

September 2019 Newsletter

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Middletown Township Historical Society: September Happenings

This newsletter keeps 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.



**DEVELOPMENT OF THE
WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT**

Presented by Brian Armstrong

Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm

*Hosted by Middletown Township Historical Society at
Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ 07748*

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Movement" presented by Brian Armstrong**

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosts independent historian and author Brian Armstrong as he recounts the events that resulted in the

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The event will begin at **7:00 pm** at **Middletown Township Public Library** on **Monday, September 16, 2019**. Free attendance for all.

Support MTHS at Our MJ's Fundraiser - October 1

Bring your friends and family to MJ's of Middletown on Tuesday, October 1! [Just by presenting this flyer](#) and enjoying a meal or drinks you'll help us raise funds, as MJ's will donate 15% of proceeds to MTHS. This event is only valid at the MJ's Middletown location at 1005 Highway 35. You **MUST** [print and bring this flyer](#) and present it to your server, or we will not receive credit. The event will last all day on October 1. Feel free to [share the flyer](#) on social media, via email, or anywhere else. We hope to see you there!

Dine & Donate at



TUES., OCTOBER 1
ALL DAY

1005 Highway 35 North
Middletown, NJ 07748

To benefit

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We receive 15% of every dollar spent on food and drinks,
takeout included!

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Visit Us at Middletown Day!

We'll be at Middletown Day on Saturday, September 28. Look for us in the Community Tent located near the MacLeod-Rice House. Come by to say hello, pick up a free bookmark or postcard, or to ask any questions you may have. Middletown Day runs from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and its rain date is Sunday.

September 29.



Last Month's Event Recap

At our annual visit to Twin Lights, Nicholas Wood covered the history of the United States Life Saving Service, in particular its presence in our area. Prior to the presentation we were able to visit the life saving boathouse that used to reside on Sandy Hook, but now is located at Twin Lights. Thank you to Nick, Twin Lights, and all who attended.

Our Website Has Launched!

To further our reach, we have launched a brand new website:

MiddletownNJHistory.org!

The site features our events, provides an easy way to become a member, and affords free access to our library of official newsletters dating back to 1985.

Please [check it out](#) and spread the word!

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A New Home for Our Archive?

Since we vacated the MacLeod-Rice House a few years ago, our archive of items has been held in storage by the township. While we were grateful that room was found to house it for us, we are only able to access it by making special arrangements, and only during regular business hours. We'd like to catalog the collection more completely, and take advantage of a free archival assessment that the State could provide.

Do you know of a local organization that might be willing to store our archive in a secure, temperature-controlled environment, and allow us regular access to it? Perhaps a church or a fraternal group that has extra room in their facility? If you have an idea or any contacts, [please let us know](#).

Your Membership Matters

Support Us in 2019!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE: Please Renew or Begin your Membership Today!

In order to keep our Society going, we need your support. Our funds go towards securing speakers for our events and for administrative fees. We'd also like to undertake new initiatives that could expand our reach, but without proper funding, this will be difficult to achieve.

We now offer a couple of ways you can renew or start your membership:

- [Contribute online](#) and pay via credit or debit card. This is the quickest and easiest way!
- [Print out the membership form](#) and mail to us or bring it to an upcoming MTHS event

Thank you for your interest in Middletown's history, and for your ongoing support.

Would You Like to Become a Trustee or Volunteer?

Your local historical society could use your ideas and talents! If you have an interest in fundraising, communications, or in growing our membership, [please let us know](#) your ideas or your willingness to become involved. Our volunteer trustees would like to work with you to strengthen and expand our organization!

Upcoming MTHS Events

September 16: "Development of Women's Suffrage Movement" by Brian Armstrong

September 28: Middletown Day at Croydon Hall, 11:00-5:00

October 1: Dine & Donate at MJ's of Middletown, all day

October 21: "Ku Klux Klan in New Jersey" by Joseph Bilby

Unless otherwise noted, all events will begin at 7:00 pm at the Middletown

Upcoming Atlantic Highlands Historical Society Events

Consider attending an event by one of our neighboring historical groups:

September 7: "Shore Lore" - boat ride aboard the Mariner with narration by author and historian Muriel Smith

September 14: 40th annual Outdoor Flea Market at Atlantic Highlands Marina, 10:00am to 4:00 pm.

September 26: "Music at the Mansion" concert series featuring "Sounds of India" performed by Daimon Santamaria

More info and registration [here](#).



Trivia Time

This Month's Question:

Can you name any women's suffrage activists that came from our local area? There may be more than one answer.

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

What we now know as the "Newell Act" secured \$10,000 for the establishment of unmanned life saving stations on the Jersey Shore. NJ Representative William Newell had the funds added to a federal lighthouse bill. While Newell merits credit in the formation of the service, there were other important persons involved, as well.

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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