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**Middletown Elementary Schools Participate in
"Mayor for a Day" Program**



On Monday, May 20th five elementary school students visited Town Hall and were sworn in by Mayor Tony Perry as "Mayors for a Day".

The 2019 Mayors for a Day are:

- Ridge A. Dellett from Bayview Elementary School
- Rory Violet Bedford from Leonardo Elementary School
- Ryan McDonough from Lincroft Elementary School
- Cecilia Grace Sobelman from Middletown Village Elementary School
- Christian Kelly from New Monmouth Elementary School

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video of our Little Mayors!



It is the Township Committee's 6th year doing this fun and educational program that is offered to Middletown elementary schools as a PTA/PFA fundraiser basket prize.

The "Little Mayors" and their families had the opportunity to speak with the Mayor, members of the Township Committee and Township officials before attending the Township Committee meeting where the students sat at the dais and led the Pledge of Allegiance before receiving their certificates declaring them as Mayor for a Day at their respective schools.

Each student and his or her family had the opportunity to sit with Mayor Perry in his office and take photos to commemorate the occasion.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Mayor for a Day photo album.

Middletown Holds Annual Police Week Memorial Service



The Middletown Township Police Department held its annual Police Week Memorial Service on Friday, May 17th at the Police Memorial located at Town Hall. The service opened with a Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance. An invocation was offered by Reverend Dr. Daniel Correa. Chief of Police Craig Weber addressed those who gathered, as did Mayor Tony Perry who thanked the MTPD and their families for their selfless efforts. Richard F. Deickmann, President of the Retired Police Officers Association, also spoke at the service and read the names of Middletown's deceased officers, followed by a wreath laying while bagpipers played. The ceremony concluded with a benediction and TAPS was performed by Middletown High School North trumpeters Luke Ferrell and Ryan Lavelle.

Click [HERE](#) to view the album.

Six Middletown Residents Sworn in as U.S. Citizens at Naturalization Ceremony



[On Tuesday, May 21st Mayor Tony Perry had the honor of making the closing remarks at a moving Naturalization Ceremony held at the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. During the ceremony, 53 people from 30 nations took the Oath of Allegiance and became U.S. citizens, six of whom call Middletown home. Mayor Perry welcomed our fellow Americans and encouraged them to continue to exhibit the drive and determination that inspired them to become citizens of our great nation.](#)

[Click HERE to view the photo album.](#)

War Memorial Street Signs Installed in Honor of Memorial Day



On Tuesday, May 21st Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Pat Snell and Public Works Director Ted Maloney proudly presented the World War II Memorial directional sign (at the corner of Leonardville Road and Hosford Avenue) along with Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) President Dennis Beauregard, his grandsons, and VAC members Mike Quilty and Bob Siemer.

Middletown Township partnered with the Veterans Affairs Committee to install directional signs for all four of our war memorials across town. These monuments pay homage to our fellow Middletown residents who sacrificed their life for our nation.

We encourage all residents to take a few moments to visit these monuments over Memorial Day Weekend and pay tribute to those who have served.

Click [HERE](#) for additional information about the Township's war memorials/monuments.

Thorne Middle School Hosts Annual Memorial Day

Ceremony in Honor of Corporal Thorne



On Thursday, May 23rd Thorne Middle School held its annual Memorial Day ceremony honoring the school's namesake, U.S. Army Corporal and Medal of Honor recipient Horace "Buddy" Thorne, as well as other local veterans who have served our nation. The student-run ceremony paid homage to Corporal Thorne and was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those in the armed services that allow us to enjoy our freedom as Americans.

The keynote speaker was Corporal Thorne's sister, Anita Keyser, who presented Thorne Principal Tom Olausen, Mayor Tony Perry, Monmouth County Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger and Jessica Rohr (representing Congressman Chris Smith) with a replica of a plaque that was erected in Burg-Reuland, Belgium this past September in memory of Corporal Thorne who made the ultimate sacrifice at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944.

Keyser also thanked the students, staff and principal for their patriotism.

High School Students Get Rude Awakening from Middletown First Responders

Students from Christian Brothers Academy, Middletown High School North and Middletown High School South got a "Rude Awakening" this prom season about the life-altering decisions caused by the misuse of alcohol and drugs. Members of the Middletown Township Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services used a three-pronged approach to drive the point home.



They did hands-on activities that made use of DWI Fatal Vision while operating golf carts so students could have an understanding of how it feels to drive drunk. An assembly program outlined what really happens in a car crash, the hospital, the court room, and how a DWI conviction can haunt offenders for a lifetime. Students then witnessed a live demonstration of response to an accident.

During the outdoor demonstration, students portrayed victims while police, fire and first aid responded to the mock accident and extricated the victims from the car using the Jaws of Life. All students received a booklet entitled "Drug and Alcohol Awareness Facts" that includes information about driving while intoxicated, underage drinking, illegal drug use and the penalties associated with each, the Graduated Driver's License Program, as well as Crossroads, the Township's substance abuse program.

