- ♻️ 1 Ton of garbage costs **\$73.10** to dump in the Monmouth County Reclamation Center.
- ♻️ 1 Ton of commingled recyclables collected curbside costs **\$0.00** to dispose of at Recycle America; **Savings realized of \$73.10 per ton.**
- ♻️ 1 Ton of recyclable newsprint collected curbside results in a payment to the township of at least **\$50.00** per ton; **Savings realized of \$123.10 per ton.**
- ♻️ Similar or greater savings are realized for newsprint, cardboard and mixed paper brought to the Township Recycling Center at Kanes Lane by our residents.

QUESTION: Why are brush and leaves collected at different times? Can't they be co-mingled?

ANSWER: Leaves collected throughout the township are composted in Belford and turned into loamy soil in about 8 months. Brush mixed with the leaves would hamper the process and cause a longer composting time. The finished product is marketed to a vendor who removes all the material prior to the next "leaf" season.

Brush is processed in a different manner; the material is ground up in a tub grinder producing wood chip mulch. This wood chip mulch is available to Middletown residents for free if they load the material themselves. There is a charge if the material is loaded by a township machine operator. Additionally some of this material is marketed to local landscapers when it's available.

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. Limited 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 APRIL 2010:

Bulk pick-up days in your corresponding collection zone are 4/8, 4/9, 4/10 and 4/22, 4/23, and 4/24.

MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING

Curbside Recyclable Collection

RECYCLING IS MANDATORY

Recyclables will be collected according 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. You can also visit www.middletonnj.org/recycle to look up your recycling zone.

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.)

New Jersey Natural Gas Offers Enhanced Rebates

SAVEGREEN programs are available from New Jersey Natural Gas to help both residential and commercial customers save on the cost of energy-efficiency upgrades.

Residential customers who upgrade or replace a furnace or boiler could be eligible for up to \$1,200 in rebates as well as additional incentives. The first step is to install a furnace with an annual fuel utilization equivalent (AFUE) of 92 percent or greater, or a boiler with an AFUE of 85 percent or greater. Then, call NJNG at 1-877-455-NJNG and schedule a FREE home energy audit, a \$125 value. Apply for a \$300 WARM Advantage rebate from New Jersey's Clean Energy Program and an additional \$900 Enhanced Rebate from NJNG. Residents may then be eligible for up to \$1,000 of air-sealing work at no cost. For furnaces with an AFUE of 95 percent or greater and boilers with an AFUE of 90 percent or greater, you may also be eligible for up to \$1,500 in federal tax credits. Residents who installed

qualifying equipment on or after September 8, 2009 are eligible to apply for rebates.

For commercial customers, SAVEGREEN offers benefits through Direct Install, the newest program offered under NJ SmartStart Buildings. Direct Install was created for existing small to mid-sized commercial and industrial facilities with a peak electric demand that did not exceed 200 kilowatt (kW) in any of the preceding 12 months. Direct Install will evaluate, update and replace outdated equipment with energy-efficient alternatives and pay up to 80 percent of the cost! Systems and equipment addressed by the program include lighting, heating, cooling and ventilation, refrigeration, motors, natural gas and variable frequency drives.

With these incentives, an upgrade project can pay for itself in less than two years. For more information contact Susan Ellman of New Jersey Natural Gas at 732-378-4924 or sellman@njng.com.

School District Message

Possible State Aid Cuts Hold Consequences for Middletown Schools

The Middletown community has consistently supported its schools efforts over the past years to improve both our instruction and facilities in creating a first-rate school system. This is a time in our country's history, where education is crucial to regaining our momentum in the global economy. The difficult financial circumstances that our state, like many other states, now face could result in major reductions of state aid, which could create a major funding gap in our school budget and could force serious cuts to our programs and/or staff. Only 16% of the Middletown school budget is supported through state aid, while many other districts throughout the state receive much more. Yet, should any of our aid be reduced, the result would negatively impact our schools and could reverse much of the progress we have made. Many different scenarios have been discussed for how much aid could be cut. One proposal from the State would substitute state aid for surplus, which is used to reduce our taxpayer burden and could result in higher taxes as well as program cuts. We probably will not have any definitive information until near March 16th, when Governor Christie presents the state's budget. We will continue to monitor the climate in Trenton and keep our citizens informed of how the current state financial crisis may affect our schools. Please visit our school website at www.middletownk12.org for updates to this serious situation.

By Superintendent of Schools Karen Bilbao

BUY MIDDLETOWN WINS AWARD



BUY MIDDLETOWN, the campaign that encourages residents to shop local, has been recognized as being among the best new programs in the state by the 48th annual Public Information Contest.

Middletown received the award for the Best Special/Innovative Entry in the 2009 contest, which is sponsored by the New Jersey Managers Association, New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and the Center for Government Services at Rutgers.

