



MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

Message from Mayor Tony Perry



During my three years serving as Mayor, I have never felt more humbled and honored to be a member of this community than I was when we came together for the 20th anniversary of September 11th. This ceremony brought us back together to remember the 37 residents we tragically lost, but also allowed us to keep their spirits, and the spirit of patriotism, alive.

I would like to thank former Township Committeewoman and Chairperson of the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Committee Pat Snell for spearheading the 20th anniversary fundraising campaign to enhance the Gardens. Not only did we add two new monuments, The Heroes Monument, a symbol of gratitude to Middletown's first responders and members of the military, and The Capriotti Memorial, to honor Detective Lt. Joseph Capriotti and all those lost to 9/11-related illnesses, but we also installed a new walkway of personalized bricks purchased by community members that lead to the memorial pathway.

Moving forward, the WTC Memorial Gardens Committee is raising funds for a fountain that will embrace visitors at the end of the memorial walkway. With both remnants from the original World Trade Center, and an inspirational poem embedded in the concrete path around it, "The Rise of Hope" fountain will serve as a reminder of our past as we look toward the future.

Another important project I am excited to see come to fruition is the Township's 100 percent affordable housing units deemed solely for the honorable men and women who have served our country. Last month, the Township Committee and I held a groundbreaking ceremony on the property located on Leonardville Road in Belford along with the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee, Bayshore Village Senior Citizen Housing Corporation, Monmouth County Commissioners, and the Middletown Housing Authority, who we are partnering with as the organization currently manages hundreds of affordable housing units in town. For information and updates about how to apply, visit middletownnj.org/ourveterans.

While looking for the latest Township information, you may have noticed that we launched a newly-designed website (middletownnj.org) and mobile app. Both the website and app have a clean, user-friendly layout that will make it quicker and easier for both residents and businesses to access the information they need, and further enhance the communication between our community and local government.

In addition to improving our website, construction of our new Town Hall also continues to move along. The interior walls are complete, and lighting fixtures and ceiling tiles are being installed. We hope to have the MTPD moved in by the end of the year. For updates, visit middletownnj.org/municipalcomplex.

The 2021 budget we adopted in June has not only been an investment in our infrastructure, but also our first responders and parks and facilities across town. At the end of May, the Township Committee joined Fire Chief John Friedmann and the all-volunteer Fire Department to celebrate Community Fire Company's new engine. This new truck will provide our volunteer first responders with state-of-the-art equipment to respond to emergencies and keep everyone safe.

We have also continued to invest both capital and Open Space funds to install new playgrounds at Bodman, Chanceville, and Countryside parks. Multi-sport turf fields were also installed at Normandy Park, and we have several projects planned for next year, including a new playground and pickleball courts at McMahon Park and a skatepark at Kunkel in Leonardo.

As we head into 2022, I hope that we'll continue to be able to come together for in-person events. It was wonderful to be able to see all of your faces at Middletown Day, National Night Out, and the Mayor's Challenge at Policy Park. I'd also like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Veterans Day Parade, co-sponsored by VFW Post No. 2179. It will be held on Sunday, November 7th at 1:00 PM, kicking off at

Bayview Elementary School. For other upcoming fall and winter activities, check out Recreation's, as well as the Middletown Arts Center and Middletown Township Public Library's, pages in this issue.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season. Hope to see you around town!

Ty Perry



Rendering of Veterans Affordable Housing Unit



New Fire Engine for MTFD Community Fire Company



Middletown Day Festivities



Pictured from left: Abe Littenberg, Linda Littenberg, and Mayor Tony Perry

ABE LITTENBERG RECEIVES 2020 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Middletown resident Abe Littenberg was presented with the prestigious 2020 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award and a Key to the Township in April. As Chairman of the Middletown Economic Development Committee, Abe supported the Township's "Takeout Thursday" initiative by creating a database of local restaurants to provide an easy way for community members to order meals from their favorite establishments during the lockdown period. Abe also created a COVID-19 economic recovery plan to help fellow business owners navigate the pandemic, all while continuing to run his own Middletown-based businesses, Guttenplan's Frozen Dough and A Child's Place School, a school he owns with his wife Linda. On behalf of Guttenplan's, a facility that produces frozen dough products, Abe also worked with Middletown Social Services and local food banks to donate bread to those in need.



The Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens Committee is raising funds to erect "The Rise of Hope" fountain. Visit www.middletownremembers911.com (or scan the QR code) to be part of this important fundraising project.



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MIDDLETOWN COMMEMORATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 WITH PATRIOTIC CEREMONY AND THOUGHTFUL ADDITIONS TO MEMORIAL GARDENS



The crowd salutes the American flag raised by the Middletown Township Fire Department on the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Middletown Township held a memorial service at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens on Saturday, September 11th in honor of the 20th anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks.

To mark the 20th anniversary, the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Committee made several enhancements to the Gardens. With the help of Middletown-based Whirl Construction, they installed a new walkway of personalized bricks purchased by community members that lead to the memorial pathway. The Committee also added two monuments: The Heroes Monument, a symbol of gratitude to Middletown's first responders and members of the military, and The Capriotti Memorial to honor Detective Lt. Joseph Capriotti, and all those lost to 9/11-related illnesses. Detective Lt. Capriotti was known as the "keeper of the list" since he had the difficult task of notifying every single Middletown family who had lost a loved one that day. He ultimately gave his life for 9/11, dying from a 9/11-related illness in June 2019. Middletown PBA Local 124 also hosted a successful first annual 9/11 Memorial 5K Race. All proceeds were donated to a scholarship fund in his honor.

Moving forward, the Committee is raising funds for a fountain that will embrace visitors at the end of the memorial walkway. With both remnants from the original World Trade Center, and an inspirational poem embedded in the concrete path around it, "The Rise of Hope" fountain will serve as a reminder of our past as we look toward the future. If you would like to donate to this important project, visit www.middletownremembers911.com.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE 2021



From left: Committeeman Kevin M Settembrino, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke

Photo courtesy of Tom Zapcic Photography

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Anthony S. Perry, Mayor
Rick W. Hibell, Deputy Mayor
Ryan M. Clarke, Committeeman
Kimberly Kratz, Committeewoman
Kevin M Settembrino, Committeeman

Anthony Mercantante, P.P. AICP, Township Administrator
Heidi R. Brunt, RMC, CMC, Township Clerk

If you would like to contact the Township Committee, please contact the Mayor's Office at 732-615-2024.

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Looking for a job?

If you are interested in working for the Township of Middletown, please visit www.middletownnj.org/jobs to view our available job listings and to download an application.



TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies	9-1-1
Police Department Non-Emergency	615-2100
Municipal Offices <i>(All numbers have a 732 area code)</i>	
Main Number	615-2000
Animal Control <i>(Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm)</i>	615-2097
Animal Control <i>(holidays, nights & weekends)</i>	615-2100
Building & Inspections	615-2106
Communications	615-3226
Community Development	615-2281
Court Administrator	615-2036
Code Enforcement	615-2106
Crossroads <i>(substance abuse services)</i>	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	706-4100
Planning	615-2098
Public Works	615-2090
Recreation	615-2260
Recycling	615-2008
Senior Center	615-2265
Tax Assessor	615-2089
Tax Collector	615-2086
Township Administrator	615-2013
Township Engineer	615-2110
Township Clerk <i>(elections, marriage/birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Twp. Committee agenda)</i>	615-2015
Social Services	615-2085
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



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CLERK'S OFFICE LAUNCHES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING PORTAL

The Township Clerk's Office launched a new portal that enables residents to easily search Township Committee meeting minutes and agenda packets.

Videos of Township Committee Workshop and Regular Meetings will also be available.

Visit middletown-nj.municodemeetings.com to access the new portal.

