

# August 2019 Newsletter

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## Middletown Township Historical Society: August 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](#) or [Twitter](#) for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.



### ORIGIN OF THE LIFE SAVING SERVICE

presented by Nicholas Wood

Monday, August 19 at 7:30 pm

Hosted by Middletown Township Historical Society at  
Twin Lights Historic Site  
2 Lighthouse Road, Highlands, NJ 07732

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The event will begin at **7:30 pm** at **Twin Lights** on **Monday, August 19, 2019**.

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## Last Month's Event Recap

John Fabiano spoke about local patriot Joshua Huddy. Huddy's life was illustrated with interesting photos and primary documents. We had great attendance, and we thank Mr. Fabiano and our attendees, as well as the library for providing the space.

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## Thank You Investors Foundation!

[Investors Foundation](#), the charitable arm of Investors Bank, recently presented MTHS with a grant for \$1,000 in support of our speaker events. Our Board was truly grateful for the support, and it will help us to continue to provide interesting content and to engage new people.

Do you know of other foundations that provide grant money? Or would you like to help us apply for grants? Do you know of a local business that would like to sponsor this newsletter? Please [let us know](#).



## 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](#).

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## Website Coming Soon

Our [Facebook page](#) has been a great communication tool, and we are nearing 1,000 followers. We are now getting ready to take another step in our digital evolution with the upcoming launch of our new website.

The site will feature our events, provide an easy way to become a member, allow free, searchable access to our official newsletter, and more.

We hope this will extend our reach and bring more attention to our work!



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# ***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.

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### **Would You Like to Help?**

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!

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### **Upcoming MTHS Events**

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All events are free and are held on the third Monday of the month, February through November. Here is what has been confirmed so far so you can reserve the dates:

**August 19:** SPECIAL TIME AND LOCATION- Twin Lights at 7:30 pm. Origins of the Life Saving Service by Nicholas Wood

**September 16:** Women's Suffrage in New Jersey by Brian Armstrong

**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 Township Public Library.

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## Upcoming Atlantic Highlands Historical Society Events

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

**August 17:** Vintage Baseball Game at Fireman's Field in Atlantic Highlands between the Monmouth Furnace and 1859 Hoboken Club. Gates at 10 AM, game at 11. Free admission.

**August 21:** Porch Supper Pot Luck at the Strauss Mansion, 6:30 PM. All are invited to bring a covered dish and mingle on the newly restored wrap-around porch. Free.

**September 14:** Annual Flea Market at the Atlantic Highlands Harbor

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### Trivia Time

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

With respect to the life saving service, what is the Newell Act?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

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

Joshua Huddy was hanged in Middletown Township, in a section now in the Borough of

township, in a section now in the Borough of Highlands. Also, Huddy, in the will that he dictated just prior to his execution, identified himself as a resident of Middletown, as his house was in a section of Colts Neck that was then a part of Middletown.

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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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