

Middletown Minutes

Official Township E-Newsletter



Poricy Park Conservancy Celebrates Winners of 'Fall in Poricy' Photo Contest



On Thursday, January 31st, the Poricy Park Conservancy hosted an Awards Tea at the Poricy Park Nature Center to recognize the winners of its second annual 'Fall in Poricy' Photography Contest. Mayor Tony Perry and Committeewoman Pat Snell stopped by to congratulate the winners on their breathtaking photos of the park. Thank you to all of the participants who submitted such beautiful images.

Pictured from left: Poricy Park Conservancy Board of Trustee members Peter VanNortwick, Linda Maresca, Elaine Hinckley, Vicki Massa, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Pat Snell and Poricy Park Conservancy BOT members Kelly Bell, Tony Rosati and Bill Snell.



Congratulations to the first and second place winners of the photo contest, Lois Wilkes and Marguerite Portagallo! We also extend our congratulatory wishes to third place winner, Ralph Godwin, who couldn't attend the awards ceremony.



Middletown Office of Emergency Management Collects Donations for Coast Guard Officers Impacted by Government Shutdown

 MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP DEM IS PARTNERING WITH SOSMATTERS.ORG TO AID

U.S. COAST GUARD & FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

WE ARE COORDINATING WITH THE COAST GUARD CHIEF'S PETTY OFFICER ASSOCIATION, A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION, TO ACCEPT DONATIONS SUCH AS DIAPERS (ALL SIZES), BABY FOOD/WIPES, KIDS SNACKS/DRINKS, TOILET PAPER, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND GIFT CARDS.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS IN MIDDLETOWN:

- VFW POST 2179 (1 VETERANS LANE, PORT MONMOUTH)- DROP OFF FROM 12:00PM - 6:00PM, WEEKENDS INCLUDED
- JERSEY SHORE COFFEE ROASTERS (CORNER OF HWY 36 AND THOMPSON AVENUE)-6:00AM - 5:00PM MONDAY-FRIDAY AND 8:00AM - 1:00PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
- 1ST CUP COFFEE (741 HWY 35) - 6:00AM - 5:00PM

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE FULL LIST OF DONATION ITEMS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.

Middletown Preschool Gets Psyched for Super Bowl LIII!



Middletown Preschool, located at the Tonya Keller Community Cener, cheered on their favorite football teams at the Preschool Bowl on Thursday, January 31st!

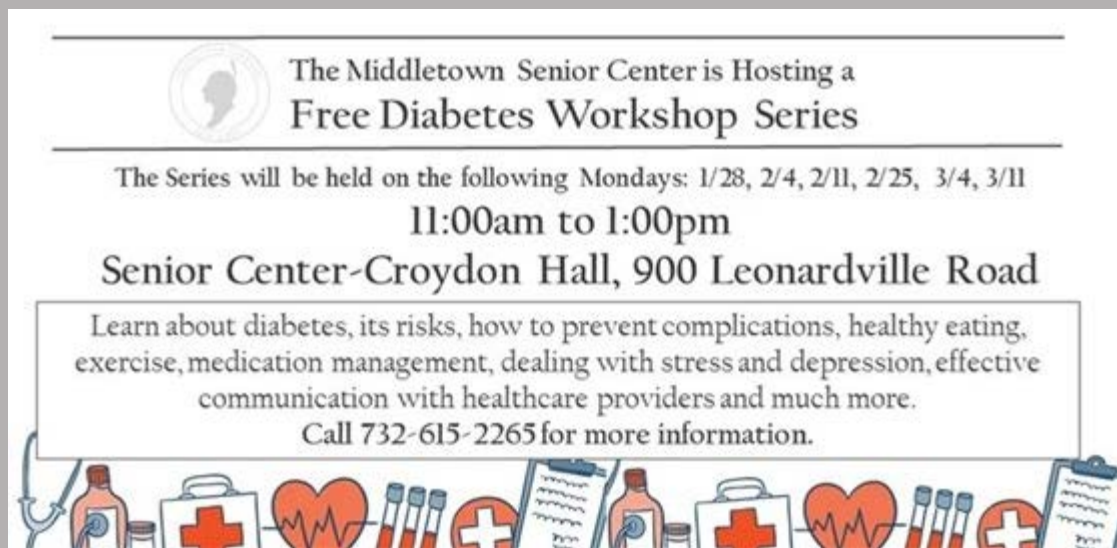


MTPD Offers Free Car Seat Safety Event at Mountain Hill School Tomorrow, 2/2!






