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*Monthly  
Messages*

## 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 social media for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.

### **History of U.S. Presidential Elections & New Jersey's Role**

**Presented by Brian Armstrong**

**Monday, Sept 21 at 7:00 pm**

**Virtual Event - Registration Required**



Hosted by Middletown Township Historical Society  
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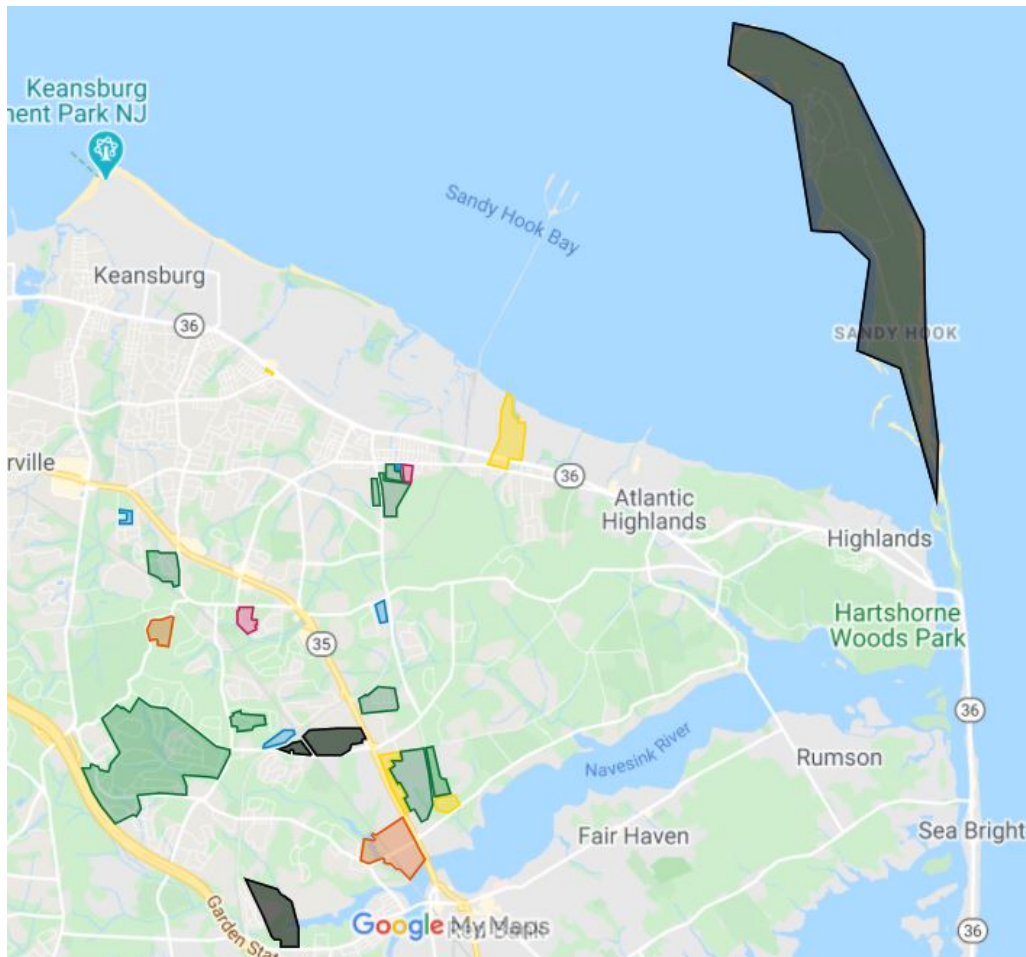
The Middletown Township Historical Society hosts Brian Armstrong as he presents on the "History of US Presidential Elections and New Jersey's Role." Mr. Armstrong, a frequent speaker for the Society, will review all of the elections and highlight their significance, with emphasis on the role New Jersey played in them.

Brian Armstrong is an independent historian, researcher, and author. A native of New Jersey and current resident of Mount Laurel, Armstrong was president of the South River Historical & Preservation Society for ten years and is now the vice-president, Central Region, for the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. In 2015, he co-wrote South River, and in 2019 he authored The Franklin Park Tragedy. In 2021, he will publish The History Lover's Guide to Bar Harbor, Maine.

As always, the event is free to attend, but it does require registration. After you complete the brief [registration form](#), you will receive an email that includes a link to the virtual event. Just click that link a few minutes before 7:00 pm, enter the Password that will also be provided within your registration email, and you'll be welcomed into our event! You may be asked to download a Zoom application, if you don't already have it installed. You will watch the presentation on your screen, and can listen either through your device or your phone (instructions will be provided).

[Register for the Free Event](#)

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## Middletown Land Development Map Now Available!

If you are curious about when/why/how your housing development or local park was constructed, take a look at our new, [interactive map](#)! Just click on a shaded area to read the history and see the images. The entries are color-coded so you can see when the various pieces of land were developed. Please note that the map is best viewed on computer or tablet.

Given Middletown's size, this map is a work in progress, so check back in the future if you don't yet see an entry for the land you are interested in. Our goal is to fill the entire map. If you'd like to contribute any entries, [please let us know](#).

[Land Development Map](#)

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## Last Month's Event Recap

Gary D. Saretzky presented "Nineteenth Century Photographers of Monmouth County" to a record virtual audience. We learned about the beginnings of photography in our area, and about the people who were at the forefront of the

new profession/hobby. Thank you to Mr. Saretzky, and also to those who attended.



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## What's New with the Society?

As much of our area has been ramping up from the pandemic lockdown, MTHS has remained active behind the scenes.

- Our [interactive map](#) of the town that shows the history of the housing developments and streets is ready!
- When the Middletown Township Public Library allows groups to meet in their facility again, we hope to resume our monthly in-person events. In the meantime, we hope you take advantage of our virtual offerings!
- For the past couple of months we have asked you to be part of our planned [Middletown Memories](#) video series, but unfortunately due to the current conditions, it might be a little while before we can actually begin conducting the interviews. Still, we'd like to hear from you if you'd like to [participate](#).
- We have applied for a grant to digitize old Middletown school yearbooks, so that they can be searched and viewed on our website. If you are in possession of any yearbooks that you would let us borrow to fill in our

gaps, especially ones that are pre-1970, [please let us know](#) the years and schools that you have.

- As always, we remain on the lookout for a permanent place for our archive so that we can properly catalog it and make it available online or for in-person inspection. If anyone knows of potential locations, [we'd love to hear about them](#).

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## Contribute to Our Archive!

Our Society has a collection of items and documents related the history of Middletown and the surrounding area. Do you have anything that you'd like to add? Please don't let a treasure be forgotten or thrown away!

[Contact us](#) and let us know what you would like to donate.

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## Join or Renew for 2020

The Middletown Township Historical Society gets the bulk of its revenue from member contributions, so your support is vitally important. Your contributions make our initiatives possible, including our speaker series and essay contest for students, and are also essential for paying our administrative costs.

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### Trivia Time

#### *This Month's Question:*

New Jersey has sent two men to the presidency, Grover Cleveland, a native, and Woodrow Wilson, a resident at the time of his election. Who during the 19th Century, with a summer home in sight from Middletown, ran as a third party candidate?

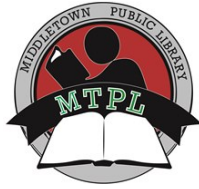
Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

#### *Answer to Last Month's Question:*

"Lost Beach" was located on the bay in Belford, near an airstrip and a dump.

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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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