

# MIDDLETOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

Mayor Tony Perry | Deputy Mayor Rick W Hibell

Township Committee Members: Ryan Clarke, Kimberly Kratz, Kevin M Settembrino

732-615-2260 || [www.middletownnj.org/recreation](http://www.middletownnj.org/recreation) || [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org)

Vol. 2: Spring (April - May - June) 2025



Anthony P. Mercantante  
Township Administrator

Janet E. Dellett  
Parks and Recreation Director

Maggie O'Brien  
Arts Center Executive Director

Sarah Finnerty  
Special Events & Marketing

Max Hogan  
Tonya Keller Community  
Center Supervisor

Maria Delaney  
Senior Center Supervisor

Danielle Adams  
Pocoy Park Program Supervisor

Office Information  
Hours: 8am - 4pm

Administrative Offices  
Pocoy Park Nature Center  
345 Oak Hill Road  
732-615-2260

Senior Center  
Croydon Hall  
900 Leonardville Road  
732-615-2265

Tonya Keller Community Center  
50 Bray Avenue  
732-615-3250

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 12th  
10am-1pm  
Middletown Arts Center

Bring the family for a friendly Spring event including pictures with the Bunny, bounce house, petting zoo, crafts, Doodle Dude + Miss Fish and more! Free parking at the Train Station. Food trucks available for purchase.



### MYSTERY EGG HUNT

Thursday, April 17th  
5pm  
4 Mystery Park Locations

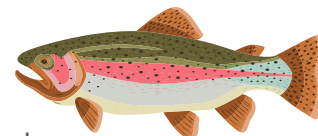
The hunt is on at our parks! What is the mystery? You know the time and date, but not the location. Mystery locations will be revealed at 4:30pm the same day on Facebook. BYOBasket. Follow us at [facebook.com/middletownrec](https://facebook.com/middletownrec)



### KIDS FISHING DERBY

Sunday, May 4th | Garvey's Pond, Navesink  
9am-12pm | Ages 12 and Under | \$10 entry/person

Catch the big fish and claim the prize! We're competing for the longest fish at Garvey's Pond. Medals for top winners in each age range. Raffle prizes throughout event. Bring your own equipment and bait. See website for full tournament rules. Register online at [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com)



### PITCH, HIT & RUN CONTEST

Tuesday, May 20th | 5pm-7pm  
McMahon Park  
Divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14

Athletes will compete in skills competitions where our winners can advance from this local event to a Team Championship held in local MLB stadiums. Register online at [middletownnj.org/recreation](http://middletownnj.org/recreation).



### MOTHER-SON HOEDOWN

Thursday, May 22nd | 5:30pm-8pm  
Pocoy Park  
Grades: K-6  
\$36/Person (R)

Visit the Wild West with mom! Enjoy a night filled with a DJ, dinner, mechanical bull riding, bounce house and other fun games. Register: [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com)



### TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 17th & Sunday, May 18th | 8:30am-4pm  
Homes across Middletown  
Free for shoppers! Seller registration \$8 per household.

Sellers can feature items on our map and receive an official lawn sign while supplies last. Shoppers can find all listings and map at [middletownnj.org/recreation](http://middletownnj.org/recreation).



# PORICY PARK PROGRAMS

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com). Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Spring Break Science

Join us for Spring Break fun at Porycy Park as we dig up Middletown history at the Porycy Brook Fossil Beds. Expect to find marine fossils from the Cretaceous period, 65-72 million years ago. Dress to get muddy! One hour classes, \$5/participant (R).



**MONDAY 4/14**  
Fossil Hunting  
11:00am - 12:00pm

**THURSDAY 4/17**  
Fossil Hunting  
11:00am - 12:00pm



### AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

Mondays, Apr 28 - June 9 (Off 5/26) | 4pm - 5pm | Porycy Park  
Grades: K-2nd | Fee: 6-week session, \$90.00 (R)

We've got STEM activities to do, nature to explore, and fun to be had! This spring session has all new programming focused on Metamorphosis. We'll be scouring the park looking for animals that undergo metamorphosis - insects and amphibians, mostly!



### FIND FOSSILS ANYTIME!

Available Monday-Friday (9am - 4pm) at the Porycy Park Nature Center.

