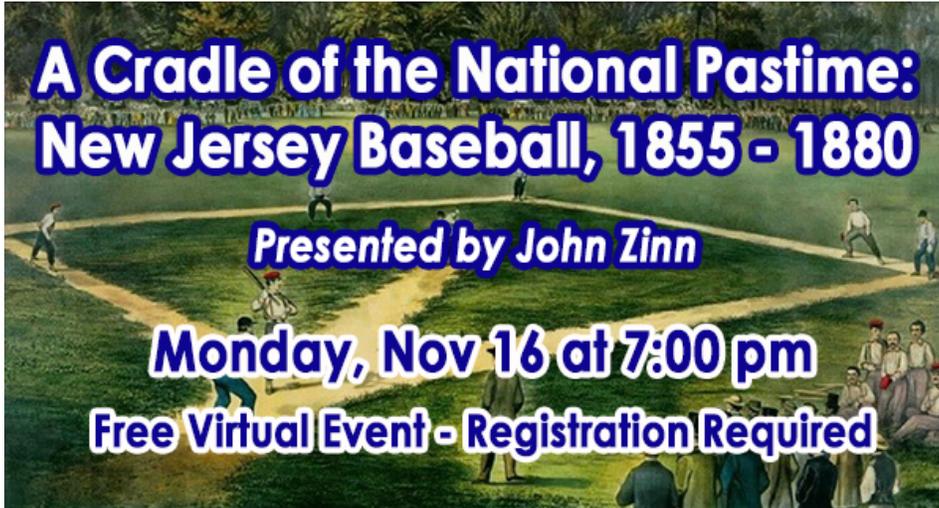


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*Monthly
Messages*

Middletown Township Historical Society: November 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.



**A Cradle of the National Pastime:
New Jersey Baseball, 1855 - 1880**

Presented by John Zinn

Monday, Nov 16 at 7:00 pm

Free Virtual Event - Registration Required

Hosted by
**Middletown Township
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This program is made possible in part by the Monmouth County Historical Commission through funding from the New Jersey Historical Commission



VIRTUAL EVENT: Monday, November 16, 7:00 pm
**"A Cradle of the National Pastime: New Jersey
Baseball 1855-1880" presented by John Zinn**

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosts John Zinn as he presents on the origins of baseball in the Garden State. Learn about the pioneers and players of this sport that grew into a national passion. This will be the final speaker in our 2020 Speaker Series!

John Zinn is an independent historian with special interest in the history of baseball. He is the chairman of the board of the New Jersey Historical Society and was the chair of New Jersey's Committee on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. John is the author of five books including three about the Brooklyn Dodgers, as well as numerous essays and articles. He also writes a blog on baseball history entitled A Manly Pastime. His biography of Charles Ebbets was awarded the 2018 Ron Gabriel Award for the best book about the Brooklyn Dodgers. John holds BA and MBA degrees from Rutgers University and is a Vietnam veteran.

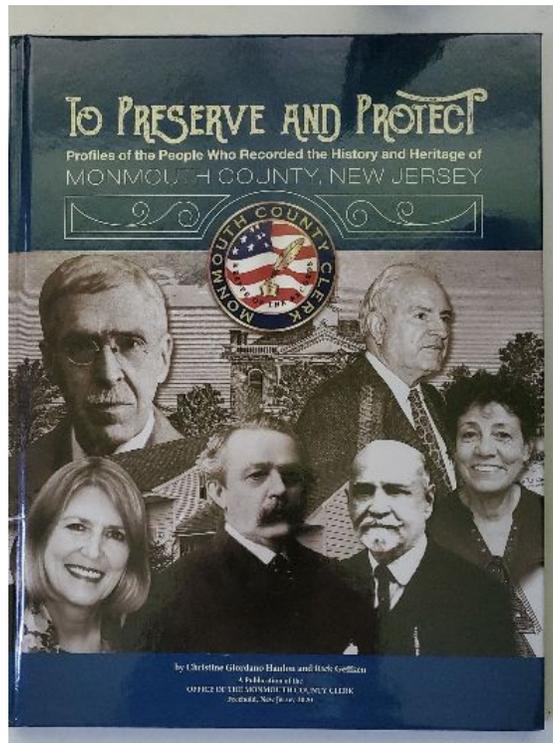
As always, the event is free to attend, but it does require registration. After you complete the brief [registration form](#), you will receive an email that includes a link to the virtual event. Just click that link a few minutes before 7:00 pm, enter the Password that will also be provided within your 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](#)



