

Sunnyside Equestrian Center (Photo courtesy of Charlie Syracuse)

MIDDLETOWN MATTERS



Message from Mayor Tony Perry

During the summer months, the Township Committee and I devoted ourselves to safeguarding open space and bolstering both recreational opportunities and economic growth by acquiring several properties. Most notably, we moved to preserve undeveloped properties near Garden State Parkway Exit 114 and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. It is unconscionable that a developer felt that this secluded 19 acres of wooded area could support 500 new apartments where there are currently no utilities, unpaved roads, and environmentally sensitive areas.

These four lots on Red Hill Road, West Nut Swamp Road, Nut Swamp Road, and Dwight Road are appraised for \$1.26 million. This action by the Township Committee is possible due to the open space referendum that was overwhelmingly passed by voters in 2020. The Township Committee and I are working to preserve as many undeveloped properties as financially possible.

We will continue to put our tax dollars to good use by preventing high-density housing, protecting open space, and promoting smart growth in redevelopment areas where infrastructure such as utilities, parking areas, public transportation, and offices already exist. This fight will continue into the future and we must continue to defend Middletown and our quality of life against builders and curb massive overdevelopment.

We hope to have your support as we continue to protect Middletown's quality of life.

Recent Happenings

★ Middletown was recently selected as the official location for the USS NEW JERSEY Commissioning Ceremony that will be held in April. The Township Committee and I are beyond honored and excited that our town will be on full display throughout this week-long ceremony. The submarine arrives on Monday, April 1st and Commissioning Day is on Saturday, April 6th. Visit www.njcommissioning.org and social media (USS NEW JERSEY Commissioning Committee) to check out the schedule of community events.

★ In April, the Township Committee and I were honored to present Captain Edward L. Callahan, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle (pictured on right) with a "Key to Middletown" on the day of his retirement after 40 years of honorable service to the United States Navy. Since Captain Callahan has turned the page to a new chapter, Captain Kent D. Smith is now serving as Commander.



★ The Township Committee and I presented New York Yankees outfielder Jake Bauers with a "Key to Middletown" to thank him for inspiring our next generation of athletes and visiting our home base! Hundreds of all-star athletes from across Middletown and RallyCap Sports, as well as veterans, were invited to Ross Brewing in Port Monmouth to meet Jake and get some photos and his autograph.

★ I recently attended a naturalization ceremony at Sandy Hook Lighthouse where Gateway National Recreation Area and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services staff welcomed 40 new citizens. All 40 are Monmouth County residents and represented 20 countries.

George Kolber Receives 2022 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award

In September, longtime Middletown resident, philanthropist, and now film writer/producer George Kolber was recognized as the 2022 Distinguished Citizen of the Year at a Township Committee Regular Meeting. As part of this honor, he received an award with a "Key to Middletown". George has been a resident for 25 years and has greatly enriched our community with his philanthropic endeavors and charitable contributions. In addition to his generosity, in 2022 he chose Middletown as the main filming location for *Miranda's Victim*, his movie about how the Miranda Rights came to be. He filmed in and utilized several locations around town including our old Town Hall and Police Department, Belford, Port Monmouth Elementary School, and Saint Mary, Mother of God Church. By bringing *Miranda's Victim* to Middletown, he helped support local businesses and brought attention to our beautiful town. Middletown is honored to recognize George for being an exemplary resident. We thank him for supporting local organizations, choosing Middletown as a filming location for *Miranda's Victim*, and memorializing our Town Hall and Police Department. *Miranda's Victim* was recently released, so we encourage you to support this important film!

2022 Distinguished Citizen of the Year George Kolber is joined by his son Rick and the Township Committee as he proudly shows off his award.



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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE 2023



*Front row from left:
Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell
Back row from left:
Committee members Kevin M Settembrino,
Kimberly Kratz, and Ryan M. Clarke*

Photo courtesy of Brian Anderson Photography

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(55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD)
- CROYDON HALL
(900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)

GENERAL ELECTION & EARLY VOTING

The upcoming General Election is on Tuesday, 11/7 from 6:00am-8:00pm at your designated polling place (check the sample ballot you received in the mail for location).

The deadline to register to vote was Tuesday, 10/17. If you have not already registered, you can do so online at www.voter.svrs.nj.gov/register or by visiting www.monmouthcountyvotes.com to download and complete the NJ Voter Registration Form. You can mail the form to Christopher Siciliano, Monmouth County Superintendent of Elections, 300 Halls Mills Road, Freehold, NJ 07728 or drop it off at the Clerk's Office (Town Hall, 1 Kings Highway) between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm.

Early voting begins Saturday, 10/28 through Sunday, 11/5. Vote locally at Croydon Hall Gymnasium (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) from 10:00am-8:00pm on Monday through Friday and from 10:00am-6:00pm on Sunday. Visit www.monmouthcountyvotes.com for additional sites if needed. If you have any questions, contact the Clerk's Office at 732-615-2014 or townclerk@middletownnj.org.

Middletown Remembers 22nd Anniversary of 9/11 with Silent Memorial Service

On Monday, September 11th, Middletown Township held a silent memorial service at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens to honor the 37 residents we lost 22 years ago. Once the thunderstorms passed, hundreds of people, including 9/11 victims' loved ones, Township Committee members, local dignitaries, first responders, veterans, and community members, lit candles and walked through the Gardens after a wreath tribute and a bell tolled 37 times in memory of each resident whose life was taken. Nothing could dampen the patriotism and unity felt that evening.



Township Committee members, elected officials, the MTPD Honor Guard, and veterans from American Legion Post 338 gather at the entrance of the Gardens.

Town Hall Celebrates Official Grand Opening



Photo courtesy of Tom Zapcic Photography

On Wednesday, July 5th, Middletown commemorated the grand opening of Town Hall with an official ribbon cutting and celebration! Over 2,000 community members, including past and present local elected officials, business owners, and residents, joined the Township for this special occasion.

Attendees signed our "Greetings from Middletown" mural which is currently displayed in Town Hall's lobby. Visit www.middletownnj.org/townhall to watch the highlight video!

ACCELERATED TAX SALE: DECEMBER 20, 2023

In New Jersey, all municipalities are required to hold at least one tax sale per year. The 2023 Accelerated Tax Sale for the Township of Middletown will be an ELECTRONIC TAX SALE held on Wednesday, December 20th for DELINQUENT TAXES.