BUY MIDDLETOWN was launched in January 2009 by Committeewoman Pamela M. Brightbill to encourage residents to support Middletown businesses by shopping local whenever possible. The campaign's cornerstone is a free online directory that connects residents and business owners with each

other. Businesses can list their location, contact info and services provides in the directory. Shoppers can browse the listings, search by category or keyword. The directory includes more than 115 businesses to date. Visit www.middletownnj.org/buy

Other components of BUY MIDDLETOWN include a logo contest held in the spring to give the campaign an identity. The winning logo was designed by Middletown resident and graphic designer Christine Alvarez. The township in coordination with the all-volunteer Community Affairs Council hosts business networking nights. The Mayor and Township Committee also attend grand-openings and other events hosted by Middletown businesses.

This is fourth time the township has received an award in this contest. Previously, Middletown received an award for Best Print Entry in 2005 and 2007 for Best Overall Public Information Program in 2003. The contest is designed to promote the use of successful and innovative techniques that increase government's ability to meet citizen needs and improve access to government services.

FROM LEFT ARE RICHARD YARCZOWER, 2009 MAYOR PAMELA M. BRIGHTBILL AND ANN YARCZOWER DURING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE YARCZOWERS' STORE, ONCE UPON A STITCH.



MIDDLETOWN MINIATURE GOLF COURSE

Tindall Park
Tindall Road, Middletown

**Opening Day
Saturday, March 27**

Low Prices for Youth,
Adults And Seniors
Discount Coupon Books Are Available
Children Under 11 Years Old - 10
Plays

*Parties for Special Events, Great
Family Fun Outings At Reasonable
Prices.*

**2 for 1 ADMISSION
MONDAY - THURSDAY**

Offer expires June 25, 2010.

May not be combined
with any other offer.

Spring 2010



MIDDLETOWN PARKS, RECREATION

MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

Spring Arts Festival & Open House

March 7
Meet our instructors; try a few mini-workshops; see demonstrations and artwork; watch dance and music performances; learn about spring classes, summer camps, membership and volunteer opportunities. Open House hours on March 7th will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit www.middletonarts.org for event schedule.

Flamenco Dance

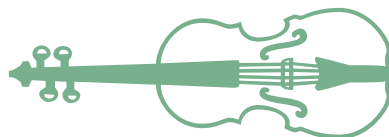
The Alborada Dance Company will present "Ole!" on Saturday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. This exciting dance show will transport the audience to the hills of Spain, where for decades the gypsies have entertained locals and tourists in the cafes with their dances. The traditional and passionate Flamenco tablao (night-club style) dance performance in an intimate café setting will include Rumbas, Bulerias, and Alegrias, as well as the festive regional Sevillanas dance performed with castanets and other more dramatic Flamenco dances. Tickets \$15.

High Tech High Performs Hamlet/Rosencrantz

April 16-17
Directed, produced and performed by high school students, 15 Minute Hamlet is a hilarious 13-minute skit that condenses the most famous and best-loved lines from Shakespeare's play. This miraculous feat is followed by a two-minute version encore. Six actors with hectic doubling play the multitude of characters. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead is a tragicomedy by Tom Stoppard that expands upon the exploits of two minor characters from Hamlet, the courtiers Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Performances are 8:00 p.m. on Fri, April 16 and 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sat, April 17. Advance Tickets \$7. \$10 at door.

Calling All MIDDLETOWN TALENT!

Auditions for the annual Talent Showcase will be held on March 19-20, 2010 at the Arts Center. We welcome all acts including vocal performance, musical performance, theatrical scenes and monologues, dance, magic, etc. Audition fee is \$10. Pre-registration required. Registration forms can be obtained at the center and www.middletonarts.org. Those chosen to participate will perform in our theatre for two evening shows on May 21st and May 22nd. Join us in bringing to the stage all the talent that our great town has to offer!



Concert Series to Return

A variety of wonderful musical performances with our café style seating and open dance floor will return to the Middletown Arts Center. Tickets for all concerts are \$10. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early!

- RB Express Doo Wop - Sat, March 6, 8:00 p.m.
- The Last Whippoorwill Band - Fri, March 19, 8:00 p.m.
- Joe Accurso - Fri, March 26, 8:00 pm.
- Colts Neck Swing Band- Fri, April 23, 8:00 p.m.
- Usual Suspects, Fri, May 14, 8:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Stitches

The Monmouth Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America announces a free exhibit of fine needle and fiber arts. A Celebration of Stitches will be on display Saturday, April 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will showcase a variety of needlework styles. Embroidery demonstrations and a gift boutique will be available. A highlight of the exhibit will be the Embroiderers' Guild of America's five-panel National Tapestry "America the Beautiful." It was stitched by over 500 members of the EGA and depicts animals, plants, and geographical features of each state. Visit www.mcega.org.