Rude Awakening, now in its 25th year, is funded largely by private donations and made possible through the efforts of volunteers.

Senior Center Hosts Luncheon to Recognize "Older Americans Month"



Committeewoman Pat Snell and Senior Center Supervisor Becky Stauffer kicked off the luncheon with a celebration of our senior community.

The Middletown Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road) held its annual luncheon in recognition of Older Americans Month on Thursday, May 23rd.

Committeewoman Pat Snell joined the celebration and thanked the seniors for the vital role they play in our community as historians who can instill the values of the past in future generations.

Moe's Southwest Grill Celebrates Grand Opening



Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Pat Snell welcomed Moe's Southwest Grill (1449 NJ-35 in the Middletown Plaza) to the Middletown community at their ribbon cutting on May 23rd. We wish them the best of luck!

Mayor's Wellness Campaign Family Hike at Poricy Park





Our community enjoyed the family hike and beautiful weather at Poricy Park this past Saturday as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Please visit www.middletownnj.org/wellness for upcoming events!

Part-Time Employment Opportunities for Township Parks and Road Maintenance

An advertisement for seasonal workers. The background is a landscape with a large tree and a sunset sky. The text is centered and reads: "THE MIDDLETOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS SEEKING SEASONAL WORKERS FOR PARKS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE. VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/JOBS FOR MORE INFORMATION." There is a blue "Now Hiring" sign on the left and a green circular arrow icon on the right.

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Find out exactly where your municipal tax dollars go.

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MIDDLETOWN TAX DOLLAR RECEIPT	
POLICE	\$532.43
DPW	\$456.31
INSURANCE	\$331.36
FINANCE	\$49.97
PENSION - NON POLICE	\$44.62
RESERVES	\$41.92
INSPECTIONS	\$35.28
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$27.11
FIRE	\$26.75

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*Based on the 2019 average residential assessment. Visit www.middletownnj.org/MyTaxDollars for more information.

Upcoming Events

Middletown Recreation Presents:
Colonial Tea



Colonial Tea Ceremony
Saturday, June 15th
3:00-4:00 PM
Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road)

Join Middletown Recreation for a Colonial Tea ceremony in our historic 18th century farmhouse where a period-dressed interpreter will be on-hand to instruct in colonial manners. Additionally, children will craft an 18th century toy.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. You can register in person at Poricy Park during registration hours (Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM) or online at www.middletownnj.org/signup.

**THE MAC PRESENTS: Garden State Watercolor Society
Signature & Associate Members Exhibition Reception
Through Saturday, June 8th**



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THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IS
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

JOIN TODAY

www.MTFDNJ.org **#MTFDpride**

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VOLUNTEERS!

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SERVICES DEPARTMENT SEEKS
RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR
FIRST AID SQUADS**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND HELPING YOUR
NEIGHBORS IN A TIME OF NEED?
JOIN ONE OF THE 5 VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUADS.**

CALL 732-615-2252 OR EMAIL PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG
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SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

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**Middletown Rabies Alert:
May 21, 2019**



The Middletown Township Health Department responded to a call concerning a raccoon acting abnormally in the area of Oak Hill Road, in the vicinity of Poricy Park, on May 16, 2019. Middletown Animal Control captured the raccoon and it was sent to the State Laboratory for testing. [Laboratory results received confirmed that the raccoon was rabid.](#)

Residents should be reminded not to interact with wildlife under any circumstance. If you come across a sick or injured animal, keep your distance and avoid all contact. Call Animal Control at [732-615-2097](tel:732-615-2097) immediately or contact the Police Department at 732-615-2100 after hours and on weekends.

Monmouth County Roadwork on County Road 520 (Newman Springs Road) Beginning Tues., 5/28



Please be advised that the Monmouth County Highway Division will be milling and paving County Road 520 (Newman Springs Road) between Everett Road and Phalanx Road on or about Tuesday, May 28, 2019 through Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 6:00 PM until 6:00 AM and will be closed to through traffic.

Arrangements should be made to move or park your vehicle(s) on a side of the road that will quickly let you out and away from the road construction. Local traffic, businesses, emergency vehicles, school buses and post office vehicles will be permitted through the work zone at any time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

For additional information, please contact the Monmouth County Highway Division at (732) 431-6550.

Route 35 Construction Project

Construction work on Route 35 began Monday, May 6th northbound from Cooper's Bridge (Red Bank) to Cherry Tree Farm Road and southbound from Cherry Tree Farm Road to New Monmouth Road.

Road work will be done with temporary lane closures from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. All work is weather-dependent.

The project, which consists of repairs and replacement of concrete vertical curb, installation of public curb ramps, repairs to drainage structures and resurfacing of the roadway, is estimated to be completed by December 2019.


Please keep an eye out for possible changes to the schedule.


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