

# Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



*A conceptual rendering\* of the new Municipal Complex.*

*\*Rendering subject to change.*

## **Township Finalizes Agreement for New Town Hall Through Public-Private Partnership Without Any Public Borrowing**

***72,000 Square Foot Energy Efficient Facility Will Consolidate Approximately 55,000 Square Feet of Operations Currently Located in Seven Different Facilities***

***Township Is Also Entering a Redevelopment Agreement to Sell or Lease Two Commercial Pad Sites Along Route 35 That Will Generate Millions in Revenue***

The Township of Middletown has reached an agreement to construct a new Town Hall for a guaranteed maximum contract price through a capital sale leaseback under which the Township will incur no new debt and instead make annual lease payments for thirty years. The entire cost of the project will be privately financed by the Township's designated redeveloper.

"A lot has changed in Middletown in the last 60 years except for our town hall, which has undergone piecemeal renovations over decades creating a number of significant problems that can no longer be ignored," said Mayor Kevin Settembrino. "The public-private partnership we're announcing today will enable us to expeditiously construct a new state-of-the-art facility with a minimal impact on taxpayers that will be further offset through revenue generated by the sale or lease of two pad sites along Route 35."

Click [HERE](#) to view the release and specific details on the project.

## **Holiday Happenings**

The Township held its official Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting at the Middletown Arts Center (36 Church Street) on Sunday, December 2nd. Families enjoyed live carolers from local middle and high schools while awaiting the countdown to the lighting. After the ceremony, residents were able to enjoy crafts, an art exhibition, cartooning, a 50/50 raffle, a high school band and chorus performance, and watch an amazing ice sculpturist. The highlight of the evening was a visit from Santa Claus who sat with all the little girls and boys to get a jump start on their Christmas wish lists! Click [HERE](#) to see additional photos from the event.



*Mayor Kevin Settembrino and his children Ethan and Madeleine stopped by to visit Santa along with Committeeman Tony Perry, Committeeman Rick Hibell and his daughter, as well as Committeewoman Pat Snell.*

## **Santa Ferry Ride a Success**

Our Recreation Department held its popular annual Santa Ferry Ride on Saturday, December 1st. The hour and a half event kicked off at the Belford Ferry Terminal and included a festive boat ride to the Statue of Liberty and lots of interaction with kids movie characters and Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Mayor Kevin Settembrino and Committee members Pat Snell and Rick Hibell were also in attendance with their little ones to have some fun.



[Santa and Mrs. Claus surrounded by the Mayor, members of the Township Committee, Township officials, members of the Recreation Department, and a cast of familiar characters at the Belford Ferry Terminal. Click HERE to view more pictures.](#)



*Pictured from left: Committeewoman Pat Snell, EMS Assistant Chief Paul Kennedy, EMS Deputy Chief Jim Kelly, and Mayor Kevin Settembrino.*

## Congratulations to the Newly-Elected EMS Chiefs!

All five squads of Middletown Township's Emergency Medical Services Department held its Chiefs' Elections on Saturday, December 1st. Best of luck to 2019 EMS Deputy Chief Jim Kelly and Assistant Chief Paul Kennedy. We are grateful for your volunteerism.



**Committeewoman Pat Snell and Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger recognized the newest Nut Swamp Elementary School Project P.L.U.S. graduates on Wednesday, December 5th.**

**Committeewoman Pat Snell and Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger congratulated recent Project P.L.U.S. graduates on Wednesday, December 5th and Thursday, December 6th at Croydon Hall. Fifth grade students from Lincroft, Middletown Village, Nut Swamp, and River Plaza Elementary Schools participated in the 7-week Project**



**Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger and Crossroads Primary Counselor Becky Rean congratulated the Project P.L.U.S. graduates from River Plaza Elementary School on Thursday, December 6th.**

**P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students) after-school drug awareness program. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who make this program possible!**



*The Middletown Township Police Department, PBA 124  
and Social Services invite residents to participate in the*