Creative Summer Camps at the MAC

The Middletown Arts Center will continue its popular Summer Arts Camps for kids ages 3 and up. Located in our state-of-the art, air-conditioned facility, kids will have an opportunity to explore everything from theater to music, dance, songwriting, drawing and cartooning, video game design and more. Camps will be offered weekly throughout July and August with morning and afternoon sessions, allowing flexibility for parents coordinating busy schedules.

Before and after-care available. The morning Arts and Crafts program has been very successful, offering weekly themes suitable for boys and girls. New 2010 offerings include Chinese Brush Painting, themed theatre weeks, expanded dance and music programs, newly-themed Doodle Dude camps and new specialty camps from Black Rocket Productions. Call 732-706-4100 or visit www.middletonarts.org.

A full schedule of classes and activities are available at the MAC and on the website www.middletonarts.org.

Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748 (732) 706-4100

Poricy Park Highlights Put Play in Your Day April 17

Join the fun at Poricy Park for YMCA Healthy Kids® Day Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. The nation's largest health day for children and families, YMCA Healthy Kids® Day promotes year-long wellness and healthier living. Event offers fun, engaging and creative activities, including an obstacle course, scavenger hunt, nature walks, music, arts and crafts and face painting. In the afternoon, re-enactors of the American Civil War will be assembling at the Poricy Park Conservancy from 1 p.m. to 5 pm. to mark the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. Don't miss this to interact with Civil War re-enactors. Activities will be available for the whole family. Both events are open to the community. For more information, visit www.TheCommunityYMCA.org and www.poricypark.org or call 732-842-5966.

BASEBALL SEASON IS COMING!

Call the office to add your e-mail address to our Trip Information List for Yankees and Mets games and Orioles vs. Yankees at Camden Yards. Trips are being planned for late spring, summer and fall. Visit www.middletonnj.org or call (732) 615-2260.

MIDDLETOWN SWIM AND TENNIS CLUB

214 Harmony Road
732-671-5757

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday 9am-1pm
April 3 - May 23

OPENING DAY MAY 29*

Weekends Beginning May 29
Open Daily Beginning June 26*

Applications available at Parks & Recreation Offices or the Parks and Recreation section of www.middletonnj.org

Over 10 Acres of Picnic & Play Areas

- Cabanas
- Bathhouses
- 4 swimming pools
- Snack Bar
- 5 Tennis Courts
- Bocci
- Volleyball
- Horseshoe
- Shuffleboard

- Fun In The Sun Day Camp
- Competitive Swim Teams
- Tennis/Teams/Tournaments
- Various Special Events
- Family & Teen Fun Nights

**subject to change*



Adult Instructional & Activity Programs

BEGINNERS COMPUTERS

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

Wednesdays 7:00–9:00 p.m. (5 weeks)
First class starts April 7, 2010
Code #121112-01 Cost \$60.00
Thorne Middle School Computer Lab

INTERMEDIATE COMPUTERS

This course is designed for the person who has computer knowledge and wants to improve their skills. Learn advance techniques for Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point and Publisher. Create letters, spreadsheets, presentations and more.

Wednesdays 7:00–9:00 p.m. (5 weeks)
First class starts May 12, 2010
Code #121112-02 Cost \$60.00
Thorne Middle School Computer Lab

ADULT CERAMICS

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

Thursdays 7:00–10:00 p.m.
First session starts March 4, 2010
Code #121740-01 Cost \$45.00
Tonya Keller Community Center

Thursdays 7:00–10:00 p.m.
First session starts April 1, 2010
Code #121740-01 Cost \$45.00
Tonya Keller Community Center

FITNESS PROGRAMS

All fitness programs are held at the Croydon Hall Gym except where noted.

BALANCE & STRETCH

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

Tuesdays 8:15–9:00 a.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 6, 2010
Code #121223-01 Cost \$35.00

BODY TONING

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

Mondays 9:00–10:00 a.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 5, 2010
Code #121221-01 Cost \$35.00

Wednesdays 7:30–8:15 p.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 7, 2010
Code #121221-02 Cost \$35.00
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 and function of the body and mind.

Mondays 10:00–11:00 a.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 5, 2010
Code #121222-01 Cost \$35.00
Middletown Senior Center

Saturdays 8:15–9:15 a.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 10, 2010
Code #121222-02 Cost \$35.00
Middletown Senior Center

KICK BOXING

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

Mondays 6:30–7:30 p.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 5, 2010
Code #121114-01 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 from 7:30–8:30 p.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 5 2010
Code #121118-01 Cost \$35.00

Tuesdays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 6, 2010
Code #121118-02 Cost \$35.00

CORE CARDIO FITNESS

A mild core exercise designed to improve your flexibility and fluidity while having fun. Bring a scarf to wrap around your hips.

