



## MIDDLESEX BOROUGH NEWSLETTER | SPRING 2018

### Mayor's Message

This year, all of us at the Borough of Middlesex are looking to broaden our communications channels to help keep our residents informed about events within the Borough. This seasonal newsletter will contain all upcoming events, meetings, and program information in Middlesex and we hope it will be beneficial to all who receive it.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can work to make this newsletter even better, please email the Business Administrator at [bgoldberg@middlesexboro-nj.gov](mailto:bgoldberg@middlesexboro-nj.gov). If you are receiving this newsletter, we thank you for being proactive and we want to urge you to tell your friends and neighbors to sign up as well!

- MAYOR RONALD DIMURA



## PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

# LINCOLN BOULEVARD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

### Lincoln Blvd. Redevelopment - Public Input Sessions

Middlesex Borough will be hosting a series of public input sessions to discuss the future of the Lincoln Boulevard Redevelopment Plan. All meeting sessions will be held at 7 p.m. at the Borough Council Chambers on the dates listed below.

Mayor DiMura, Borough Council and Economic Development Specialist Colin Driver are inviting residents to attend and review the original visioning process and public input that led to the creation of the redevelopment plan.

The preliminary dates and focus points for these public meetings are as follows:

- March 22, 2018 - Review Gateway Area
- June 28, 2018 - Review West Market Area
- August 23, 2018 - Review Transition Areas
- October 25, 2018 - Recap and Additions

Participants will be able to discuss their ideas and concerns about redevelopment with the Economic Development Committee and Borough professionals. All residents are encouraged to attend.

## Winter Storms in the Borough



A special thank you to the Middlesex Borough Public Works Department, Middlesex Police Department, Middlesex Fire Department and Emergency Services for their steadfast efforts in handling the two Nor'Easters that hit our area in the beginning of March. Their hard work ensured effective plowing and snow removal in the Borough. We are working with the County to efficiently pick up all brush and recycling, we thank you for your patience as we try to

clean up after these storms.

From Tuesday, March 20th at 6 p.m. to Thursday, March 22nd at 2 a.m., a winter storm warning is in effect for our area. Plan on difficult travel conditions, especially during the evening commute on Wednesday. Significant reductions in visibility are expected. Power outages are possible. Stay safe and be sure to follow our [Facebook page \(@middlesexboroughnj\)](#) for updates.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On **Saturday, March 31**, Mayor DiMura, Borough Council and the Middlesex Recreation Department invite residents to the annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Mountainview Park.

No baskets or bags will be allowed. In case of inclement weather or if you have any general questions, please call the Recreation hotline at 732-356-7400 x600 or email [recreation@middlesexboro-nj.org](mailto:recreation@middlesexboro-nj.org).

Mayor DiMura & the Borough Council invite you to join the community at Middlesex Borough's Annual

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Mountainview Park  
Saturday, March 31  
3:00 pm

*\*No Baskets or Bags\**

*Allowed into the egg/candy circle. Parents may hold basket on side. Child can run in and out to hand off candy to parent.*

Age Groups:  
1-3, 4-6,  
7-9

MEET THE EASTER BUNNY!

MIDDLESEX BOROUGH RESIDENTS ONLY

In case of inclement weather call the Recreation hotline: 732.356.7400 x600 (updated by 1 pm)

Sponsored by: Middlesex Recreation Dept. | [recreation@middlesexboro-nj.gov](mailto:recreation@middlesexboro-nj.gov)



## Memorial Day Parade

Ceremonies will be held on **Monday, May 28** at 10:30 a.m. at Victor Crowell Park, off Route 28, followed by the parade at 11 a.m. The parade will travel along Delaware Ave., Harris Ave., Marlborough Ave., Wellington St., Mountain Ave. and Legion Pl., where refreshments will be served at the Legion hall.

## Upcoming Borough Meetings

**MARCH 21** | Swimming Pool Commission Meeting, 7PM, Borough Hall

**MARCH 27** | Mayor & Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers

**APRIL 9** | Library Board Meeting, 7PM, Middlesex Library

**APRIL 10** | Mayor & Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers

**APRIL 12** | Shade Tree Commission Meeting, 7:30PM, Borough Hall

**APRIL 18** | Swimming Pool Commission Meeting, 7PM, Borough Hall

**APRIL 24** | Mayor & Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers

**MAY 8** | Mayor & Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers

**MAY 10** | Board of Health, 7PM, Borough Hall

**MAY 10** | Shade Tree Commission Meeting, 7:30PM, Borough Hall

**MAY 14** | Library Board Meeting, 7PM, Middlesex Library

**MAY 16** | Swimming Pool Commission Meeting, 7PM, Borough Hall

**MAY 18** | Mayor & Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers

### Coffee with a Cop

On **Saturday, March 24** from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., residents are invited to Middlesex Elks BPOE to engage in an open and inviting conversation with the Middlesex Borough Police Department. The mission of coffee with a cop is to break down barriers between officers and the citizens they serve. Any questions, please contact [cp@middlesexpd.com](mailto:cp@middlesexpd.com) or call 732-356-1900 x346.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH MIDDLESEX BOROUGH

Like us on Facebook  
[@middlesexboroughnj](https://www.facebook.com/middlesexboroughnj)

# Recreation Department

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The Middlesex Recreation Department is committed to providing a safe environment for the residents while focusing on participation and fun.