A flyer for a free car seat safety check event. At the top, there are logos for Middletown Police (1954), a car seat, a child in a car seat, a car seat, and Mountain Hill School. Below the logos, the text reads: "IS YOUR CHILD IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT? FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK". The event details are listed in a blue box: "Saturday, February 2, 2019 12:00PM- 3:30PM Mountain Hill School (724 Kings Highway East) Open to the public".

Middletown Senior Center Hosts Free Diabetes Workshop on Monday, 2/4



A flyer for a free diabetes workshop series. It features a logo of a person's silhouette inside a circle. The text reads: "The Middletown Senior Center is Hosting a Free Diabetes Workshop Series". Below this, it says: "The Series will be held on the following Mondays: 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11 11:00am to 1:00pm Senior Center-Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road". A box contains the text: "Learn about diabetes, its risks, how to prevent complications, healthy eating, exercise, medication management, dealing with stress and depression, effective communication with healthcare providers and much more. Call 732-615-2265 for more information." At the bottom, there is a decorative border with medical icons like a heart, a cross, a syringe, and a clipboard.

Learn About Middletown's Energy-Saving Initiatives at Public Information Session on Wednesday, 2/6



Go Green and Save Green: Learn About Middletown's Energy-Saving Initiatives

Wednesday, 2/6 from 7-9PM
Middletown Township Public Library
(55 New Monmouth Road) Community Room

- Mayor Tony Perry will discuss energy-saving measures across the Township
- Meet the Green Team
- Learn How to Make Your Home More Energy Efficient Through the **SAVEGREEN**™ Project brought to by New Jersey Natural Gas

**Final Microgrid Feasibility Study
Community Outreach Session to be Held Wednesday, 2/13**

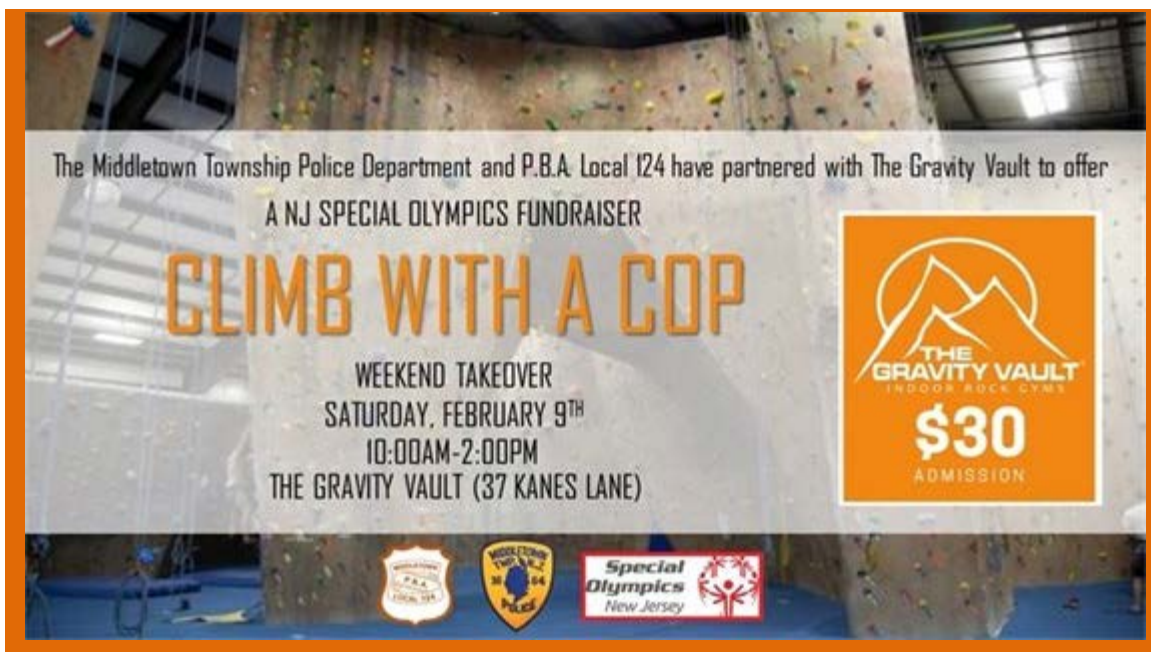


**Microgrid
Community
Outreach
Session**

- **Wednesday, February 13th**
- **7:00PM-9:00PM**
- **Middletown Arts Center
Gallery (36 Church Street)**