Wednesdays 6:30–7:15 p.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 7, 2010
Code #121116-01 Cost \$35.00

FITBALL STRENGTH

Use a stable ball and weights to improve body core strength. Limited enrollment.

Wednesdays 6:30–7:15 p.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 7, 2010
Code #121116-02 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.

Thursdays 9:00–10:00 a.m. (12 weeks)
First class starts April 8, 2010
Code #121116-02 Cost \$35.00

FITNESS PROGRAMS SPECIAL OFFER:

Register for any two (2) programs
Code # 121119-01 Cost \$60.00
Register for any three (3) programs
Code # 121115-01 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. Each session runs for 6 weeks, twice per week unless notes otherwise. Personal training programs are held at the Croydon Hall gymnasium unless noted otherwise.

Mondays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fridays 10:00–11:00 a.m.

First class starts March 29, 2010
Code #121220-01 Cost \$95.00

Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30–6:30 p.m.
First class starts March 29, 2010
Code #121220-02 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00–11:00 a.m.
First class starts March 30, 2010
Code #121220-03 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
First class starts March 30 2010
Code #121220-04 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30–5:30 p.m.
First class starts March 30, 2010
Code #121220-05 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30–6:30 p.m.
First class starts March 30, 2010
Code #121220-06 Cost \$95.00

Wednesdays 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Fridays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
First class starts March 31, 2010 Code #121220-07 Cost \$95.00

Fridays 9:00–10:00 a.m.
Once a week for 6 weeks
First class starts April 2, 2010
Code #121220-08 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays 9:15–10:15 a.m.
Once per week for 6 weeks
First class starts April 3, 2010
Code #121220-09 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Once per week for 6 weeks
First class starts April 3, 2010
Code #121220-10 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Once per week for 6 weeks
First class starts April 3, 2010
Code #121220-11 Cost \$50.00

SECOND SESSIONS

Mondays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fridays 10:00–11:00 a.m.

First class starts May 10, 2010
Code #121220-12 Cost \$95.00

Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30–6:30 p.m.
First class starts May 10, 2010
Code #121220-13 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00–11:00 a.m.
First class starts May 11, 2010
Code #121220-14 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:00–12:00 a.m.
First class starts May 11, 2010
Code #121220-15 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30–5:30 p.m.
First class starts May 11, 2010
Code #121220-16 Cost \$95.00

Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30–6:30 p.m.
First class starts May 11, 2010
Code #121220-17 Cost \$95.00

Wednesdays 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Fridays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
First class starts May 12, 2010
Code #121220-18 Cost \$95.00

Fridays 9:00–10:00 a.m.
Once a week for 6 weeks
First class starts May 14, 2010
Code #121220-19 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays 9:15–10:15 a.m.
Once per week for 6 weeks
First class starts May 15, 2010
Code #121220-20 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Once per week for 6 weeks
First class starts May 15, 2010
Code #121220-21 Cost \$50.00

Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Once per week for 6 weeks
First class starts May 15, 2010
Code #121220-22 Cost \$50.00

ONE MONTH AT CENTREX

This program is designed so you can start when you want and have membership for one month on a trial basis.

NEW STUDENTS ONLY.

New session daily
Code #121230-01 Cost \$35.00
Centrex 500, Hwy 35 Union Square Mall

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.

Wednesdays 7:00–8:00 p.m. & Thursdays 8:00–9:00 p.m. (5 weeks)
First session starts March 10, 2010
Code #121211-01 Cost \$45.00 Amato's Karate, 509 Palmer Ave.

& CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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.

BEGINNERS

Tuesdays 7:00–8:30 p.m. (10 weeks) First session starts April 6, 2010 Code#121210-02 Cost \$60.00 Croydon Hall Senior Center East Wing

INTERMEDIATE

Mondays 7:00–8:30 p.m. (10 weeks) First session starts April 5, 2010 Code#121210-01 Cost \$60.00 Prerequisite: Beginner's Program Croydon Hall Senior Center East Wing

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Enjoy this co-ed sport with teams picked on a weekly basis. Great exercise and socialization.

Tuesdays 8:00–10:00 p.m.
First session Starts April 6, 2010
Code #121117-01 Cost \$35.00
Croydon Hall Gym

TENNIS PROGRAMS

ADULTS

Supervised play and instruction.

Thursdays 6:30–8:00 p.m. (6 weeks)
First session starts May 6, 2010
Code #121505-01 Cost \$55.00 Tindall Park, Tindall Rd.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Supervised singles and doubles play, including tips on strategy and technique.

Wednesdays 7:00–9:00 p.m. (6 weeks)
First session starts May 5, 2010
Code #121520-01 Cost \$45.00
Tindall Park, Tindall Rd.

2010 Summer Recreation Program Registration

Saturday, May 1
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road

The Summer Recreation Program will be held at Thorne and Thompson Middle Schools and Croydon Hall for children 6 to 12 years old from June 28-July 30, 2010. Program is held rain or shine Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Campers can enjoy organized sports, arts & crafts, weekly trips and more.