Delinquent sewer charges will be sold in the future. If your sewer account is delinquent, you are strongly urged to contact the Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority (TOMSA) at 732-495-1010 to bring your account current. These delinquent charges will be sold in the future unless you are in an agreed payment plan with TOMSA or a utility assistance program with the state. These delinquent sewer charges can place a lien against your property.

All properties sold at Tax Sale are for delinquent municipal charges for the 2023 tax year and prior years. State law regarding the New Jersey Tax Sale process can be found in New Jersey statute: N.J.S.A 54:5-19 etc. The New Jersey statutes can be found at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road) or online at www.njleg.state.nj.us/.

Please note that the Tax Sale process will begin on Monday, November 13th at 4:00 PM. Per this process, delinquencies will be subject to a 2% cost of sale (minimum \$15 but no more than \$100). In addition, delinquencies will be subject to a mailing fee of \$25 for each mailing. Two mailings are scheduled for this process. THESE FEES ARE REQUIRED AS PART OF THE TAX SALE PROCESS AND CANNOT BE WAIVED.

All payments received after 4:00 PM on November 13th for property taxes must be made using guaranteed funds: attorney trust check, title company check, cashier's check, cash and/or money order to remove the property from the tax sale process. Any other form of payment will not be accepted. All other checks – online, personal, and business – will be returned. In addition, the credit/debit card/e-check options will not be available after 4:00 PM, November 13, 2023 for anyone in the tax sale process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Tax Department at 732-615-2086. If you have any questions about delinquent sewer charges, please reach out to TOMSA at 732-495-1010 since guaranteed funds are required as well.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies	9-1-1
ALL NUMBERS BEGIN WITH THE 732 AREA CODE	
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	615-2100
Municipal Offices	
Main Number	615-2000
Animal Control (Monday - Friday, 8a-4p)	615-2097
Animal Control (holidays, nights & weekends)	615-2100
Building & Inspections	615-2106
Code Enforcement	615-2106
Communications	615-3226
Community Development	615-2281
Court Administrator	615-2036
Crossroads (substance use services)	615-2269
Emergency Management	615-2129
EMS (First Aid)	615-2252
Fire Prevention	615-2270
Health	615-2095
Library	671-3700
Mayor's Office	615-2024
Middletown Arts Center	706-4110
Planning	615-2098
Public Works & Engineering/ Recycling	615-2090
Recreation	615-2260
Senior Center	615-2265
Social Services	615-2085
Tax Assessor	615-2089
Tax Collector	615-2086
Township Administrator	615-2013
Township Engineer	615-2110
Township Clerk (elections, permits, marriage/birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Twp. Committee agenda)	615-2015
Zoning	615-2278
Other Important Numbers	
Board of Education	671-3850
Sewerage Authority	495-1010
Comcast Cable 20	
VerizonFios Channel 26	
Emergency Radio 1620 AM	

If you would like to contact the Township Committee, please email the Mayor's Office at mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org.

Route 36 Corridor Redevelopment Project Update

Middletown Township held a public information session in March about the Route 36 Corridor Redevelopment Project. Mayor Tony Perry opened the meeting by addressing the packed room at VFW Post 2179 in Port Monmouth. Attendees included residents, business owners, and members of the Township Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Township Administrator Tony Mercantante gave an overarching view of what the project entails and Stan Slachetka, who was representing T&M Associates, discussed the goals of the redevelopment investigation study.

In July, there were three public Planning Board hearings to discuss the results of the study, which included evaluating the 500 properties along the 321 acres and 5 miles of Route 36's residential and business zoned districts to promote economic incentives and revitalization. At the hearings, property and business owners within the redevelopment investigation study area were able to hear the results of the study, learn what properties qualified as an area in need of redevelopment, and ask questions and provide feedback about what they envision the Route 36 corridor to look like during the public comment period. Visit www.middletownnj.org/rt36 to view the presentations.



Mayor Tony Perry answers questions as residents and local business owners line up during the Q&A.

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS INVITED TO JOIN THE THANK A VETERAN PROGRAM



Looking for a way to give back to those who served our country? Show your appreciation to veterans by joining dozens of business owners in the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee's

Thank a Veteran Program

The program provides businesses with the opportunity to offer special discounts to veterans.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/THANKAVETERAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED.



BUSINESS CELEBRATIONS AROUND MIDDLETOWN

- ARC OF MONMOUTH DAY CENTER FACILITY, 1345 CAMPUS PARKWAY
- BAYSHORE RECYCLING AND THE MONTECALVO FAMILY OF COMPANIES, 1041 NJ-36
- BAYSHORE FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER, HENRY HUDSON TRAIL ACTIVITY CENTER, LEONARDO
- CAREONE (PREVIOUSLY CAREONE AT KING JAMES), 1040 NJ-36
- DUNKIN', 357-B NJ-36, PORT MONMOUTH
- GABRIELLA'S ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE PRIMROSE ROOM, 447 NJ-35
- JAMES J. HOWARD MARINE SCIENCES LABORATORY, 74 MAGRUDER ROAD, SANDY HOOK
- JOYCE P. MURPHY CHILDREN'S GARDEN, 55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD (MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY)
- MEGA BUSINESS SYSTEMS, 890 MAIN STREET, BELFORD
- MIDDLETOWN MEDICAL HEALTH CENTER, 1270 NJ-35
- MONMOUTH MUSEUM AIR & SPACE CENTER, 765 NEWMAN SPRINGS ROAD (BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE)
- NICHOLAS CREAMERY, 1500 NJ-35
- ROSS BREWING, 909 MAIN STREET, PORT MONMOUTH
- SPOT ON THERAPY SERVICES, 671 NJ-35
- THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE, 1287 NJ-35



Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone Host Annual Middletown Small Business Roundtable



Mayor Tony Perry informs small-business owners about different ways Middletown and the County can help.

During National Small Business Week, Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone hosted their annual Small Business Roundtable at Town Hall. Over 40 small-business owners attended, as well as state, county, and township elected officials.

Topics covered included the supply chain issues businesses have faced post-Covid, grant funds available for small businesses, microenterprises, and nonprofits through the County, benefits of becoming a member of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Route 36 Corridor Investigation Study.

