



## Middletown Celebrates National Night Out!



*Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Tony Fiore, Committee members Kevin Settembrino, Rick Hibell and Pat Snell, Detective Adam Colfer, Mayor Tony Perry, Detective Anthony Dellatacoma, Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger and Community Relations Officer Ricardo Cruz*

Middletown Township celebrated its 3rd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th at Poricy Park Nature Center. National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and is a chance for residents to engage with the officers in a fun and informal way. The Middletown Township First Responders also featured equipment displays and had a great time interacted with the kids. Hundreds of residents came out and enjoyed live music played by Patrolman Jesse Toma, games, a dunk tank, an impaired driving simulator, contests and more! A big thank you to Community Relations Officer Ricardo Cruz for organizing the event and to all our community groups and state law enforcement agencies who participated.

Check out the pictures below or click [HERE](#) to view the entire album.



*Officer Ray Sofield helped one of our youngest residents hold a police shield.*



*The MTFD was on hand to give tours of their fire trucks!*



*Members of MTPD Explorer Post #102 assisted the Police Department by running games and giveaways.*

## **Congratulations to the First Graduating Class of Senior Police Youth Week!**



The Middletown Township Police Department hosted its inaugural Senior Youth Week Academy for the 12/13 year-old age group. Thirty adolescents participated in this interactive academy that enabled them to get a more in-depth look at what it's like to be a police officer. Each morning, they participated in physical fitness training and military etiquette followed by a "formation run" around the Fire Academy campus. After exercising, they received a lineup style briefing similar to how officers start their shift. They also received morning instruction to help build a foundation for their afternoon scenario-based practicals. The entire week was based on a former case that the MTPD solved and the goal was to teach the importance of proper note taking and working together to solve a crime.

After all their hard work and a small drill display for their family and friends, the recruits graduated at the Student Life Center at Brookdale Community College. Each graduate received a certificate and a Youth Week Challenge Coin as a keepsake to remember their dedication and everything they learned.

**Congratulations to the first graduating class of Senior Youth Week!  
Thank you to the MTPD officers who continue to make Youth Week possible: Sgt. Gardiner, D/Sgt. Gigante, Cpl. Seymour, Cpl. Kennedy, Cpl. Riffert, Ptl. Carr, Ptl. Cruz and Ptl. Burke, D/Lt. Paul Bailey and Det. Anthony Dellatacoma.**



*Committeewoman Pat Snell, Mayor Tony Perry and Police Chief Craig Weber handed out challenge coins to graduates to commemorate the first senior police academy class.*



*One of the proud graduates stand with the MTPD officers who run this wonderful program.*



*Mayor Tony Perry spoke to the graduates and congratulated them on their hard work throughout the week.*

## Middletown Social Services Hosts Back to School Supply Drive This Month

**August**  
**BACK TO**  
**School**  
**Supply Drive**

The Department of Social Services is accepting all types of school supplies at the following locations:

- Middletown Social Services (180 Main Street in Port Monmouth)
- MTPD Police Desk (1 Kings Highway)
- The Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road)

For more information, call Kathy Straniero at 732-615-2085 or visit [www.middletownnj.org/SocialServices](http://www.middletownnj.org/SocialServices)

**Join Us for Our Mayor's Wellness Campaign Beach Volleyball Game on Saturday, August 17th!**



Click [HERE](#) to get more information about upcoming Mayor's Wellness Campaign community events that are free to residents!

**Register Now for the Mayor's 5K Challenge on Saturday, 10/19**  
*All Proceeds to Benefit Middletown's First Responders*



[Click the picture to learn more!](#)

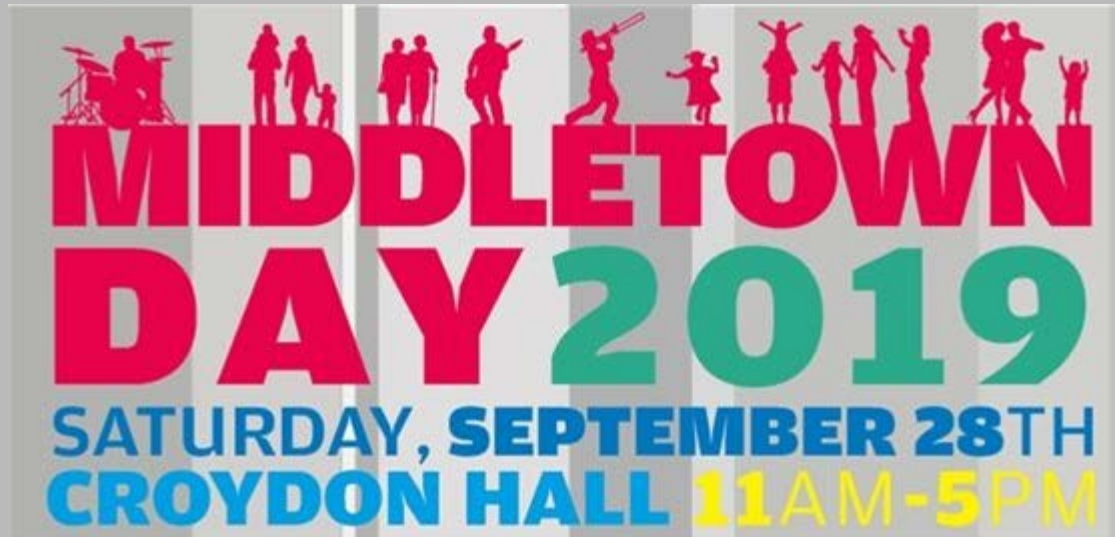
**Expanded Hours for Middletown Recycling Center through August 17th**