Summer Youth Sports Camps

Camp	Start Date*
Baseball	July 26
Girls Basketball	July 19
Youth Basketball	July 26
Computer	July 6
Bodies in Motion Dance Camp	August 3
Gymnastics	July 5
Field Hockey	June 19
Karate	July 12
Girls Softball	July 5
Youth Soccer	July 19
River Rangers	August 2 & 9
Swimming Beginner/Intermediate	June 28
Tennis (Beginners – Advanced)	May 5

Complete Listing & Registration available March 1, 2010.
*subject to change.

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.

MARCH 11

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Your Irish eyes will be smilin' with lively music and singing from Anthony Tabbish. Refreshments and door prizes.

MARCH 25

CASINO DAY

No need to travel to A.C. Enjoy an afternoon of horse racing, blackjack, & playing the "wheel" for prizes. Light refreshments.

APRIL 1

APRIL FOOL'S TEA PARTY

Surprises are in store at this party! You might see the Mad Hatter at the Easter Bonnet Contest! Cost \$3.00. Register by March 26.

APRIL 22

SPRING & SUMMER FASHION SHOW

Our fashion show features clothes from Bon Worth worn by our lovely senior models. Register by April 15 to attend. Show held in the Croydon Hall Gym.

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

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



Youth Instructional & Teen Activity Programs

COMPUTER EXPLORERS

INTRO TO 3D - LEGO® and ME

1ST AND 2ND GRADE Students learn principles of construction and math skills while using LEGO materials to build castles with turrets and towers of strength. The grand finale will be constructing a LEGO town.

Wednesdays 4:00–5:00 p.m. (8 weeks)

First sessions starts April 7, 2010

Code #111450-01 Cost \$99.00

ONCE UPON A COMIC BOOK!

3RD AND 4TH GRADE Students will write and design their own comic book tales about princesses, princes, genies, and scary-looking monsters. We'll animate their stories and see them come to life in a special comic player.

Wednesdays 5:00–6:00 p.m. (8 weeks)

First sessions starts April 7, 2010

Code #111450-02 Cost \$99.00

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP

5th and 6th grade Students learn to use Adobe Photoshop Elements software to improve & transform their own digital photographs. Using their new skills they will create imaginative & unique projects!

Tuesdays 4:00–5:30 p.m. (8 weeks)

First session starts April 6, 2010

Code 111450-03 Cost \$135.00

BEGINNERS CERAMICS

Boys and girls 7 to 14 years old Learn to decorate various figures from pre-cast molds. Instruction by certified teacher.

Thursdays 4:00–5:30 p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts April 1, 2010

Code # 111030-01 Cost \$55.00

including all supplies

Croydon Hall Activity Center

JUNIORS CERAMICS

Learn to decorate various figures from pre-cast Molds Instruction by Certified teacher.

6–10 year olds Mondays 3:30–5:00 p.m.

First session starts March 1, 2010

Code #111750-01 Cost \$10.00

Tonya Keller Community 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.

Saturdays 10:00–11:00 a.m. (10 weeks)

First session starts April 17, 2010

Code #1111093-01 Cost \$35.00

Amato's Karate, 509 Palmer Ave.

YOUNG BOWLERS

Boys and girls 5-14 years old 12-week program. Cost is \$8.00 per participant per week for 2 games. Includes rental shoes, balls, trophies and t-shirts. Programs held at the Brunswick Zone, Hazlet.

Wednesdays 4:00 p.m.

Starting April 7, 2010

Code #111085-01 Registration Cost \$ 10.00

Saturdays 11:30 a.m.

Starting April 10, 2010

Code #111085-02 Registration Cost \$10.00

GYMNASTICS

Instruction for beginners. Learn basic gymnastic skills, including tumbling and jumps. Instruction by accomplished gymnast. Classes for first time students only. Dress in loose comfortable sweats. Classes held at Head Over Heels Gymnastics, Kanes Lane.

Boys and girls 4 & 5 years old

Saturdays 12:45 –1:45 p.m. (10 weeks)

First session starts April 3, 2010

Code #111010-01 Cost \$35.00

Boys and girls 6–10 year olds

Saturdays 1:45–2:45 p.m. (10 weeks)

First Session starts April 3, 2010

Code #111010-02 Cost \$35.00

SCIENCE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

GRADE K-5 Learn about a new phase of science each week. Uncover secrets of chemistry. Create awesome smoke illusions, Learn about light, colors, holograms & special effects. Investigate matter. build your own model rocket. Discover space; look at planets, moons, comets and the stars. Take part in a model rocket launching and more. Classes held at the Croydon Hall Activity Center.