Mayor Perry gave an overview of the Township's Route 36 Corridor Redevelopment Project, updates on the Port Belford Redevelopment Plan, and encouraged small-business owners to consider investing in Route 36.

A representative from New Jersey Natural Gas was also there to exhibit The SaveGreen Project's energy efficiency programs which provide business owners with a budget-friendly pathway to saving energy and money while reducing their carbon footprint.

COMMUNITY CORNER



Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County Breaks Ground on Middletown Property



In May, Mayor Tony Perry and Township Administrator Tony Mercantante joined Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County (HFHMC) and nonprofit Catholic Daughters of the Americas for a special groundbreaking at 27 Ideal Avenue. Last year, Middletown donated this property for a single-family home.

Mayor Tony Perry, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, and representatives from HFHMC break ground together! (Photo courtesy of Caroline Howell)

Middletown Community Affairs Council Partners with MCSO for Grover Burial Ground Cleanup

The Middletown Township Community Affairs Council and Monmouth County Sheriff's Office's (MCSO) Inmate Labor Detail recently assisted at the Grover Burial Ground in Lincroft where they cleared debris and brush and helped maintain the grounds. The crew did such a good job that afterwards the Middletown Community Affairs Council noticed there were four additional headstones buried among the overgrown landscape! As a result of this discovery, the council is researching the identity of those buried so they can be remembered and respected properly.

The Inmate Labor Program, run through the MCSO Corrections Division, is a valuable resource and saves communities from cleanup costs. The service also helps reintegrate individuals back into society.

Community Affairs Council members take a break from cleaning to pose for a picture! (Photo courtesy of MCSO)



Members of Boy Scout Troops 140 & 246 Soar to Eagle Scout Rank



Over the last few months, the following Boy Scouts from Troops 140 and 246 advanced to the impressive rank of Eagle Scout:

Troop 140: Shawn Matthew Michael Carroll, Joseph Marcovecchio, Thomas Paul Melough, Charles Dean Sima, Karsten Vance Sima, and Andrew Smerina

Troop 246: Christian Carapucci, Daniel Conroy, Sean Sanpietro, Brandon Sigua, Teodoro Valentino, and Nicholas Zito

Projects included replacing, renovating and/or restoring local schools, sheds, grounds, gardens, signage, and stables. Congratulations to all these Eagle Scouts on earning this accomplishment!

Mayor Tony Perry and Troop 140 Eagle Scouts (Photo courtesy of Jonathan Drew)

Cub Scouts Stuff Backpacks with Items from Back-to-School Supply Drive



In September, Middletown Recreation, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Cub Scout Packs 22 and 242 stuffed backpacks with items from our annual Back-to-School Supply Drive. Over 50 bags were stuffed with school essentials for a great school year.

Thank you to everyone who donated items!

Cub Scouts gather after all their hard work! (Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation)

CROSSING GUARDS RECEIVE ANNUAL TRAINING

In August, Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominick Donatelli held a training session in the Training Room at Town Hall for over 50 guards. The Traffic Safety Bureau is responsible for overseeing the Crossing Guards who are positioned throughout the township during the school year.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MIDDLETOWN'S MAYORS FOR A DAY!

Middletown hosted its annual Mayor for a Day program in May. Six students from different elementary schools came to Town Hall to assume their mayoral responsibilities. The young mayors had the chance to meet Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, as well as members of our Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services Departments as they checked out the first responder trucks! Each student had the opportunity to visit the Mayor's Office and sign their Mayor for a Day certificate that allowed them to serve as their schools' mayor the next day.



To get a better understanding of their new role, the young mayors also participated in a mini-Township Committee meeting and discussed different initiatives like fixing local athletic fields and preserving open space.

Pictured from left (top row): Mayor Tony Perry, Mayor Dominick Caddle of River Plaza Elementary School, Mayor Riley Toale of St. Mary's School, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz. Pictured from left (bottom row): Mayor Ryan Grasso of Bayview Elementary School, Mayor Christian Paglio of Lincroft Elementary School, Mayor James Snyder of New Monmouth Elementary School, and Mayor Sera Vazquez of Harmony Elementary School. Not pictured: Mayor Oliver Senatore of Nut Swamp Elementary School

STUDENT-LED BE THE DIFFERENCE SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK INSPIRES LOCALS DURING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor Tony Perry was proud to support Piper at this incredible event! (Photo courtesy of @shotbydenz on Instagram)

In May, Middletown High School South student Piper Wyman organized the first ever suicide prevention walk in Middletown along with the help of peers from both high schools North and South. The "Be the Difference Walk" was hosted by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and began at the Middletown Arts Center and ended at Town Hall. There were over 200 walkers and the event raised close to \$11,000!

Piper also accepted the Township Committee's proclamation recognizing May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

JERSEY SHORE WORKCAMP REPAIRS HOMES FOR BAYSHORE RESIDENTS

Mayor Tony Perry presented a proclamation to volunteers from Jersey Shore Workcamp, a week-long Interfaith Home Repair Mission Project in July. Christian youth and adults from across the country came together to donate thousands of hours of labor to make repairs and improvements to the homes of disabled, low-income, and elderly residents living in the Bayshore area. Improvements included interior and exterior painting, porch, step, and deck replacement, and the installation of wheelchair ramps. Through this year's mission project, 250 teens repaired 45 homes. Group Mission Trips from Fort Collins, Colorado and St. John's Methodist Church of Hazlet sponsored this charitable initiative.



Jersey Shore Workcamp Coordinators Gail and Bill Bechtoldt show off their proclamation, which was given to them by Mayor Tony Perry and his daughter Reagan! (Photo courtesy of Jeanne Wall/TAPinto Middletown)

CELEBRATING LOCAL SPORTS VICTORIES!



Middletown High School North Ice Hockey Team celebrate its big win at Town Hall!