#### Find Fossils in Middletown!

Ready to head out to the Porycy Fossil Beds but not sure where to start? Drop by our Nature Center to see the types of fossils you will find and rent an equipment set (\$5 per set) including screen, trowel and field guide. The fossil beds are open dawn to dusk year round - reservation permit required for groups larger than 10.



### SCOUT PROGRAMS

Bring your group for nature & fun!

Porycy 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 [middletownnj.org/scouts](http://middletownnj.org/scouts) for more information.

## FIELD TRIP OPTIONS

Now Booking for Spring and Summer Groups!



Porycy Park offers a range of science and colonial history programs for preschool and elementary aged students. Perfect for summer groups as well, including camps! Cool off with a unique trip. All programs emphasize hands-on activities and "doing" the things they have learned. And, of course, substantial time outdoors where nature provides a dynamic classroom. Choose between 4-hour, 3-hour, and 2-hour programs. Lunch and gift shop options available. For pricing, class sizing and additional information visit [middletownnj.org/fieldtrips](http://middletownnj.org/fieldtrips). We are sensitive to your class' unique needs, please reach out for more information.

### MURRAY FARMHOUSE IS OPEN!

Saturday, May 3rd | 10am - 5pm

Sunday, May 4th | 12pm - 5pm

Free to all!

The Murray Farmhouse is proud to be one of the 50 historic sites in Monmouth County opening its doors to visitors for the 2-day event "Weekend in Old Monmouth." See this example of a middle-class, colonial-era farmhouse and barn. Staff onsite will provide short tours.



### GUIDED FOSSIL HUNTS

Sunday, April 27th | 11am-12pm

Sunday, May 25th | 11am-12pm

Sunday, June 29th | 11am-12pm

Fossil hunting is great family fun! The Porycy Brook Fossil Beds have Cretaceous-Era marine fossils in abundance. Our guide will supply equipment for screening for fossils and help identify your treasures. \$5 per participant (Ages 5+).





# WEEKLY PROGRAMS & MIDDLETOWN PRESCHOOL

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com).  
Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees.

## Youth

### GONE RUNNING SPRING TRAINING

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays | 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Thompson MS Track | April 8 - June 5 | Grades: 2 - 9  
\$145 one day, \$240 two days (R)

Build confidence and stamina in this introductory program.  
Includes competition (6/7), race day award and t-shirt.

### SKATEBOARDING LESSONS

Kunkel Park | \$145 per program (R)  
Ages 5 - 14 | BYOEquipment + Helmet  
Spring Break: Full Week, April 14 - 18  
Beginners: 9am - 10am | Intermediates 10am - 11am  
Spring Program: Tuesdays, April 29 - May 27  
Beginner Class: 9am - 10am | Intermediates: 10am - 11am  
Shred with Coach Dave at our new Kunkel Park Skate Park!  
Learn skateboarding fundamentals and expand skills.



### YOUTH OUTDOOR BASKETBALL CLASSES

Thursdays | Tonya Keller Community Center  
April 24 - June 5 | \$185 (R)  
Age 3-5: 4pm - 4:45pm  
Age 5-7: 4:50pm - 5:40pm  
Age 7-9: 5:45pm - 6:35pm



Play outside with USA Sport Group as we grow  
our fundamental and scrimmage skills.

### TEEN VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Croydon Gym  
April 1 - June 17 | Ages 13 - 19  
\$48, 12-week session or weekly drop-in \$5 (R)

## Adult 18+

### YOGA

Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Croydon Gym  
April 15 - May 20, \$65, 6-week session (R)  
May 27 - June 24, \$54, 5-week session (R)  
\$12 weekly drop-in rate (R)



Awaken and restore the body with this total body  
workout targeting and toning muscles while elevating  
the heart rate.

Great exercise and socialization! Enjoy these  
co-ed sports with teams picked weekly. No experience  
is necessary. Sign up for full sessions to save money.

### VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays | 7:30pm - 9:30pm | Croydon Gym  
April 1 - June 17 | Ages 18+  
\$48, 12-week session or weekly drop-in \$5 (R)  
Outdoor beach dates coming soon.