KIMBERLY KRATZ APPOINTED TO MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



Mayor Tony Perry issues Kratz's Oath of Office as her husband, Willis, holds the Bible and her parents and sons stand alongside to support her.

Kimberly Kratz was unanimously appointed to the Middletown Township Committee at the Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, September 7th.

Committeewoman Kratz was sworn in to fill the vacancy left by Patricia Snell who resigned in August after a job relocation to Georgia.

"I am honored to have been selected by the Middletown Township Committee to serve the residents of Middletown," said Committeewoman Kratz. "As a lifelong Middletown resident and a mother of two teenage boys, I want to ensure that Middletown remains the great place I know and love."

Tax Collector's Message: Accelerated Tax Sale December 28, 2021

In New Jersey, all municipalities are required to hold at least one Tax Sale per year. The 2021 Accelerated Tax Sale for the Township of Middletown will be an ELECTRONIC TAX SALE held on December 28, 2021 for DELINQUENT TAXES ONLY.

Although delinquent sewer charges cannot be sold this year, if your sewer account is delinquent, you are strongly urged to contact the Sewer Authority at 732-495-1010 to bring your account current. These delinquent charges will be sold next year and can place a lien against your property.

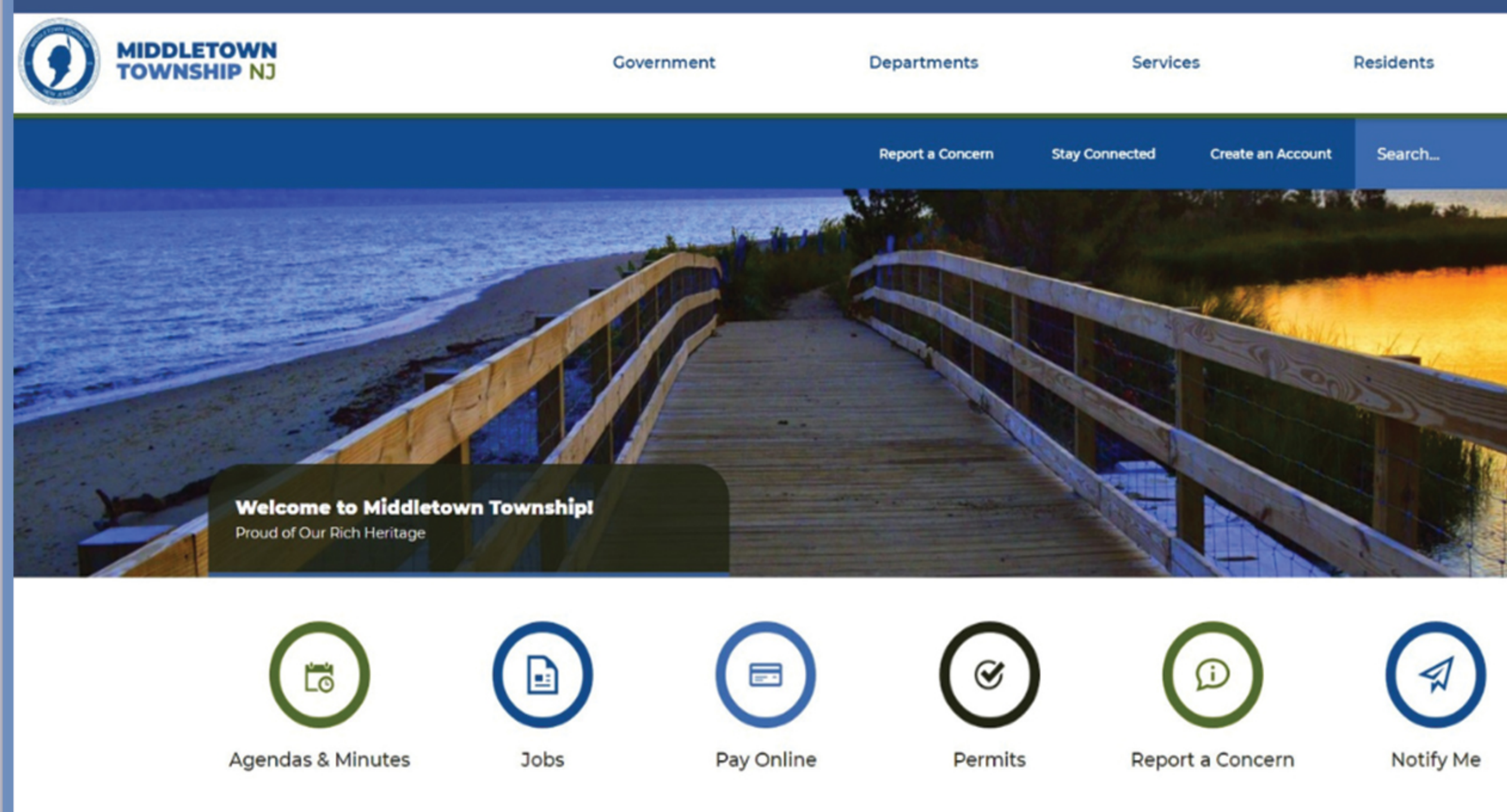
All properties sold at the Tax Sale are for delinquent municipal charges for the tax year 2021. State law regarding the New Jersey Tax Sale process can be found in New Jersey statute: N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 etc. The New Jersey statutes can be found at the library or online at: www.njleg.state.nj.us.

