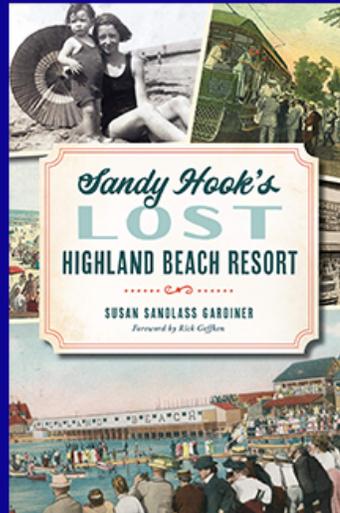


## Middletown Township Historical Society: October Happenings

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.

### Sandy Hook's Lost Highland Beach Resort

Presented by  
Susan Sandlass Gardiner



**Monday, Oct 19 at 7:00 pm**

**Virtual Event - Registration Required**

Hosted by Middletown Township Historical Society  
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**"Sandy Hook's Lost Highland Beach Resort"**  
**presented by Susan Sandlass Gardiner**

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosts Susan Sandlass Gardiner as she presents on her upcoming book, "Sandy Hook's Lost Highland Beach Resort." Built by William Sandlass during the Golden Age of the Jersey Shore, the Highland Beach resort was an iconic landmark for more than seven decades. Tourists were brought by trains, ferries, and automobiles to enjoy the sun, surf, and plentiful amusements. Meet the characters who shaped this part of Middletown who had the vision for a storied resort, now wiped away by time, technology, and politics.

Susan Gardiner, granddaughter of William Sandlass, is a co-founder of the Jersey Coast Heritage Museum established in 2016. The non-profit strives to create awareness of the history of Highland Beach resort as a vital legacy of the Jersey Shore. Susan grew up in Sea Bright, New Jersey and moved to Washington, D.C. in 1965. For over twenty-five years she was active in Bilingual Community and Media Relations in the Montgomery County Public School System. As a community activist, she was awarded the Distinguished Service to Public Education by Montgomery County Board of Education in 2014. Her award-winning photography and experience as a documentarian continue to enrich her pursuits. She lives with her husband Gary in Montgomery Village, Maryland.

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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## **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!

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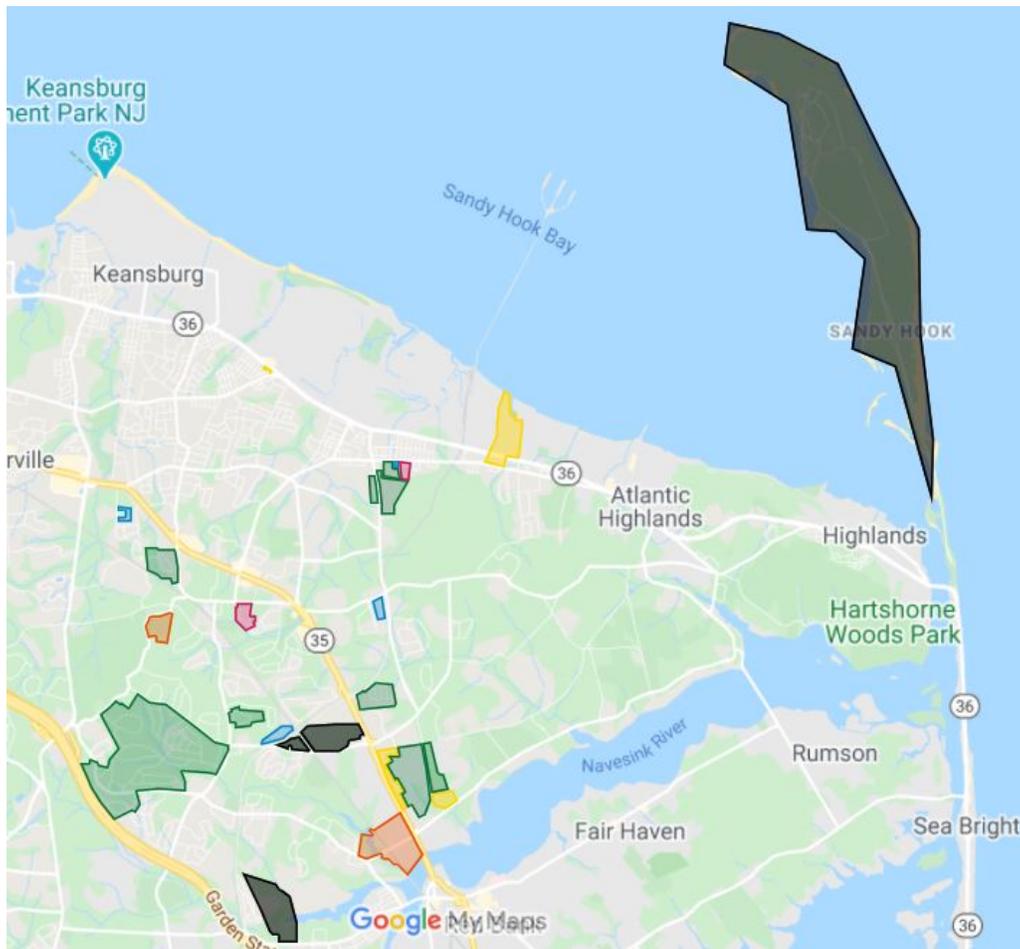


## **Oceanic Bridge Project**

The Oceanic Bridge that connects Middletown's historic Locust neighborhood to Rumson is slated to be substantially rehabilitated or replaced. The current bridge is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and was constructed in 1939, replacing one that was built in 1891. After considering alternatives, the county has proposed a new, non-movable bridge with a 65' clearance over the high tide (compared to today's 22' clearance). The county is

soliciting public comments until October 16. If you would like to review the details (which includes videos that show the height and scale of the new bridge compared to today's) and have your voice heard, visit the [project website](#).

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## Middletown Land Development Map Now Available!

*[New Entries Added- Mt. Olivet Cemetery and Oak Knolls!](#)*

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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## 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.](#)

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## Last Month's Event Recap

Brian Armstrong presented "The History of U.S. Presidential Elections and New Jersey's Role" to an engaged virtual audience. We learned interesting facts about every election to date, and how our state played a part. Thank you to Mr. Armstrong, and also to those who attended.

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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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## Trivia Time

*This Month's Question:*

Which baseball Hall of Famer had a country house within sight of Middletown?

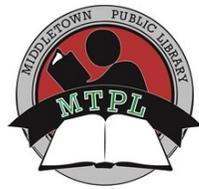


Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

*Answer to Last Month's Question:*  
Clinton B. Fisk, who had a summer home in Rumson and is the patronym of Fisk University, was the Prohibition Party candidate in 1888.

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