Yearbook Digitization Grant Awarded

Thanks to a \$500 grant from the Investors Bank Foundation, we will soon be able to have a number of Middletown Township High School yearbooks ("Odranoel") scanned and indexed. We will be concentrating on pre-1960 yearbooks for this phase, and will scan as many as we are able to afford. We hope that the yearbooks will be available on our website by spring of 2021!



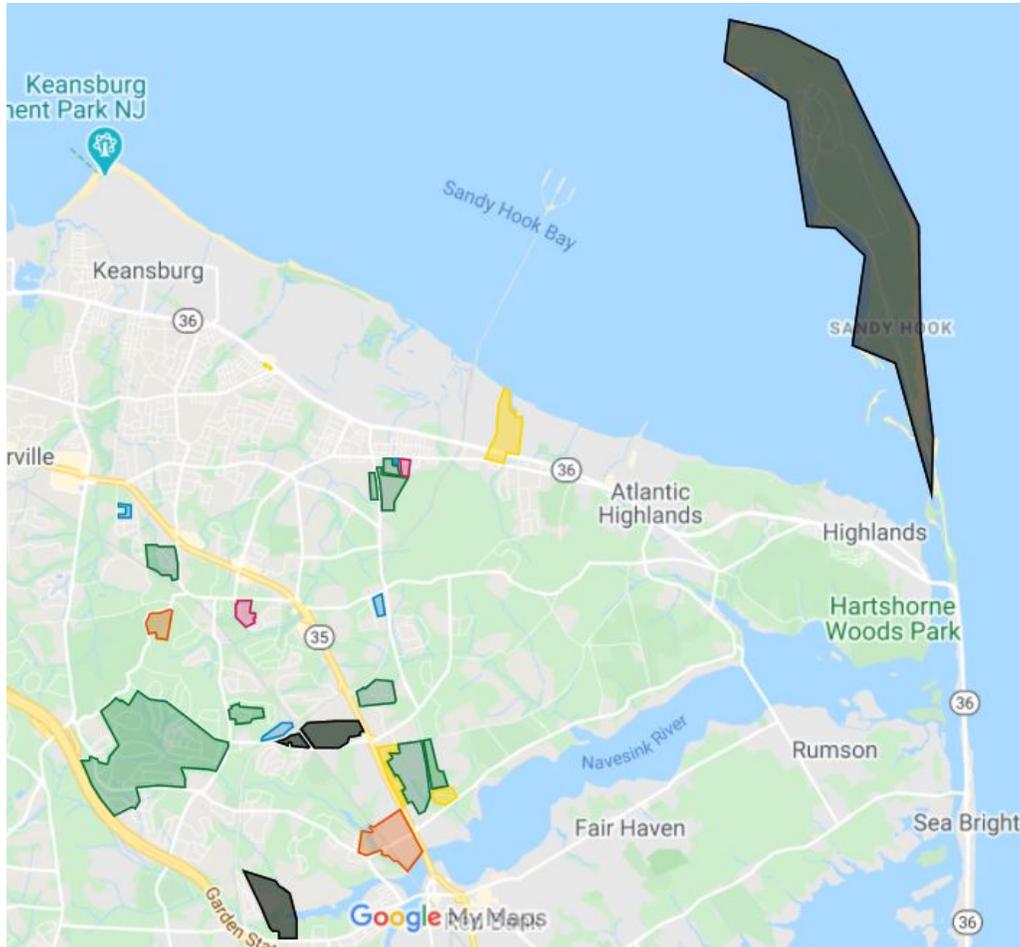
MTHS Members Honored

We'd like to recognize a number of our members that have recently been lauded for their efforts in support of history.