Grades K-2

Tuesdays 4:00–5:00 p.m. (8 weeks)

First session starts April 6, 2010

Code #111400-01 Cost \$99.00

Grades 3-5

Tuesdays 5:00–6:00 p.m. (8 weeks)

First session starts April 6, 2010

Code #111400-02 Cost \$99.00

YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAMS AT TINDALL PARK

Instruction for beginners and players at all levels. Learn to rally and play the game. Tennis offers youth fun, social experience and a great way to stay fit and healthy. Instruction provided by senior players.

JUNIORS

Boys and girls 8 to 11 years old

Mondays 4:30–6:00 p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts May 3, 2010

Code 111500-01 Cost \$55.00

Boys and girls 12–17 years old

Wednesdays 4:30–6:00 p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts May 5, 2010

Code 111500-02 Cost \$55.00

FUTURE STARS

Boys and girls 5 to 7 years old

Thursdays 4:30–5:30 p.m. (6 weeks)

First session starts May 6, 2010

Code # 111510-01 Cost \$40.00

Spring Quick Start Tennis Program

Six One-Hour Sessions - \$99.00

QuickStart Tennis is a new format to help kids learn to play the game. It makes it easier for them to have fun and enjoy tennis. Any child between ages three and ten can start playing tennis almost immediately-even if he or she has never picked up a racquet before. QuickStart stresses the importance of play and team competition.

Children are sorted by ability and develop tennis skills by playing age appropriate games. Young players play on both 1/4 size and 1/2 size courts and use a low compression ball. While not drilling, our instructors begin introducing basic tennis techniques to help children become players, learn basic scoring, court positioning and basic strategy. Instruction provided by the Cougar Tennis Academy

Pre-School	Tues, April 20	10:15–11a.m.	Code #111515-01
Pre-School	Sun, April 18	9:15–10 a.m.	Code #111515-02
Kindergarten	Tues, April 20	11:00 a.m. to noon	Code #111515-03
Kindergarten	Wed, April 21	3:00–4:00 p.m.	Code #111515-04
Kindergarten	Sun, April 18	10:00–11:00 a.m.	Code #111515-05
1st Grade	Tues, April 20	5:00–6:00 p.m.	Code #111515-06
1st Grade	Thurs, April 22	4:00–5:00 p.m.	Code #111515-07
1st Grade	Sun, April 18	11:00 a.m. to noon	Code #111515-08
2nd Grade	Tues, April 20	4:00–5:00 p.m.	Code #111515-09
2nd Grade	Thurs, April 22	5:00–6:00 p.m.	Code #111515-10
2nd Grade	Sun, April 18	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Code #111515-11
3rd Grade	Tues, April 20	6:00–7:00 p.m.	Code #111515-12
3rd Grade	Wed, April 21	4:00–5:00 p.m.	Code #111515-13
3rd Grade	Sun, April 18	1:00–2:00 p.m.	Code #111515-14
4th Grade	Wed, April 21	5:00–6:00 p.m.	Code #111515-15
4th Grade	Thurs, April 22	6:00–7:00 p.m.	Code #111515-16
4th Grade	Sun, April 18	2:00–3:00 p.m.	Code #111515-17
5th Grade	Wed, April 21	6:00–7:00 p.m.	Code #111515-18
5th Grade	Fri, April 23	4:00–5:00 p.m.	Code #111515-19
5th Grade	Sun, April 18	3:00–4:00 p.m.	Code #111515-20
6th Grade	Mon, April 19	4:00–5:00 p.m.	Code #111515-21
(Beginners)	Fri, April 23	5:00–6:00 p.m.	Code #111515-22
6th Grade	Sun, April 18	4:00–5:00 p.m.	Code #111515-23
Intermediate	Mon, April 19	5:00–6:00 p.m.	Code #111515-24
Players	Fri, April 23	6:00–7:00 p.m.	Code #111515-25
(All Grades)	Sun, April 18	5:00–6:00 p.m.	Code #111515-26

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

Hillside Community Center

144 Chestnut Ave.

Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

(732) 872-8101

Senior Center/ Croydon Hall

900 Leonardville Road Leonardo, NJ 07737

(732) 615-2265

Middletown Arts Center

36 Church Street Middletown, NJ 07748
(732) 706-4100

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

Special Events and Trips

Spring Eggstravaganza

SATURDAY MARCH 27

This free event will be held in the Middletown Arts Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. Event includes pictures with the Easter Bunny, craft activities, a magic show and other entertainment. Middletown residents ages 8 & under only. Parents must bring their own camera for photos.

Annual Girls' Night Out

Friday, April 9 & Sat, April 24

Middletown Moms will have the opportunity to escort their daughters (Grades K-5) to an evening of fun and dancing. Middletown residents only. This event will be held from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Evening includes a dinner buffet, DJ, 5 x 7 photo of mom and daughter and a special gift for each daughter. Fee is \$36 per person.