- High School North Ice Hockey Team: 2023 NJSIAA Public B State Championship
- High School North Boys Track & Field Team: 2023 NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III State Sectional Championship
- High School North Baseball Team: 2023 NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III State Sectional Championship
- Middletown South 9U and 12U Basketball Teams: 2023 Mid-Monmouth Basketball League Championship

MTFD HOSTS INAUGURAL TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT



Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman and Ex-Fire Chief Ryan Clarke were happy to support the MTFD at this great event! (Photo courtesy of MTFD PIO Photographer Laurie Kegley)

Over the summer, Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) hosted its first annual Touch-a-Truck in the big lot at St. Mary's Church! At this great community event, residents of all ages were able to enjoy delicious food, play fun games, check out fire trucks and fire safety demonstrations, and hang out with our firefighters.

The MTFD has 11 individual fire companies and is the world's largest all-volunteer fire department. Interested in volunteering? Visit www.mtfdnj.org.

VOLUNTEER WITH THE MTFD

Middletown Township Fire Department
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



www.MTFDNJ.org

Local Family Recognized for Generous Donation to Lincroft Fire Company

Lincroft Fire Company (LFC) and Mayor Tony Perry recognized the Fallacaro family for their fundraising efforts to support our local community and all-volunteer fire department. Lincroft residents and elementary school students JoJo, Carina, and Nico Fallacaro started a lemonade stand in 2022 as part of a school project about ways to contribute to your community. Their baby brother Rocco also helped in charming friends and neighbors into donating generously, and their parents Sandy and Richie matched their fundraising efforts.



JoJo, Carina, and Nico show off their certificate and pose with Mayor Tony Perry and LFC members! (Photo courtesy of Tracy Nimon)

Local Community Member Honored at Navesink Fireman's Fair for Live-Saving Efforts



Mayor Tony Perry and Township Committeeman and Ex-Fire Chief Ryan Clarke were proud to join MTFD chiefs to recognize award recipient Molly Frank. (Photo courtesy of MTFD PIO Photographer Laurie Kegley)

In August, Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeman Ryan Clarke attended Navesink Hook and Ladder Fire Company #1's annual Fireman's Fair. This year, there was a special award presentation.

Along with the MTFD chiefs, Mayor Perry and Committeeman Clarke honored local community member Molly Frank, a young medical assistant, who helped save a man's life after he suffered serious injuries in a car accident on Navesink River Road.

Thanks to Molly and MTFD's first aid efforts, the gentleman survived the life-threatening incident and is stable. Molly recently applied to the nursing program at Brookdale Community College and her goal is to become a labor and delivery nurse.

MIDDLETOWN EMS DEPARTMENT SEEKS RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR FIRST AID SQUADS

CALL 732-615-2252 OR EMAIL PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SQUAD THAT SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.



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STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT SNOW WITH

Three ways to get emergency notifications, such as severe weather updates, from Middletown Township:

- Text your zip code to 888-777
- Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for/customize notifications
- Download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app on Apple Store or Google Play to receive/manage notifications and limit text messages



Less urgent messages will be delivered to your email address on file. If it isn't on file, text your email address to 888-777 or download the mobile app.



GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

Middletown Township would like to remind residents of the following rules when using a generator:

- 10 feet of clearance is required from any structure
- Use UL approved extension cords
- Ensure carbon monoxide alarms are functioning in all businesses/homes while using a generator

For more information about emergency preparedness, visit www.middletownnj.org/oem.

MTPD SWEARS IN NEW DEPUTY CHIEF AND PROMOTES SERGEANTS AND OFFICERS



In April, Lieutenant John Werner was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and has now joined Middletown Township Police Chief R. Craig Weber and Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey and John Kaiser in Administration. Sergeants Brian Dilworth and Donald Coates were also promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officers Michael Heaton, Frank Mazza, and Joshua Midose were promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Pictured from left: Lieutenants Donald Coates and Brian Dilworth, Sergeants Frank Mazza, Michael Heaton, and Joshua Midose, Mayor Tony Perry, Chief R. Craig Weber, and Deputy Chiefs John Werner, Paul Bailey, and John Kaiser

MTPD HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Residents came out in droves to support the MTPD and PBA Local 124 at Middletown High School North on August 1st for the 40th anniversary of National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. MTPD officers engaged with the public by giving demonstrations of equipment, the K-9 unit, and impaired driving simulators. They were also good sports by participating in the dunk tank!



MTPD Patrolman Omar Akel Awarded Prestigious TOP COP Award during National Police Week

MTPD Patrolman Omar Akel was honored at the National Association of Police Organization's TOP COPS Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. alongside Howell Township Police Department Patrolman Daniel Murphy and Manalapan Township Police Department Sergeant Eric Voorand. The officers were recognized for their response as part of the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team during the execution of a search warrant in Long Branch. After a lengthy negotiation due to an infant being home, the person who they were conducting the search warrant for left the house and set it aflame while firing upon the officers and using the infant as a shield. Officer Murphy, with Officers Akel and Voorand by his side, was able to strike down the criminal and save the baby's life.



Pictured from left: Monmouth County Prosecutor Raymond Santiago, Mayor Tony Perry, Patrolman Omar Akel, MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber, and Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office Chief of Detectives John McCabe (Photo courtesy of MTPD)

MTPD Pays Tribute to Fallen Officers



MTPD held its annual Police Memorial Service during National Police Week, which included its 95th anniversary celebration on May 15th. The service was held at the Middletown Police Memorial, located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. MTPD and officers throughout the state also participated in the Police Unity Tour that week, an annual four-day bicycle ride from

New Jersey to Washington, D.C. to raise public awareness about law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and to show that they will never be forgotten. MTPD officers rode in memory of Detective Lieutenant Joseph Capriotti who lost his life due to a 9/11-related illness.

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPLACES AMERICAN FLAGS OVER MIDDLETOWN GSP OVERPASS



Army veteran and Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) member Richard Furlong (pictured) fought to get a permit from the state to

replace American flags that had been taken down in Middletown. The first set of flags were put up over the Garden State Parkway (GSP) overpass in November, 2021. VAC members put up new flags before Memorial Day.

Photo courtesy of VAC

MIDDLETOWN & AMERICAN LEGION POST 338 HOST ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



In May, Middletown Township held its annual Memorial Day Parade with American Legion Post 338 to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The parade followed a route that began at Bayshore Middle School and concluded at American Legion Post 338.

FWV Post 2179 & Middletown Township will be hosting our annual Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 5th. Step off @ 1:00 PM at Bayview Elementary School. Visit www.middletownnj.org/parade for details!