### BASKETBALL

Wednesdays | 7pm - 9pm | Croydon Gym  
April 2 - June 18 | Ages 18+  
\$48, 12-week session or weekly drop-in \$5 (R)

## OPEN RECREATION



Join us for drop-in play and  
homework help.  
Check out the monthly  
schedule for fun activities!  
Snack provided.

FREE for  
residents!  
Mimics BOE  
calendar.

Mon - Thurs | 3pm-5pm | Grade K-5  
Mon & Wed | 3pm-5pm | Grade 6-12  
Tonya Keller Community Center



**2024-2025 ROLLING  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**  
[MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/PRESCHOOL](http://MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/PRESCHOOL)

**PREK3 (3 YR) & PREK4 (4 YR)**  
**FULL DAYS & HALF DAYS**  
**9AM- 3PM      9AM-12PM**

Join in on the fun with our love for learning in  
our small teacher to student ratios. Our certified  
Early Elementary Education teachers have over  
20 years of classroom management.

Call us at 732-615-3250  
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown NJ 07748

## Children's ART SHOW & OPEN HOUSE

- VIEW ARTWORK BY OUR PREK CLASSES
- TOUR THE PRESCHOOL
- MEET OUR TEACHERS & DIRECTOR
- GET INFORMATION ABOUT CLASSES

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 30TH  
5PM - 7PM**







# 2025 SUMMER CAMPS



RecDesk Registration opens:  
**Mon, March 3rd - 10am R**  
**Mon, March 10th - 10am NR**

**WEEKLY CAMPS RUN  
JUNE 30 – AUG 8**



## TRADITIONAL CAMPS:

- Croydon Hall Camps - PreK-6th Grade
- Poricy Park Science Camps - PreK-6th Grade
- Trail Blazers Travel Camp - 7th-9th Grade



Create a RecDesk account at: [mtownrec.recdesk.com](https://mtownrec.recdesk.com)

For more info: [middletownnj.org/camp](https://middletownnj.org/camp)







# WE'RE HIRING

For 6 weeks of  
Summer Camp fun!

Must be at least 15 years old:  
**Counselors \$15+/hour**  
**EMTs \$15+/hour**

Scan the QR code to apply on Indeed



## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Too young to work? Looking for service hours? Volunteer at camp! Volunteers can choose between camp locations and age ranges\*. T-shirt fees apply. Sign-up at [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com)



# 2025 SPECIALTY SUMMER Camps

Join us for a Summer of fun with these third party camps.



## MULTI-SPORTS

Ages 5-11 | Croydon Hall  
9a-12p | \$230/week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11 & 8/18



## SNAPOLOGY

Ages 6-10 | Poricy Park  
Half Day 9a-12p or 1p-4p & Full Day 9a-4p  
\$225/half day week, \$450/full day week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25



## SKATEBOARDING

Ages 5-14 | Kunkel Park Skate Park  
9a-10a Beginners, 10a-11a Intermediates  
\$145/week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23 & 8/25

## GONE RUNNING

Grades 1-9 | Thompson Middle School  
9a-11a | \$170/week (R)  
Weeks: 8/18 & 8/25

NEW!

## MAD SCIENCE

Ages 6-12 | Croydon Hall  
Half Day 9a-12p & Full Day 9a-3:30p  
\$190/half day week, \$335/full day week (R)  
Weeks: 6/23, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

## SPORTS BROADCASTING

Ages 10-18  
9a-4p | Middletown Library & Town Hall  
\$725/week (R) | 6/30-7/3  
Includes celebrity and athlete guests!

NEW!

Full camp information at [middletownnj.org/camp](http://middletownnj.org/camp)  
Register on RecDesk starting March 3rd: [mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com)

# MIDDLETOWN SENIORS

Membership to the Middletown Senior Center is free for residents age 60+. Non-residents are welcome to join for an annual fee. The Center is a gathering place where you can engage in new friendships and try different experiences; our goal is to provide a place where activity and participation will improve your quality of life.

Our programs range from a variety of trips, arts and crafts, painting classes, bowling, billiards, knitting group, guest speakers, book club, games, movies, to a variety of fitness classes. We also host monthly parties, seasonal events and so much more!



## Daily Lunch

Congregate lunches available daily for a small donation to Interfaith Neighbors.