To help accommodate residents after the recent storms, the Township has expanded its hours of operation at the Middletown Recycling Center, located at 52 Kanes Lane, for brush drop off. The Recycling Center will be open 7 days a week from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM through August 17th.



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/DPW](http://www.middletownnj.org/DPW) or call 732-615-2109 for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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**Don't Miss Out on *Annie* the Musical Playing at the MAC this Weekend!**



**Annie the Musical**

August 9th at 7 pm, August 10th at 2 pm & 7 pm, August 11th at 2 pm

We're excited for our Summer Teen Production of *Annie* the Musical! Based on *Little Orphan Annie*.

Director: Luke Ferrell | Assistant Director: Kyle Kennedy

**BUY TICKETS** - All tickets \$10 | Aug 9th Performance Nearly Sold Out!

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**The MTPL Presents Battle of Monmouth  
Traveling Trunk Program Wed., 8/14**

# Battle of Monmouth Traveling Trunk Program

presented by



Monmouth  
County  
Historical  
Association

*Revisiting the  
FOUNDING ERA*



Costumed presenters discuss what led to the Battle of Monmouth, what it was like to be a soldier during the Revolutionary War and the aftermath. Artifacts will be available for examination.

**Wednesday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm**



Middletown Township Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Road  
732-671-3700 www.mtpl.org

[Click on the picture to learn more!](#)



**TRAFFIC ALERT**

**Palmer Avenue Closed for Road and Drainage Improvements**

Palmer Avenue (County Road 7) is closed at Middlewood Road for road and

drainage improvements. No thru traffic. Detours will be in place. If you would like an update on the detour, please call the County at 732-431-7760.

### **Monmouth & Navesink Avenue Road Closure Update**

Gray Supply has been working in the area of Monmouth Avenue and Navesink Avenue replacing gas lines. They are anticipating the work will be completed this month. While they are working roads will be intermittently closed in the area and detours will be in place.

### **Route 35 Construction Project**

Construction work on Route 35 began Monday, May 6th northbound from Cooper's Bridge (Red Bank) to Cherry Tree Farm Road and southbound from Cherry Tree Farm Road to New Monmouth Road.

Road work will be done with temporary lane closures from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. All work is weather-dependent.

The project, which consists of repairs and replacement of concrete vertical curb, installation of public curb ramps, repairs to drainage structures and resurfacing of the roadway, is estimated to be completed by December 2019.

Please keep an eye out for possible changes to the schedule.

## **NJNG Paves Roads as Part of Gas Main Replacement Program**

Starting mid-July, New Jersey Natural Gas will be paving the following roads as part of their gas main replacement program:

- Thompson Ave. Side Streets, North Middletown
- Longwood Ave. & Associated Streets, Middletown
- Collins Ave. & Creek Rd., Port Monmouth
- Reilly St. & Kelly St., North Middletown
- Chapel Hill Rd., Middletown
- Chamone Ave. & Tiensch Ave., Leonardo
- Oakwood Way, Middletown
- Southside Ave. & Portland Rd., Middletown





# Got Bags?

Help Middletown's recycling efforts by dropping off your clean plastic bags at the Plastic Bag Collection Bin at the Middletown Recycling Center (52 Kanes Lane).



Visit [www.middletownnj.org/PlasticBags](http://www.middletownnj.org/PlasticBags) for more information.

THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

# WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.



# JOIN TODAY!



[www.MTFDNJ.org](http://www.MTFDNJ.org) #MTFDpride

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!](#)

MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!

**MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SEEKS RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR FIRST AID SQUADS**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND HELPING YOUR NEIGHBORS IN A TIME OF NEED?**

**JOIN ONE OF THE 5 VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUADS.**


CALL 732-615-2252 OR EMAIL [PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG](mailto:PUBLICINFO@MIDDLETOWNEMS.ORG) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SQUAD THAT SERVES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOW TO VOLUNTEER. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.**



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