Congratulations to MTPD's New Officers!

Over the summer, the Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) officially welcomed 11 new officers: six Class I Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEOs) and five Police Officers. The six SLEOs are Hayleigh Colucci, James Davis, Charles Honan, Michelle Quinonez-Sanchez, Liam Smith, and Shaun Sullivan. The five officers are Aiden Carey, Sarah Derasmo, Kenny Kozak, William Perez, and Allison Ruane.



Photos courtesy of MTPD

MTPD Officers Receive Life-Saving Valor Awards

In June, Mayor Tony Perry and Police Chief R. Craig Weber presented Life-Saving Valor Awards to Officers Savvas Roumeliotis and Elzbieta Banel. Despite not wearing any protective fire gear, the two officers entered a house on fire and risked their own lives to save others. Thanks to their joint heroic efforts, no one was injured and the family's dog was saved.



Police Youth Week Camps Spark Interest in Law Enforcement

Over the summer months, MTPD held two Police Youth Week camps for children between the ages of 8 to 11. MTPD also held a Senior Police Youth Week Camp for kids between the ages of 12 and 13. The Police Youth Week Program, run by Detective Ric Cruz, is a combination of classroom style learning and physical training. All camps concluded with a graduation ceremony at Brookdale Community College.



Kudos to the graduates and the dedicated officers who run this amazing program – Det. Ric Cruz along with Cpl. Buhowski, Sgt. Carr, Lt. Gigante, DFC. Kennedy, Ph. Mahon, Cpl. Riffer, Cpl. Seymour & Ph. Zubkow.



KNOCK, KNOCK, MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR!

MTPD recently joined Neighbors in its efforts to connect with residents and improve the safety of our community. Neighbors is a free app that is part of Ring, a company that promotes home security and sells smart home devices. Neighbors allows users to share information related to local crime and safety incidents so residents can stay informed. You do not need a Ring device to download it. Visit www.middletownnj.org/neighbors for more information.

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee is now accepting nominations for the

2023 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

All nominations must be received no later than Friday, December 1st.

Please visit www.middletownnj.org/voty for more information.

KNOW YOUR PROPERTY'S FLOOD RISK

Throughout Middletown there are areas with a high risk for floods from both bay and riverine flooding. To see your flood zone and base flood elevation, please visit [msc.fema.gov/portal/home](https://www.msc.fema.gov/portal/home) and search your address. Residents should reference the preliminary mapping for local building code purposes.

If you are a homeowner in Middletown and interested in purchasing or renewing flood insurance policies, you may be eligible for a discount on your policy since the Township participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS). FEMA's CRS provides discounts for flood insurance premiums within and outside the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), commonly known as the 100-year floodplain. Please contact a licensed insurance agent for more information.

For more information about CRS and floodplain management, residents can contact Stacy Krause, CRS Coordinator, at 732-615-2000 ext. 2167 or visit www.middletownnj.org/floodplainmanagement.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program: A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Nonpoint source pollution is a contamination of our groundwater, waterways, bays, and oceans that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil, washing cars, and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways and oceans. They can also soak into the ground and contaminate the groundwater below. The collective impact of nonpoint source pollution threatens aquatic and marine life, recreational water activities, the fishing industry, tourism, and our precious drinking water resources.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we are asking for your help to do something about it. By sharing a portion of the responsibility and making small changes in our daily lives, we can keep these common pollutants out of stormwater. All our efforts add up to cleaner water and save us from the high costs of cleanup once it becomes polluted.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful, and to comply with federal requirements, the Township of Middletown has adopted ordinances to prohibit various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution, including ordinances regarding Pet Waste, Wildlife Feeding, Litter Control, Improper Disposal of Waste, Containerized Waste/Yard Waste Collection, Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting, and Illicit Connection.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/stormwaterpollutionprevention for tips on how to help reduce nonpoint source pollution. More stormwater-related topics can be found at www.cleanwaterj.org and www.middletownnj.org/ordinances.



PORT MONMOUTH FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UPDATE



(Photo courtesy of NJDEP)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Port Monmouth Flood Control Project continues with active construction of Contract 5 along Main Street and Park Avenue. A levee-floodwall system and pump station is currently being built along Compton Creek, and work will soon begin to elevate a portion of Port Monmouth Road between

Main and Church streets. Contract 4, which includes construction of a floodwall along Highway 36 and Creek Road, as well as road closure gates at Campbell Avenue and Broadway, is the final contract of the project and will be awarded to a contractor in 2024 once easements have been completed. Completed phases already mitigating the area consist of a floodwall along Port Monmouth Road, a pump station and floodgate in Pews Creek, and a road closure gate at Old Port Monmouth Road. The entire Port Monmouth Flood Control Project is expected to be completed in 2026.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/floodcontrolproject for more information and updates.

Rehab Grants Available for Homeowners!



If you are a Middletown homeowner, you may be eligible for a home rehabilitation grant up to \$25,000 from the Township's Home Rehabilitation Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program is for low and moderate income households. Call 732-615-2281 for more information.

Si usted es un dueño de casa de Middletown, usted puede ser elegible para una beca de rehabilitación de la casa de hasta \$25.000 del programa de rehabilitación del hogar del municipio financiado por el Departamento de vivienda y desarrollo urbano de los Estados Unidos. Este programa es para hogares de bajos y moderados ingresos. Llame al 732-615-2281.

2023 Household Income Limits

Household Size	Max. Gross Income
1 Person	\$66,300
2 People	\$75,750
3 People	\$85,200
4 People	\$94,650
5 People	\$102,250
6 People	\$109,800
7 People	\$117,400
8 People	\$124,950

The 2024 Income Limits will be added to www.middletownnj.org/Income.

Tap into Federal Housing Administration's 203(k) Program to Help Rehab or Renovate Your Home

If you want to finance the purchase of a home that needs rehabilitation or finance improvements to your current home, the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) Section 203(k) Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program (203(k) Program) may be the right choice for you. This program is available through FHA-approved lenders and allows homebuyers to finance the purchase of a home or homeowners to refinance a current mortgage, combining the cost of renovations, repairs, or remodeling into a single loan.