The Monmouth County Clerk's office published *To Preserve and Protect: Profiles of the People Who Recorded the History and Heritage of Monmouth County, New Jersey*. This book by County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon and Rick Geffken includes **seven** current MTHS members: R. Glenn Cashion, Randall Gabrielan (also our Programming Chair), Maureen O'Connor Leach, Edward J. Raser, Muriel J. Smith, Mark L Stewart, and Peter VanNortwick (also a Trustee).

Also, MTHS member Claire Garland was recognized by the New Jersey Historical Commission for her work as Director of the Sand Hill Indian Historical Association.

The MTHS Board of Trustees congratulates all the honorees and are proud of their accomplishments. If any other members receive honors, please [be sure to let us know](#) so we can spread the good news!



Middletown Land Development Map Now Available!

[New Entry Added- Shadow Oaks/Oak Brook!](#)

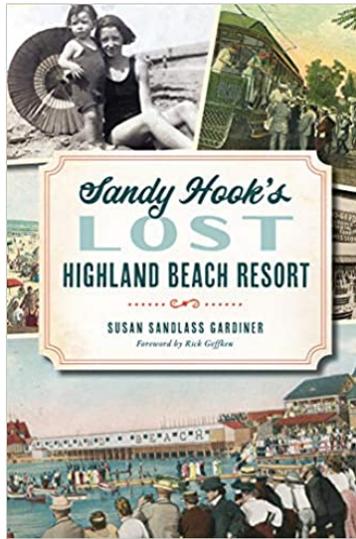
If you are curious about when/why/how your housing development or local park was constructed, take a look at our new, [interactive map](#)! Just click on a shaded area to read the history and see the images. The entries are color-coded so you can see when the various pieces of land were developed. Please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

Call for Volunteers!

MTHS is run by volunteers, and if you'd like to become more involved as a trustee, chairperson of a committee, or as a lending hand on anything else, please let us know. We are working on a few different projects and could always use help from those willing to dedicate some time and talent. [Contact us here.](#)



Last Month's Event Recap

Susan Sandlass Gardiner, with an assist from documentarian Chris Brenner, presented on her new book, [Sandy Hook's Lost Highland Beach Resort](#). It was well-received by our attendees, and in fact drew our largest crowd ever! If you would like to learn more about this piece of Middletown's history, her [book is available for purchase](#) (sign in using Amazon Smile so MTHS receives a donation!) and her mailing list can be joined by [emailing her](#). Thank you to Susan and Chris (both are MTHS members) and to all who attended.

Did you miss the presentation? You can now [watch it on our new YouTube channel!](#)

Historical Signage Grants Available

The W.G. Pomeroy Foundation offers a grant program that pays for the total costs of signage for properties listed on the National Register of Historic

Places. The foundation has specifically reached out to us to help spread the word, as they'd like to provide more signage in New Jersey. If you are part of an organization that owns or controls such a historic property, you may [learn more about and apply for the program here](#). MTHS volunteers are also available to help! [Contact us here](#) if we can be of assistance.

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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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:

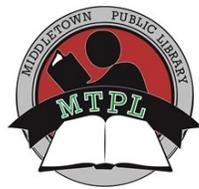
The Oak Hill Association was organized in 1962 in opposition to a cause that seems inexplicable today. What was it? For extra credit, the houses of Williamsburg Heights, a 1976 development north of Bamm Hollow Road, were built on lots smaller than zoning regulations permitted in order to set aside dedicated open space on its northern border and not reduce the total number of buildable lots. Why?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

Albert Spalding bought the former William Everard Strong Rumson Road estate in 1893 prior to relocating to California a few years later. Spalding had a brief, successful career as a pitcher, while his Hall of Fame election is attributed to his career as a baseball executive and equipment manufacturer.

In Addition to Our Members, Thank You to the Following for their Assistance and Support:



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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