## Spring Events

Thursday, April 3rd - Casino Game Day - 12:30pm East Wing

*Break out your lucky charm, we're playing various fun casino games!*

Thursday, April 17th - Bring Your Grandchild to the Center Day - 10:00am East Wing

*Bring your grandchild to the Senior Center for a craft, pizza and a movie. \$10/member.*

Thursday, May 1st - Kentucky Derby Day - 12:30pm - 1:00pm East Wing

*Wear your finest hat! We're off to the races to celebrate the first Saturday in May.*

Wednesday, May 28th - Member Birthday Party - 12:30pm East Wing

*Celebrate the April-June members birthdays with cake and entertainment.*

Tuesday, June 10th - Luau Luncheon - 11:00am East Wing

*Hula on over for a good time! We're kicking off the start of summer with a party. \$15/member.*

## Transportation Available Monday-Friday

Includes transportation to/from center and select locations based on monthly calendar, for residents only. For more information and to register please call the Center.



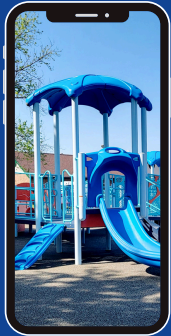
To learn more or to register, please call (732) 615-2265 or visit our website:

[www.middletownnj.org/seniors](http://www.middletownnj.org/seniors)

Senior Center is located at 900 Leonardville Road Leonardo, NJ 07737

## MIDDLETOWN PARKS & FACILITIES

Applebrook Park • Belford Park • Bicentennial Park • Bodman Park • Butler Park • Campo Trails • Chanceville Park  
Church Street Park • Clearwater Fields • Countryside Park • Croydon Hall • Crystal Pond Park • Dorsett Park • Dutch Neck  
Park • Evergreen Park • Fairview Acres • Fairway Park • Gordon Court Park • Greeley Park • Hillside Park • Ideal Beach  
Kunkel Park • Leonardo Beach • Lincroft Village Green • Lincroft Acres • McMahon Park • Middletown Arts Center /  
Memorial Gardens • M.T. Thompson Park • Normandy Park • Nutswamp Turf • Nutswamp Park • Poricy Park • Poricy Park  
Fossil Beds Poricy Park—Cotton Tract • Roosevelt Park • Shultz Park • Shorecrest Mini Park • Stevenson Tract • Sunrise Park I  
Sunrise Park II • Tindall Park • Tonya Keller Community Center • West Front Street Park • Waloo Park • Wilmort Park  
Enjoy all that our facilities have to offer! Find field, park & picnic permits online at [middletownnj.org/recreation](http://middletownnj.org/recreation).



## FOLLOW US



@middletownrec



@middletownrecnj



[www.middletownnj.org/recreation](http://www.middletownnj.org/recreation)



## LOOKING AHEAD...

Tuesday, July 8th & 22nd - Summer Concert Series

Friday, July 18th - Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws

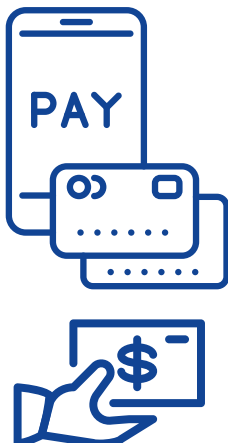
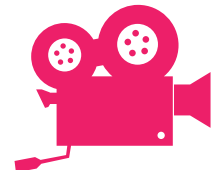
Thursday, July 24th - Christmas in July Storytime

Thursday, July 31st - Summerween Beach Party & Movie Night

Tuesday, August 12th - Summer Concert Series

Tuesday, Aug 5th - National Night Out

Friday, Sept 12th - Skate Night Party



### Registration Information

**Credit Card Payment**  
[mtownrec.recdesk.com](http://mtownrec.recdesk.com)

**Cash / Check Payment**  
Recreation Administrative Office  
Poricy Park Nature Center  
8:00am-4:00pm, Mon - Fri

### Refund Policy

No refund for any program within 7 days of the program's start date. For Summer Camps, no refunds after May 15. Please choose carefully. A refund request form must be filled out for processing. Form must be received prior to refund deadline. Please allow up to eight weeks for your credit or refund to be processed. Incomplete Refund Requests will delay processing. All refunds are subject to approval. Processing fees apply. Effective 2/4/15.