The program permits homebuyers and homeowners to have home repair improvements incorporated into their mortgage. This way you can quickly and easily tap into cash to pay for property repairs or improvements, such as those identified by a home inspector or an FHA appraiser. Those who are buying a home can make it move-in ready by remodeling the kitchen, painting the interior, or purchasing new carpet. Homeowners can make property repairs, improvements, or prepare their home for sale. The 203(k) Program is also often used to rebuild or repair after a natural disaster such as a flood or hurricane. It is also available to HUD-approved non-profit organizations and government agencies. For more information and resources, visit www.middletownnj.org/203k.

Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority (TOMSA) Reminders



Payments can be made at www.tomsanj.com. Click on "Payment Options" and customers will find four different options. You can pay online through its website by credit/debit card, mail in a check, or pay in person. TOMSA also has a Direct Debit Program, which customers need to sign up via a form on the website.

TOMSA is available 24-hours a day for emergencies. If customers experience a backup in their curbside cleanout, they are kindly asked to call TOMSA before calling a plumber.

During business hours, TOMSA will dispatch its collections crew. After hours, weekends, or holidays, customers are kindly asked to call the non-emergency police number (732-615-2100) and they will dispatch TOMSA.

Visit www.tomsanj.com for more information.

Middletown Township Health Department & Monmouth County Host Monthly Childhood Immunization Clinic



BCC Nursing 271 Instructor Georgia Cassidy (far right), her students, and the County's nursing staff take a quick break! (Photo courtesy of Middletown Township Health Department)

In March, the Health Department and Monmouth County Health Department began hosting their monthly Childhood Immunization Clinic at Town Hall. In April, students from Brookdale Community College's (BCC) Nursing 271 Class joined County nurses and got hands-on experience with assisting patients!

The clinic takes place on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 732-431-7456.

FIGHTING THE FLU: PREVENTION TIPS

By Richard DeBenedetto, Health Director

There are a few things that can be done to prevent coming down with the flu and spreading it:

- 1. Get vaccinated each year.** Recent studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that flu vaccination reduces the risk of flu illness by between 40% and 60% among the overall population during peak seasons.
- 2. Practice routine handwashing.** According to the CDC, properly washing your hands is like a "do-it-yourself vaccine" that can help stop the spread of germs that lead to respiratory illnesses like the flu. The organization recommends a five-step process (see graphic below).
- 3. Use hand sanitizers.** When a full handwashing isn't possible, hand sanitizers are an effective alternative, but they don't work as well when the hands are visibly dirty or grimy. Look for a sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, as this level quickly reduces the number of germs present on the hands. However, sanitizers do not eliminate all germs or remove all harmful substances, so regular handwashing is still recommended.

The Middletown Township Health Department will be offering a flu clinic in the near future. Visit www.middletownnj.org/vaccines for updates.

CDC Provides Helpful Handwashing Tips



Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.



Rinse hands well under clean, running water.



Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.

LIFE IS BETTER WITH

CLEAN HANDS



www.cdc.gov/handwashing



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOSTS SUCCESSFUL IMMUNIZATION WORKSHOP



Pictured above: Jenni Sudhakaran, MPH, Population Assessment Coordinator, presents to a crowd of dedicated healthcare professionals.

In March, the Health Department welcomed professionals from all over Monmouth County for an educational workshop at Town Hall. Over 20 individuals, including registered nurses, registered environmental health specialists, and childcare facility directors came together for a refresher on New Jersey's childhood immunization requirements for daycare and PreK.

The Middletown Municipal Alliance wants to help you

DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATION SAFELY

DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATION FROM:

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- Veterinary medication

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- NO Needles
 - NO Syringes
 - NO Liquids
- Please remove prescription labels.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AT 732-615-2277 OR VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MUNICIPALALLIANCE.



If you suspect a loved one may have a substance use disorder, please reach out to Crossroads at 732-615-2277 to speak with a counselor.



Project P.L.U.S. Students Get Special Visits from K9 Officers

Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) detectives and K9 handlers, along with their furry partners, have been paying visits to Project P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students) programs.

Project P.L.U.S. is a free 7-week after-school program that is hosted by the Middletown Municipal Alliance (MMA) and MTPD and teaches students the personal, health, and legal consequences of dangerous substances and how to become a leader in their community. Customized programs are offered to 5th and 8th grade students at Township public schools.

For more information, contact middletownprojectplus@gmail.com.



Patrolman Brian MacDonlad and K9 Officer Dallas, the MTPD's youngest K9, love visiting students! (Photo courtesy of MMA)



BE IN THE KNOW

Visit www.middletownarts.org to sign up for the MAC's weekly e-blast to receive the latest news and follow its social media channels.

Stay tuned for exciting new classes and programs coming soon!

Holiday Club MAC is Back!

The original Parent's Night Out with Miss Maria, Miss Val, and Miss Kristina is back with lots more fun this fall. Join these three very special teachers for crafting fun, games, pizza, snacks, and a movie! For children ages 3+ (MUST be potty trained). Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited, so register early!

Friday, November 17th – Polar Express Party (6:00-9:00pm)

Friday, December 1st – Annual Elf on the Shelf Party (6:00-9:00pm)

Friday, December 15th (5:00-9:00pm) & Saturday, December 16th (10:00am–2:00pm) – Gingerbread House Party

NO CLASS? COME TO THE MAC FOR ITS "DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL" PROGRAM!

The MAC continues to offer day camp programming for elementary school students when the public school district is closed. Creative activities will fill the half-day and full-day options led by Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude, and friends!

Full-Day: \$75 (drop off any time after 8:30am and pick up by 3:30pm)

Half-Day: \$38 ~ Full-Day, Full-Week Discount: \$65 per day

2023 Dates: Nov. 6-10, Dec. 27-29

2024 Dates: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Apr. 1-5



Elf the Musical Jr.

Join the MAC for a holiday tradition with a student production of *Elf the Musical Jr.*, directed by Kathy Connolly. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Dates: Friday, 12/8 at 7:00pm; Saturday, 12/9 at 2:00 & 7:00pm; Sunday, 12/10 at 2:00pm

The MAC Players Announce Spring Production

The MAC's community-based theater group, The MAC Players, will begin its 2024 season with its spring musical *Jesus Christ, Superstar* the weekends of 3/1 - 3/3 and 3/8 - 3/10.