Please note the Tax Sale process will begin automatically on November 11, 2021 and 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 November 10, 2021, 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 card/ACH payment options WILL NOT be available after 3:00 PM, November 10, 2021 until January 5, 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Tax Department at 732-615-2086.

Visit Our New Website and Download Our New Mobile App!



Check out the newly revamped website at
www.middletownnj.org.

To download the free mobile app, search for
"Middletown, NJ" in the Apple App Store or
Google Play Store.

MIDDLETOWN WELCOMES NEW AND RETURNING BUSINESSES!

- **JOINT PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS MEDICINE (40 OLD COUNTRY ROAD)**
- **JUNCTION BOUTIQUE GIFT SHOP (980 NJ-36)**
- **LASHCARA PERMA LLC (1287 NJ-35 BUILDING B)**
- **SHOPRITE (1361 NJ-35)**
- **SISSY NAILS & SPA (1287 NJ-35 SUITE 300)**
- **WE CARE ADULT CARE (552 NJ-35)**

SAKER SHOPRITES, INC. RECEIVES MIDDLETOWN'S FIRST GREEN BUSINESS AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY



Richard Saker, CEO of Saker ShopRites, Inc., was congratulated for the company's commitment to sustainability and for helping preserve the beauty of our town for future generations. Pictured from left: Recycling & Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino, Mayor Tony Perry, Richard Saker, and Public Works & Engineering Director Ted Maloney

Saker ShopRites, Inc. received Middletown's first Green Business Award at a Township Committee meeting in September. The new ShopRite of Kings Commons in Middletown (1361 NJ-35) has implemented many environmentally-friendly practices by utilizing the latest energy-efficient technology, including LED lighting in the store and parking lot, and an HVAC system that uses demand ventilation, which adjusts to the changing environment maximizing efficiency. The store also features in-floor radiant heating, which uses reclaimed waste heat from the store's refrigeration system, a parking lot that uses bioswales to capture, treat, and infiltrate stormwater runoff, as well as doors installed on refrigerated cases to reduce energy consumption up to 75%. Saker ShopRites, Inc. also has a robust multi-stream recycling program and processes expired products through an onsite bio-digester to minimize waste. Any excess prepared foods or expiring food that can be frozen are donated to local food banks.

MIDDLETOWN AND MONMOUTH COUNTY HOST SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE



Mayor Tony Perry introduces Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone at the Small Business Roundtable.

