

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.middletownnj.org

Middletown Municipal Television

Comcast Cable Channel 20

Verizon FiOS Channel 26

Middletown Emergency Radio

1620 AM

Where Property Tax Dollars Go



**School
63 cents**

**Township
21 cents**

**County
16 cents**

The township is required by law to collect all property taxes on behalf of the township, county, and school district. Your total property tax bill is a result of these three separate and autonomous budgets. For every taxpayer dollar received, 63 cents is sent to the school district and 16 cents is sent to Monmouth County. The remaining 21 cents stays here in the township.

Examples of Your How Property Tax Dollars Are Distributed

Assessed Value of Home	School Tax 63% of bill	County Tax 16% of bill	Twp. Tax 21% of bill	Total Property Tax
\$250,000	\$2,820	\$716	\$940	\$4,476
\$300,000	\$3,384	\$859	\$1,128	\$5,371
\$433,718*	\$4,893	\$1,242	\$1,631	\$7,766
\$500,000	\$5,641	\$1,432	\$1,880	\$8,953
\$600,000	\$6,769	\$1,719	\$2,256	\$10,744

*township average

TOWNSHIP - 21% OF TAX BILL

- The township budget is the only portion of the total tax bill that the Township Committee controls. The township budget funds all of our essential community services and programs. For example:

- The Police Department is comprised of 104 officers, 28 marked patrol vehicles and 17 unmarked vehicles. In 2008, they responded 42,773 calls for service and stopped 8,380 vehicles. They help keep us one of the safest communities in the country.

- Public Works collected approximately 21,609 tons of leaves, 5,300 tons of brush, and 9,600 tons of recyclables including paper, glass, aluminum and plastics last year. The department also maintains over 300 miles of road.

- The Building department conducted 18,200 building inspections in 2008.

- The Heath Department issues about 6,300 pet licenses, 275 marriage licenses and 375 burial permits annually. They also provide more than 1,000 certified copies of marriage licenses and death certificates; conduct about 300 communicable disease investigations; and inspect more than 450 retail food vendors.

- The Fire Prevention Office conducted more than 800 fire safety inspections at businesses and special events last year. They also investigated 12 fires, 22 complaints, and provided more than 16 all-day Fire Education programs to township youth.

- The township funds vehicles, uniforms, equipment purchases for the Fire and First Aid services. The township also funds a tax-deferred income benefit program known as LOSAP for qualified volunteer firefighters and first aiders. Fire and First Aid responded to over 8,600 calls in 2008.

- The township's award-winning Library operates from four locations and contains 258,000 volumes. Borrowing was 900,600 in 2008. The Library ran 1,053 programs and events throughout the year. State law mandates that Middletown (and

all other towns with public libraries) provide the Library with an operating budget that equals 3% of the township's total assessed valuation.

- The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department maintains 862 acres of park land at 43 sites containing roller hockey rinks, tennis courts, basketball courts and dozens of athletic fields. They also manage two public bathing beaches and four recreation centers.

- Many other services to the community are provided including a drug and alcohol alliance, affordable housing programs, social services, a public information television channel on both Comcast and Verizon FiOS, and an Office of Emergency Management.

SCHOOL DISTRICT – 63% OF TAX BILL

The school district budget is set by Middletown's Board of Education and is fully independent of the township budget process. Residents vote on the Board of Education's budget in April. The Board maintains 12 elementary schools, 3 middle schools and two high schools.

MONMOUTH COUNTY – 16% OF TAX BILL

The county's budget is set by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders and is also fully independent of the township budget process. The county's responsibilities include maintaining 380 miles of county roads, nearly 1,000 bridges, more than 14,500 acres of park lands and mosquito control for 53 municipalities.

2009 Budget Information

Maintaining municipal programs and services will cost approximately \$1.32 million less this year compared to last year. The 2009 municipal budget totals \$61,564,754.

The Township Committee reduced spending below 2008 levels in the face of a significant loss of revenue of approximately \$3.6 million. The revenue loss stems largely from reductions in state aid, permit fees and interest on bank deposits.

The \$1.3 million in grants the township is slated to receive will help defray costs associated with the Police and Fire Departments, Senior Center, Clean Communities, Crossroads, and energy conservation.

The township maintains a very low number of employees per capita compared to most municipalities and has the lowest number of police per capita in Monmouth County.

Measures being implemented to enhance the township's long history of fiscal efficiency include, but are not limited to: appointment of an in-house Township Engineer; suspension of Township Committee salaries for 2009, departmental reorganizations and a continued limitation on overtime.