## **Annual Holiday Toy Drive**

**Running now -December 21<sup>st</sup>**



**To participate, please drop off new, unwrapped toys to any of the following locations:**

- Swagger, 105 Leonardville Road, Belford
- Molzons, Middletown Lincroft Road, Lincroft
- Investors Bank, Sears Parking Lot, Middletown
- Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
- Johnson Gill Annex, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
- Police Station, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown
- We Care Adult Care, 552A State Route 35, Red Bank
  - Trendsetters, 882 Main St, Belford
  - Fratelli's, 480 Route 35, Red Bank
  - Taliercio's 500 Route 35, Red Bank
- All Garment Cleaners, 1847 Hwy 35, Middletown

**Happy Holidays!**



## The Middletown Township Clerk's Office Invites You to Participate in VFW Post 2179's Engraved Brick Fundraiser



This holiday season, The Middletown Township Clerk's Office invites you honor a veteran and show support for VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth through their **Engraved Brick Fundraiser**.

The proceeds will go towards the purchase of a much-needed new sign for the VFW facility on Highway 36 & Veterans Way. Bricks are located outside of VFW Post 2179.

**This is an opportunity to show support for those who sacrificed so much for our country and freedom.**



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## 2018 Leaf Collection Status

LEAF ZONE	APPOX. START DATE	STATUS
A	November 7	Completed
B	November 7	Completed
C	November 16	Completed
D	November 16	Completed
L	November 19	Completed
H	November 24	Completed
F	November 26	Completed
K	December 1	In Progress
G	December 3	In Progress
J	December 6	In Progress
E	December 12	-
I	December 12	-
L (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	December 17	-
A,B,C,D (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	December 26	-

### Leaf Collection Guidelines

Please place leaves at the curb (*not in roadway or on sidewalk*) no earlier than 1 week prior to your collection start date.

*The following will not be collected:*

- > Bagged leaves
- > Branches
- > Brush
- > Grass clippings

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/collection](http://www.middletownnj.org/collection) for more information.

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# Volunteer Opportunities

Middletown Recreation has a number of activities that need the generous help of volunteers. Click this slide to learn more!




## RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK

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5 MAIN ITEMS to recycle:  
**Plastic Bottles** *(no caps/dispensers)*  
**Glass Bottles** *(rinsed)*  
**Tin/Aluminum** *(rinsed)*  
**Cardboard** *(flattened)*  
**Mixed Paper** *(clean)*



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Recycling contamination rates are on the rise. Please do your part to recycle responsibly.

Download the recycleCoach app.
*"When in doubt, throw it out!"*
[www.middletownnj.org/recycling](http://www.middletownnj.org/recycling)

### Upcoming Events

## 10th Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Toy Drive

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

Croydon Hall Gymnasium- 900 Leonardville Road  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Get ready for some family fun. Join Middletown Recreation for their 10th Annual Dodgeball Tournament and Toy Drive! Cheer on your favorite team and support a wonderful cause. We ask that all participants bring an unwrapped toy the day of the tournament.

All toys will be given to Middletown Social Services.



[Click on the picture to learn more!](#)

**Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser at**

the Middletown Township Public Library on  
Monday, 12/10 and 12/17

## Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser



Have all your holiday gifts beautifully wrapped by the Friends of the Middletown Township Public Library for a small donation.

Your donation will help fund 2019 Library programs.



Monday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Hanmouth Road  
732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

**SAVE-THE-DATE** for the MAC's  
Handbags & Bingo Fundraiser  
Friday, March 1, 2019

Join the Middletown Arts Center for a fun & fabulous evening at its annual Handbags & Bingo fundraiser where you can win designer handbags and prizes! Volunteers and donations also needed. Call 732-706-4100 for more information.



### Roadwork & Detours

Church Street Southbound Lane Closure Through  
Friday, 12/14

The southbound side of Church Street (in the vicinity of the Middletown Train Station) will be closed until approximately Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> by Kiely Construction for improvement of gas lines. Detours will be in place.



## New Jersey Turnpike Authority Begins GSP Interchange 109 Construction Project

On November 1, 2018, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) began a construction project to make improvements to Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 at Newman Springs Road (C.R. 520) in the Lincroft section of Middletown. Motorists are advised to expect delays and plan alternate routes if possible.


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