Visit www.middletownarts.org for information about auditions and tickets.



COMING UP IN THE MAC'S GALLERY

Photo Exhibit by Black Glass Gallery: 11/4 (Opening Reception) through 11/28
All work is for sale and would make great gifts.

NJ State Teen Arts Exhibit: 12/4 - 1/26

The Whimsical Art of Tracy Ann Finley: 2/1 - 2/25

Art Society of Monmouth County: March

Garden State Watercolor Society: April

STAY CONNECTED & FOLLOW THE MAC ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Middletown Arts Center



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Middletown Township Public Library

55 New Monmouth Road ~ www.mtpl.org



Save the Date: Programming for Adults

THE REAL HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, 11/8, 7:00–8:00pm

Local historian Glenn LeBoeuf will give an informative lecture about Thanksgiving.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, 11/16, 7:00–8:00pm & Thursday, 12/14, 7:00–8:00pm

Test your *Big Bang Theory* knowledge in November and writer Sarah J. Maas knowledge in December!

MEET CUTES ROMANCE BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, 11/29, 7:00–8:00pm & Wednesday, 12/27, 7:00–8:00pm

Read *Hello Stranger* by Katherine Center in November and *One Day in December* by Josie Silver in December.

HOLIDAY CONCERT: BAND OF THE TWO RIVERS

Saturday, 12/9, 2:00–3:30pm

HOLIDAY CONCERT: SHORE VOICES

Tuesday, 12/19, 7:00–8:00pm

Save the Date: Programming for Teens

CARTOONING CLASSES WITH MIKE DAWSON

Tuesdays, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 4:00–5:00pm

Learn how to create your own cartoon comics with graphic novelist Mike Dawson! Each session will teach you a different cartoon technique.

CLAY COIL POTS WITH WILD JERSEY

Wednesday, 11/15, 7:00–8:00pm

Learn about the Native Americans who lived in New Jersey and make traditional coil pots with WILD Jersey!

1920S MURDER MYSTERY

Thursday, 11/30, 6:30–8:00pm

Wear a 1920's costume, get into character, and help solve a murder mystery with peers!

Save the Date: Programming for Children and Family

FALL BREAK ACTIVITIES

Monday, 11/6–Friday, 11/10

Spend your fall break by attending various programs like Snapology, Read to a Dog, and more!

MULTI-GENERATIONAL ORNAMENT MAKING SESSION

Thursday, 12/7, 3:30–4:30pm

Celebrate the holidays by making some ornaments. Open to all ages!

NJ MAKERS DAY

Saturday, 3/16, 9:00am–5:00pm

Enjoy hands-on STEAM activities for people of all ages. More details to follow.

To find out more or to register for these programs, please visit mtpl.libcal.com



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION



345 Oak Hill Road • 732-615-2260 • recreation@middletownnj.org

Special Events

Pre-registration is required for all paid programs at www.middletownnj.org/events. *Denotes free event for residents.

Letters from Santa

Fri., 11/10 - Sun., 12/3 | \$1.00/letter
Mailboxes around Middletown

Turkey Soccer Shootout

Sat., 11/18 | 10:00-11:00a
Croydon Turf



Annual Dodgeball Tournament & Holiday Toy Drive

Mon., 11/27 - Fri., 12/8 | Croydon Gym

Santa Event

TBA | Check out social media for updates!

Tree Lighting*

Sun., 12/3 | 5:00-7:00p | MAC
(Menorah Lighting TBA)



Preschool Fair*

Wed., 1/10 | 6:00-8:00p
MTPL

Daddy-Daughter Dances

Fri., 2/9: 6:00-9:00p | Sat., 2/10: 5:00-8:00p
Jacques Catering Hall

March Madness Competition

Tues., 3/19 | 5:00-6:00p
Croydon Gym



EGGstravaganza & Egg Hunt*

Sat., 3/23 | 10:00a-12:00p; 12:00p Egg Hunt
MAC



Middletown Senior Center

900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737 | 732-615-2265
www.middletownnj.org/seniors

Events at the Senior Center include daily exercise classes, weekly art classes, educational speakers, bingo, seasonal themed parties, entertainment, and more! Come visit - membership is free for residents 60+.

Friday, 11/3 - Atlantic City Bus Trip; \$30.00/person

Wednesday, 11/8 - Veterans Celebration - 12:30p

Tuesday, 11/14 - Casino Day - 12:30p

Tuesday, 12/5 - Holiday Party at Gramercy - 11:00a

Thursday, 12/28 - New Year's Eve Brunch - 11:00a

Wednesday, 1/17 - Winter Wonderland Party - 11:30a

Wednesday, 2/14 - Valentine's Party - 11:30a

Tuesday, 4/23 - Senior Prom - 11:30a

VOLUNTEER!

Need volunteer hours or just looking to give back to the community? Check out Recreation's ever-changing volunteer opportunities online at www.middletownnj.org/volunteer. Volunteers must be 12 or older.



CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

- Tindall Dog Park nearing completion (Funded by Green Acres Grant)
- Leonardo Skatepark nearing completion (Funded by Open Space Trust Fund)
- Windows added to the Tonya Keller Community Center (Funded by LRI Grant)
- **Coming this fall!** New playground at Lincroft Acres (Funded by Green Acres Grant)
- **Coming this fall!** New fully-inclusive playground at McMahon Park (Funded by Capital)



Drone image of Leonardo Skatepark (Photo courtesy of MTPD Detective Albert D. Scott)

FOLLOW RECREATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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ADULT & YOUTH PROGRAMS



Join Recreation for weekly youth, teen & adult program offerings. Register for the full session or pay weekly. Discount given for those who register for the full session. Find offerings based on seasons at www.middletownnj.org/signup.

*Denotes weekly drop-in available; pay at drop-in.

Adult Yoga*	Teen Volleyball*
Adult Volleyball*	Youth Dodgeball*
Adult Beach Volleyball*	Teen Basketball*
Adult Basketball*	Youth Run Club
Adult Pickleball	Snapology

Looking to join a sports league? Visit www.middletownnj.org/leagues.

SUMMER CAMPS 2024

Traditional and Science Camps run weekly for kids in grades PreK-9. Set your alarm because registration for 2024 opens Friday, March 1st at 10a for residents!