**Please join us for the
final report of the
Microgrid Feasibility
Study.**

**MTPD Partners with Gravity Vault to Host Climb with a Cop
Special Olympics Fundraiser on Saturday, 2/9**



Other Upcoming Events



[The MAC Presents: The Irish Film Festival](#)

[Saturday, February 9th at the MAC \(36 Church Street\) from 1:00-10:30PM](#)

[Head to the MAC for this unique celebration of the Irish and Irish-American experience through film. The third annual festival will showcase a fantastic selection of short, documentaries and full-feature length films. Click the image to learn more!](#)



[Middletown Recreation Presents: Mother-Son Mini Golf](#)

[Saturday, March 3rd from 10:00AM-2:00PM at Monster Mini Golf \(749 Hope Road\)](#)

[Team up with mom for an exciting round of mini golf under the black lights! Registration includes a \\$5.00 game card, goody bag, and two rounds of the Laser Maze for each child. Lunch is included for mother and son. Pre-registration is required. Click on the picture to register or to learn more!](#)



[The MTPL Presents: Balancing Your Health- Physical and Mental](#)

[Monday, February 4th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the MTPL Community Room \(55 New Monmouth Road\)](#)

[Visit the library for a lecture on how to take better care of yourself. Join Health Coach Gemma Nastasi as she discusses how to balance your mind and body. Click the picture to register or to learn more!](#)

Rabies Alert: Sick Raccoon Found in Area of Roop Avenue Between Burlington & Center Avenues



The Middletown Township Health Department responded to a call concerning a sick raccoon in the area of Roop Avenue between Burlington Avenue and Center Avenue on January 26, 2019. Middletown Animal Control captured the raccoon and it was sent to the State Laboratory for testing. Laboratory results received on February 1, 2019 confirmed that the raccoon was rabid.

Residents should be reminded not to interact with wildlife under any circumstance. If you come across a sick or injured animal, keep your distance and avoid all contact. **Call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 immediately or contact the Police Department at 732-615-2100 after hours and on weekends.**

Please make sure all domestic animals (dogs, cats, and livestock) are currently vaccinated with a Rabies shot. Do not let your pets run free off leash, even in the woods, to ensure they do not come in contact with wildlife that may be rabid. Remember, Rabies is a fatal disease. The best course of defense is the vaccination of your pets and not handling or interacting with wildlife. If you are bitten or exposed to blood/saliva of an animal, contact your physician immediately. Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet was exposed to wildlife, even if previously vaccinated.




Looking to volunteer at the Senior Center?

The Center, located at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road), is seeking Meals on Wheels volunteers for 1 hour/week on Wednesdays. If you aren't available to volunteer on Wednesdays, there are also opportunities Monday through Friday.


If interested, please call Mary at Middletown Nutrition at 732-291-0999.

Middletown is hiring



School Crossing Guards

The Middletown Township Police Department is now hiring Crossing Guards. Shifts take place before and after school with a minimum of 3.5 hours per day.



Click [HERE](#) for additional information and to fill out an application.



Roadwork and Detours

Roadwork on Middletown Lincroft Road Scheduled for 2/5

On Tuesday, February 5th, Middletown Lincroft Road will be closed for road repairs between 8:00AM and 5:00PM by the train station. Detours will be in place.

New Jersey Turnpike Authority Begins GSP Interchange 109 Construction Project

On November 1, 2018, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) began a construction project to make improvements to Garden State Parkway Interchange 109 at Newman Springs Road (C.R. 520) in the Lincroft section of Middletown. Motorists are advised to expect delays and plan alternate routes if possible.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

For more information on roadwork, please call the Traffic Division at 732-615-2045.

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