In May, Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone hosted a Small Business Roundtable at the Middletown Arts Center. The event was held to discuss the ongoing efforts to assist small-business owners throughout the pandemic, as well as projects that the Township and County continue to work together on. Approximately 50 small-business owners attended. Members of the Township Committee, Administration, the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Small Business Development Center at Brookdale Community College were also present to provide information about resources and answer questions. Middletown is proud to support our small businesses!

Interested in participating in a Community Garden?



Middletown Township is starting a Community Garden this Spring!

Email communitygarden@middletownnj.org to receive updates, reserve a plot and volunteer!

Parks & Facilities Upgrades Report

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Bodman Park (Market St.) A brand new playground with new elements was installed; funded by Capital Funds and Open Space Trust Fund

Butterfly Pollinator Garden (Oak Hill Rd.) A garden was created to encourage pollination and boost ecosystem health; funded by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions Grant and a donation from the Poricy Park Conservancy

Corporal William A. Schulz Park (Fairview Dr.) The playground was refurbished; funded by Capital Funds and Open Space Trust Fund

Countryside Park (Cherry Tree Farm Rd.) A brand new VistaRope freestanding net play system was installed; funded by Capital Funds and Open Space Trust Fund

Normandy Parks Improvement Project (Nut Swamp Rd.) Four youth-size, multi-sport fields were installed; grass field at Nut Swamp School was converted to synthetic turf and used to create a multi-sport full-size field and three youth-sized fields; parking lot and soccer ball plaza were expanded; lighting and basketball backboards were upgraded; adjustable poles were added; funded by Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant

Roosevelt Park (Port Monmouth Rd.) An ADA compliant, stainless steel, outdoor water fountain was installed, featuring a bottle filler, pet fountain, and hose bib; funded by Community Development Block Grant

IN THE WORKS

Kunkel Skatepark (Brevent Ave.) The Township is currently in the design phase

Tindall Park (Tindall Rd.) A dog park will be created, and the tennis and basketball courts will be resurfaced

Tonya Keller Community Center (Bray Ave.) The basketball court will be resurfaced and new backboards will be installed

UPCOMING

McMahon Park (Atlantic Ave.) A new playground will be installed and renovations will be done to the existing field house. Six new pickleball courts are also being proposed for the area behind Field 1

Community Celebrates Middletown Day



Middletown Day returned to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall in September and fun was had by all!

Our fall festival featured exciting games, live entertainment, free giveaways, and delicious food to nosh on. Thank you to our incredible sponsors, vendors, and volunteers for contributing to this successful event!

Community Corner

Shout-out to the "Heroes Helping Heroes" at Bayview's Heroes Cafe!



Mayor Tony Perry, former Committeewoman Pat Snell, and MTPD chiefs stopped by the Heroes Cafe at Bayview Elementary School in May for some delicious tea and coffee. Mrs. Amy Jennings, a special education teacher, and her students decided their New Year's resolutions were to perform acts of kindness for their community, which is how they came up with the idea of the cafe.

The students sorted orders and prepared ready-to-brew cups for free. Patrons could pay this act of kindness forward by donating to No Limits Cafe, a Middletown-based cafe that employs individuals with developmental disabilities. In May, the Heroes Cafe had already raised over \$1,000!

MTFD VOLUNTEER MATT DEICKMANN EARNS LIFE SAVING VALOR AWARD

The Township Committee presented MTFD volunteer firefighter Matt Deickmann with the Life Saving Valor Award in April after he rescued an elderly woman from a burning home in North Middletown in January. He was returning home from running errands when he heard about the dire situation and, without hesitation and equipment, drove to the woman's house and saved her life.

Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Life Saving Valor Award recipient Matt Deickmann, Mayor Tony Perry, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke at Community Fire Company on Monday, April 12th



Middletown Resident Kathleen Malouf Recognized for Winning National Award



Kathleen Malouf was recognized at a Township Committee Meeting in May for being one of only two nurses in North America to win the Johnson & Johnson Nurses Innovate Quickfire Challenge for her COVID-19 inspired IsoPouch invention.