ANNUAL MOTHER / SON BRUNCH SUNDAY MAY 16, 2010



Middletown Moms will have the opportunity to escort their sons (Grades K - 5) to an afternoon of relaxation and great fun. Middletown residents only. Brunch will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Event includes buffet brunch, DJ, a 5 x 7 photo of mom and son, and a special gift for every son. Fee is \$36 per person.

Kid's Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 8

The Kid's Fishing Derby is returning to Shadow Lake, located at Stevenson Park. The derby is open to children ages 7-14. Children must be accompanied by an adult and provide their own bait, bucket, fishing pole and tackle. Please don't forget your bucket. This is a catch and release tournament. We would like to keep fish in water as long as possible before they are measured. Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by fishing from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 1:00 p.m. in categories such as smallest fish, largest fish, most unusual and most fish caught. Each category includes recognition for different age groups. Rain or shine. Pre registration required. Fee \$15 per person.

Family Ski Trip

Camelback Mountain, Tannersville, PA

Saturday, February 27

This is a great day for families who love to ski or snowboard. Lift package is \$63.00 per person. Lift and rental package is \$90.00. Lift and Lesson package is \$85.00. Lift, rental and lesson package is \$99.00 First Timer Package is \$83.00. All packages include ski/snowboard package and charter bus transportation. Cost is \$30.00 per person for bus only. Bus departs 7:00 a.m. Returns approximately 7:30 p.m.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Saturday, March 13

Nothing rivals the range of offerings at this New York City museum—from dinosaurs to IMAX films to the thrilling Space Show in the Hayden Planetarium Space Theater. There is a food court at the museum for those interested to purchase lunch. Prices include charter bus transportation and all-inclusive super saver ticket. Ticket includes access to all of the special exhibits displayed at the museum during this trip. Fee for adults is \$52.00 per person; \$38 per person for children 12 & under. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. Returns approximately 6:30 p.m.

NHL Devils vs. Islanders at Prudential Center

Saturday, April 10

Come watch the NJ Devils play against NY Islanders at the Prudential Center for the last weekend of their regular season. Fee is \$71.00 per person includes charter bus transportation, \$10.00 food voucher and \$56.00 balcony seats. Bus departs 4:45 p.m. Game Time is 7:00 p.m. Returns immediately after the game at approximately 11:30 p.m.

The Bronx Zoo

Saturday, April 17

With award-winning, cutting-edge exhibits featuring over 4,000 animals, there is no other zoo in the world that offers the diversity, superb viewing, and world-renowned expertise that assures a rewarding experience and the knowledge that visitors can make a difference in the world around them. Fee TBA. Includes charter bus transportation and tickets. Access to Children's Zoo, Congo Gorilla Forest, Butterfly Garden, Bug Carousel, and unlimited Zoo Shuttle included. Bus Departs 8:45 a.m. Returns approximately 6:00 p.m.

King Tut Exposition

Friday, May 14

After more than 30 years, The King Tut Exhibit is finally back! Enjoy some time on your own in Times Square to walk, shop or have dinner before meeting back with the group at the Discovery Times Square Exposition (226 West 44th Street) from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a 2-hour self guided group tour of King Tut's treasures. Hand-held audio guide included. Fee is \$50.00 per person. Includes admission ticket and charter bus transportation. Bus departs 3:00 p.m. Bus will start loading at 2:45 p.m. Please allow time for school traffic. Returns immediately after tour at approximately 11:30 p.m.

TRIP INFORMATION

All bus trips depart from and return to the Johnson Gill Annex at Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway. Register for trips and special events in person at the Parks and Recreation Croydon Hall or by mail to Middletown Parks and Recreation, 900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo, NJ 07737. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult unless otherwise specified.

2010 Middletown Community Art Show Series

The Middletown Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and the Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council are partnering to bring you the 2010 Community Art Show Series. All shows will be held at the Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street. Registration forms are available at the Arts Center and the Recreation Office, 900 Leonardville Road. Art work will be accepted at the Arts Center from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the dates specified below. Call 732-615-2260 or 732-706-4100 for entry requirements. Space is limited. Fees apply.

Adult Professional Art Show: April 3 - 18

Award Reception: April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Open to professional artists which are those who sell their work. Entries accepted Mon., March 29 and Tues., March 30.

Youth & Adult Photography Show: May 1 - May 16

Award Reception: May 6, 7:00 p.m.

Youth and adults are invited to display to their favorite photos. Art will be judged separately in youth and adult categories. Entries accepted Mon., April 26 and Tues., April 27.

Adult Amateur Art Show: May 29 - June 20

Award Reception: June 10, 7:00 p.m.

Open to artists who are beginners or paint as a hobby, but do not sell their work. Entries accepted Mon., May 24 and Tues., May 25.