Pricing, dates, and more info: www.middletownnj.org/camp



PORICY PARK PROGRAMS



Pre-registration is required for all paid programs at www.middletownnj.org/signup.

Turkey Trot Hike

Ages 5+ | \$5.00/participant
Wednesday, 11/22 | 2:30-3:30p

Stretch your legs before you feast! Hike the trails for fall foliage and woodland creatures.



Maple-Tree Tapping

Ages 5+ | \$5.00/participant
Wednesday, 2/7 | 4:00-5:00p

Join Recreation to drill holes, hammer in tappers, and hang buckets - the first steps of making maple syrup!

Guided Fossil Hunt

Ages 5+ | \$5.00/participant
Sunday, 4/28 | 11:00a-12:00p

Winter snow melt and spring rains will uncover new fossils - dig up history with a guide at the Fossil Beds!



Winter Solstice Hike

Ages 5+ | \$5.00/participant
Thursday, 12/21 | 4:00-5:00p

Celebrate the new season with a twilight hike! Warm up after with hot cocoa by the fire.

Maple Sugaring for Scouts

\$90.00 per group of 15
Saturday, 2/24 & 3/2

Bring your group for a program on sap collection, identifying maples, and creating syrup! Choose from a one-hour time slot.

Fossil Hunt Rentals

\$5.00 per set

Monday-Friday | 9:00a-4:00p

Drop in at the Nature Center to rent your fossil hunting kit for a DIY experience on your own schedule. Field guide included.

After-School Science Club

Grades K-2 | \$120.00 for 8-week session

This award-winning program includes STEM activities, nature exploration, and adventuring!
Winter: Ice, Ice, Baby 1/8 - 3/11 (Off 1/15, 2/19) | Spring: Let's Grow Together 4/8 - 6/3 (Off 5/27)

SCOUT PROGRAMS

Poricy Park offers guided programs for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts starting at \$90.00 for a 90-minute program or a 30-45 minute guided hike for \$5.00 per child. Whether you're a Brownie or a Bear (or any other level), Recreation has a badge-specific program for you! Visit www.middletownnj.org/scouts for bookings.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate with a unique outdoor adventure! Choose between themed science and nature parties (for ages 4-10) including Fossil Hunting, Pond Netting, or Wild Kratt Adventures. Party includes 90 minutes of instructor-led activities, 30 minutes of "party room" time, and basic paper goods for \$315.00 for the first 15 children. More information: www.middletownnj.org/birthday.



Middletown Preschool

Join in on the fun and love for learning in Middletown Preschool's small teacher-to-student ratios. Its certified Early Elementary Education teachers have 20+ years of combined classroom management.

Call Middletown Preschool at 732-615-3230
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown, NJ 07748
www.middletownnj.org/preschool



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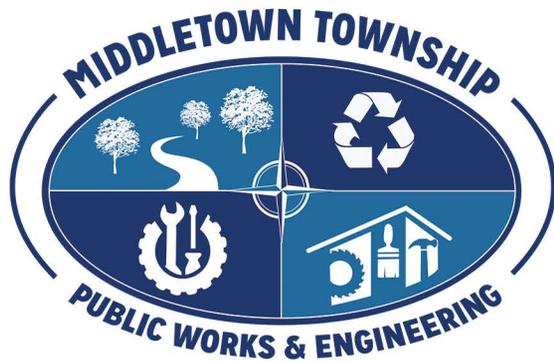
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Tonya Keller Community Center

Drop-In Play, Homework Help & Snack

Free for Residents. Follows Middletown BOE calendar.

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WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED? LET DPW KNOW!

Please complete an online form at www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup.

QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090.

THANK YOU!



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FALL 2023 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
A,B,C,D,E,G,I,J,K	MONDAY, 11/27
F,H,L	THURSDAY, 12/7

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/COLLECTION FOR ZONE UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

COLLECTION START DATE IS WEATHER DEPENDENT. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY - NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COLLECTED - Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for an individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before start date. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will not be collected. Residents can bring leaves to the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kaness Lane) from November 1st until June 1st. Brush is accepted year-round for residents.

MIDDLETOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING HOSTS DRIVE FOR SECOND CHANCE TOYS



DPW employees load up a truck full of donated toys! (Photo courtesy of Second Chance Toys)

Over the summer DPW hosted a drive for Second Chance Toys, with help from New Jersey Natural Gas volunteers, at the designated trailer at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kaness Lane). Second Chance Toys is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to rescuing and refurbishing plastic toys for donation to local organizations that care for youth in need in Monmouth County and across the nation.

The drive was led by Eric Maggio, Division Head, Recycling, Solid Waste & Clean Communities, and his team who assisted with packing, removal of refuse, and preparing the trailer to accept more toys. A total of 700 toys were collected, cleaned, and put into the hands of children in need - keeping them out of landfills.

You can drop off toys at the trailer on an ongoing basis. Visit www.middletownnj.org/toycollection to see what is and isn't accepted.

CONOVER BEACON TO ILLUMINATE OUR SHORES ONCE AGAIN



(PHOTO COURTESY OF DPW)

After years of searching for a contractor to ably refurbish the historic Conover Beacon in Leonardo, DPW decided to tackle the job in-house. Fleet Maintenance Division Head John Malizia and master welder Justin VanArsdale developed a plan to replace rusted out sections of the small lighthouse with new steel plates and bolts. Once the beacon was structurally restored and inspected by the Township Engineer, New Jersey based company GPC, Inc. painted the tower to match its original colors with a high-grade, weatherproof marine epoxy that should protect the beacon for many years. John contacted Pharos Marine Automatic Power, Inc. in Louisiana to find a new decorative light to symbolically illuminate the local landmark. The solar light is expected to be installed by spring.

DPW crews from the Parks, Roads, and Recycling divisions will work together to clean the surrounding area so beachgoers can observe the beacon up close.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/conoverbeacon to see the restoration's progress.

MONMOUTH COUNTY FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



Saturday, November 18th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Middletown High School North
63 Tindall Road



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- ✓ PERSONALIZED COLLECTION CALENDARS
- ✓ EMERGENCY COLLECTION NOTIFICATIONS
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Please visit www.middletownnj.org/roads to see a complete list of road pavement projects in Middletown Township.