

# October 2018 Newsletter

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## Middletown Township Historical Society's October Happenings

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on the latest events and news of the Middletown Township Historical Society. Also, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.



## Event: Monday, October 15, 2018

### *"The Spanish Flu, 1918-1920" Presentation by Brian Armstrong*

Independent historian and author Brian Armstrong will present on the history of deadly Spanish Influenza of 1918-1920 which caused somewhere between 25 and 100 million deaths worldwide and 675 thousand deaths in the US. The presentation will include an overview of the three phases of the epidemic, the effect of the disease on the NJ/NY/PA area, how the search for a cure changed the US healthcare system, and an evaluation of the risk for a future pandemic.

**We hope to see you Monday, October 15 at 7:00 pm at Poricy Park Nature Center.**

Do you have suggestions for upcoming speakers? If so, please contact [Randall Gabrielan](#), our Program Chairman.

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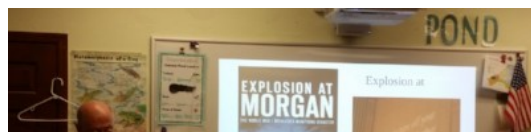
## Nice Seeing You at Middletown Day

Saturday, September 22 had beautiful weather as MTHS trustees staffed a table to meet the attendees. Email addresses were collected, bookmarks and postcards were given away, and we even met a number of elected officials. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or stopped by our table.

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## September Event Recap

Randall Gabrielan, MTHS



Programming Chairman and President Emeritus, gave a presentation based on his book, Explosion at Morgan. We thank him for educating us on this little-remembered tragedy that occurred not too far from Middletown.



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## Organizational Update

Your MTHS trustees have been working behind the scenes to strengthen our organization, which includes amending our Articles of Incorporation, revising our bylaws, and planning for the future. Thanks goes to our trustees for their efforts: James Hinckley, Gail Nelsen, Thomas Valenti, Peter Van Nortwick, and Ray Veth.



## Help Us Spread the Word!

We'd love to have more people attend our monthly events and to have more members. To that end, we have created this [printable flyer](#) of upcoming events that is designed to be displayed in public places, such as bulletin boards in stores and community gathering areas. We'd be grateful if you could print a few copies of the flyer and post in places around town that allow for such items (if you have doubts, please ask someone in charge before posting). This file can also be sent via email or posted to social networks. Thank you!

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## Support the Society

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If you value the aims of the Society, we ask that you please support us both when we put out a call for volunteers and also via membership dues. If you are interested in continuing your membership or joining for the first time, please [contact us](#). Also, if you have any items of historical value that you would like to donate, [please get in touch](#). Thank you!

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## Thanks to Our Hosts

We continue to be thankful to the [Poricy Park Conservancy](#) and to [Middletown Recreation](#) for allowing us to use the Nature Center for our monthly events. Visit their websites for info about their upcoming events.



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## Trivia Time

*This Month's Question:*

Can you name the Middletown country estate owner and the Red Bank ice cream seller who stored munitions in town?



Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

*Answer to Last Month's Question:*

The house that was owned by Charles Steuerwald is located at 65 Kings Highway, and was previously the home of former State Senator Joseph Kyrillos and noted lawyer Charles Courdet, among others. For a time, it was called Darry Boy Farm.

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Thanks for reading! The Middletown Township Historical Society will be in touch again soon! If you know others who would be interested in receiving communications from us, please forward this email and ask them to [join this list!](#)



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