We offer many activities for toddlers, youth and adults, including leisure programs that are safe, stimulating, and fun!

The Recreation Department also sponsors several special events throughout the year to help in bringing our community together! In addition, services are also provided through the department, such as discount tickets for amusement parks and movie theatres.

## Programs Include:

- Yoga
- Zumba
- Youth Sports
- Seasonal Events
- Seasonal Programs
- Toddler Playgroups
- And more!

Visit the Recreation Department web page for registration links and more information:

[middlesexboro-nj.gov/index.php/departments/recreation](http://middlesexboro-nj.gov/index.php/departments/recreation).



## Finance Department

PTR-1 & PTR-2 booklets may be brought in to the tax office on the following days, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Please have the top of Form PTR-1A completed.

The deadline to file is October 31st, 2018.

**LEARN MORE:** [middlesexboro-nj.gov/index.php/departments/finance-collector-assessor](http://middlesexboro-nj.gov/index.php/departments/finance-collector-assessor)



## Recreation Payments

Did you know Middlesex Recreation now accepts payments by credit card? We also accept online registrations (if paying by credit card)! Registration for the upcoming Summer Playground and Happy Camper Club programs will be available online and in the Recreation Center through May.

Summer Playground, for campers going into grades 1-5, will run July 2 through August 10, 9AM-noon, with sites offered at Hazelwood and Mt. View Park. Soccer registration, for grades K-8, will start in June.

**LEARN MORE:** [middlesexboro-nj.gov/index.php/departments/recreation](http://middlesexboro-nj.gov/index.php/departments/recreation)

# Senior Services

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The Middlesex Borough Department of Senior & Disabilities Services is open to all Borough residents age 60 and older and their families, as well as disabled residents who receive Social Security. Our mission is to provide services and programs to enable our clients to lead independent lives in their own homes.

For more information, please visit our office in the Recreation and Senior Center at 1400 Mountain Ave (in the rear of the Rescue Squad building) or visit [www.middlesexboro-nj.gov/index.php/departments/seniors](http://www.middlesexboro-nj.gov/index.php/departments/seniors).

## Programs Include:

- Exercise Programs
- Home-Delivered Nutrition (Meals on Wheels)
- Medicare Counseling
- Free Income Tax Preparation
- House Calls for Groceries
- And more!

To stay up-to-date with local programs and services, sign up for the bimonthly "Seniority" newsletter at 732-356-0414.

## Free Income Tax Preparation

The AARP Volunteer Income Tax Program is doing income tax returns for borough residents through April 12 at the Recreation/Senio Center. Appointments are required on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Call 732-356-0414.

## Veterans Benefits Program

The Veteran's Administration will present a program on health care to all veterans and their families on April 6 at 12:30PM. Please call 732-356-0414 for more information.

## AARP Safe Driving Class

AARP will hold a Safe Driving Class on Tuesday, May 22 at 9AM in the Recreation Building. The class is open to all drivers. The completion of the class entitles the driver to a reduction in auto insurances rates and the loss of two points on a driver's license. Certification is good for 3 years. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

## Middlesex Borough Receives State Funding for Streetscape Project



Governor Phil Murphy announced the approval of the largest amount of Municipal Aid grant awards in New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) history on Wednesday, February 21, crediting the recent gas tax increase with more than doubling the amount of funds for local road and bridge safety improvement projects. Middlesex Borough is slated to receive \$1,030,560 for the 2018 Bound Brook Road (State Highway Route 28) Streetscape project.

The streetscape project includes plans to replace of the grass strip, between the curb and sidewalk, with decorative concrete pavers along both sides of Bound Brook Road. Additionally, repairs and/or replacements of curbs and sidewalks will take place, as well as the installation of ADA compliant ramps and truncated domes and crosswalks. The upgrading of stormwater inlets with compliant curb pieces and bicycle safe grates will also be installed throughout Route 28, and the planting of deciduous trees and tree grates, decorative trash receptacles and benches and concrete planters will line Bound Brook Road.

The project will begin at the intersection of Orchard Road and continue along Bound Brook Road (State Highway Route 28) ultimately to Warrentville Road. The signs of a successful streetscape are large numbers of people walking on the sidewalks, the type and quality of the walking experience and the landscape treatment of the pedestrian realm.

### Police Department

Chief Matthew P. Geist and the Middlesex Police Department announced that, due to the overwhelming response, they are offering a second CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) course. The training is FREE, seating is limited to the first 40 registrants. Attendees must be 18 years of age or older. Registrants who are not among the first 40 will be invited to attend future presentations.

[LEARN MORE: MIDDLESEXPD.COM](http://MIDDLESEXPD.COM)



## Fishing Derby

The Middlesex Borough Police Department will be hosting a Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 9th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Victor Crowell Park, rain or shine.

## Recreational Area Clean-Up

The warming weather will bring increases use of our parks and ballfields. Those that choose to use these recreational areas to walk their dogs are reminded that it is their responsibility and it is the law to clean up after their pet and to keep your dog on a leash.

## Nixle Alerts

Residents are urged to sign up to receive Nixle Alerts. Nixle allows the Police Department to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. To learn more about Nixle and to sign up, please visit our web site at [www.middlesexpd.com](http://www.middlesexpd.com).



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