Exhibit Hours - All Shows

Monday, Thursday	10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
And by appointment	

Teen Adventure Club:

This program is designed specifically for Middletown students who will be entering grades 7-10 in September 2010. The program offers participants the opportunity to attend a trip three times a week during the summer months. Those interested in the program must first join as a member of the club. Once a member, a trip list will then be sent. The member has the option to attend whichever trips he/she chooses, and must only pay for those selected trips. All trips will be chaperoned. Trips may include but are not limited to: Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Great Adventure, Medieval Times, Waterworks, Morey's Piers, white water rafting, laser tag, mall trips, movies & bowling, a baseball game, canoeing, a Broadway show, Horseback riding and much more.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

June 25 to August 20, 2010

Membership Fee \$35

Code # 211330-01 Registration begins April 5, 2010

New & Noteworthy

Synthetic Turf Fields Update

Plans to install two artificial turf athletic fields at Croydon Hall and West Front Street Park have moved to the design phase. Engineering services are being provided by CMX Engineering, Manalapan through a contract approved by the Township Committee in December 2009. One artificial turf field will replace an existing football field at Croydon Hall, Leonardville Rd. The other will replace existing practice soccer fields at West Front St. Park located on corner of West Front St. and Crawford's Corner Rd. The West Front St. location would be provided with comparable amenities to those currently available at Croydon Hall including, fencing, bleachers, and other ancillary features.

Hometown Heroes

Add your soldier to the Hometown Heroes tribute wall at Town Hall. Residents are invited to send photos and biographies of their loved ones in the armed forces. Mail to: Hometown Heroes, Mayor's Office, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown NJ, 07748. All submissions must include a contact name, address and phone number. Call 732-615-2287.

Project Prom

Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger is reaching out to local businesses to support Project Prom 2010, a drug and alcohol free all-night party for Middletown high school seniors held following their proms. The event is chaperoned by parents and teaches. Students are transported by bus to and from the party. The event, now in its 17th consecutive year, would not be possible without the generous support of the business community. Call 732-615-2024.



Family Outing at Shadow Lake by Cindy Jones
(2009 Photo Contest Entry)

Garage Sale Signs

Township ordinance 16-6.35 F.15 requires that residents who use lawn signs to announce yard sales place signs no earlier than one week before and remove them the day after the sale. Township ordinances also prohibit posting notices on telephone poles. Call Code Enforcement at 732-615-2286.

Emergency Alerts

Middletown provides alerts regarding coastal flooding, utility outages and other events and occurrences that can impact the community. Visit www.middletownnj.org to register to receive alerts via text message and/or e-mail. Registration is not required to receive 911 alerts via home phone.

Domestic Violence Response Team

The Middletown Police Department in conjunction with 180 Turning Lives Around, has a team of specially-trained volunteer advocates available to meet confidentially with domestic violence victims at police headquarters 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, you can stop by Middletown Township Police Headquarters, 1 Kings Highway, at anytime, and ask to speak to a domestic violence victim advocate. In an emergency, dial 911.

Oceanic Bridge Weight Restriction Continues

The three-ton weight restriction in place for the Oceanic Bridge spanning the Navesink River between Rumson and Middletown will continue until the fall as the Monmouth County Department of Engineering prepares for the rehabilitation of the bridge's 100-foot center bascule span. The work will extend the usable life of the 2,700-foot bridge until a determination is made on the type of replacement bridge and how it will be funded. The bridge, which carries County Route 8A (Bingham Avenue) over the Navesink River between Rumson and Middletown, had its weight down-posted in Fall 2009 from 10 tons to three tons, which means large SUVs, pickup trucks, buses and heavier trucks are not permitted to use it. The county has installed signs along approach roads to the bridge to warn people about the 3-ton weight restriction and the detour routes.

How to Report a Dead Deer

Residents who need to report a dead deer should call the Middletown Health Department at (732) 615-2094 during business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After business hours and on weekends, please contact the Middletown Police Department at (732) 615-2100. After an animal is reported and located by the Animal Control Officer, the request to remove the dead carcass will be reported to the township's contractor. The contractor has two days to remove the carcass after the report is filed. Please note if the deer is on a county or state road, the township will still locate and report it to those respective agencies. It is the responsibility of those agencies to provide removal services.

Open Space Grant Received

The township has received a \$250,000 matching grant from the Monmouth County Open Space program for the development of two new ball fields and trails in partnership with the Borough of Atlantic Highlands at the Conifer Tract Baseball Fields. The township acquired 25 acres on Route 36 in Middletown in partnership with neighboring Atlantic Highlands in 2001. Under the agreement, two-thirds of the property was allocated for passive and active recreation. Conifer Village, an affordable-housing complex for seniors 55 and older, occupies the remaining third of the tract. The 180-unit facility, constructed and by Conifer (a private development company), helps satisfy Middletown's state-mandated quota to affordable housing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Public Meetings