By creating a portable pouch that sticks to isolation gowns and does not interfere with PPE, Kathleen has made it easier for frontline workers to provide more sanitary and efficient care in high-stress environments. As a recipient of this award, Kathleen can receive up to \$100,000 in grants to manufacture her invention and make her prototype become a reality.

Middletown Hosts Butterfly Garden Planting Event at Poricy Park!



Volunteers Serena and Marabelle LaTerra hard at work!

In June, the Middletown Green Team hosted a volunteer planting event to finish the butterfly garden at the Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road). This new garden does not only benefit its visitors, such as bees, butterflies and birds, but also our overall environment, as these pollinators are a vital part of our ecosystem and the health of our local plant life.

This garden was funded through a \$1,500 grant that was received from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions in 2020. Three local organizations were involved in the completion of the garden: Poricy Park Conservancy, who contributed funding to the project, Oasis tlc, who maintains the gardens, and the Green Team who brought much-needed volunteer labor!

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH GRADUATE SELECTED AS STATE SEMI-FINALIST IN GOVERNMENT ESSAY CONTEST

In June, resident Aidan Hannigan was recognized by Mayor Tony Perry for being a state semi-finalist in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. High school juniors and seniors who participated were required to write an essay about how local government has played a role in their life during the COVID-19 pandemic. Aidan, now a Middletown High School South alumnus and freshman at Virginia Tech, wrote about how local government's response to the pandemic inspired him to take action and become an EMT and lifeguard.



VOLUNTEERS BREATHE LIFE BACK INTO COMMUNITY GARDENS ACROSS TOWN

Thank you to the volunteers who participated in the Township's Adopt-A-Garden Program this year. Due to their efforts, there are now even more areas in town that brings smiles to people's faces. Keep an eye out for future volunteer opportunities at www.middletownnj.org/cleancommunities.



The Health Department's garden in Port Monmouth before and after being adopted by volunteer Mike Galati.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS EMBRACE CLEAN COMMUNITIES MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

Over the past several months, several groups have participated in the Township's Clean Communities Mini-Grant Program by picking up litter throughout town. This program, which was launched during April in recognition of Earth Month, offers local community groups an opportunity to give back to nature while spending some time outdoors and working together for a great cause.



From left: Mayor Tony Perry (with daughter Reagan), Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Assistant to the Mayor Maureen Raisch and her dog Spike stand with Girl Scout Troop 127 in front of one of their beautiful beach signs.

Groups that participate in cleanups are eligible for \$500 grants that are offered by NJ Clean Communities and can be put toward their own purposes. Several groups have already dedicated their money toward initiatives that will better Middletown. For example, Girl Scout Troop 127 of Leonardo Elementary School did a cleanup at Leonardo Beach and used the funds to create two welcome signs that read, "Leave only footprints of love and kindness wherever you go."

Visit www.middletownnj.org/minigrants for more information about the Clean Communities Mini-Grant Program and how you can get involved!





OLD VILLAGE FIRE COMPANY STATION 11 DEDICATES RETIRED FIRE TRUCK TO LATE FIREFIGHTER CHRISTOPHER ROLAND

In September, members of Old Village Fire Company Station 11, the Middletown Township Committee, and family and friends came together for the dedication of the Christopher Roland Cassion Unit. Christopher was a firefighter with the MTFD for thirteen years before he lost his battle with Huntington's Disease in 2018. His loved ones fondly remember his positive demeanor and love for life.

Going forward, the Christopher Roland Cassion Unit will carry fallen firefighters to their final resting place. Christopher is the first Middletown firefighter to be memorialized in this way.



Members of the MTFD and Middletown Township Committee unveil the plaque dedicated to late firefighter Christopher Roland in front of his family. Middletown business, Uras Monuments, donated the plaque for the Christopher Roland Cassion Unit.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES NEW FIRE TRUCK

At the end of May, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, former Committeewoman Pat Snell, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger joined Middletown Township Fire Department Chief John Friedmann and the all-volunteer Fire Department for a truck dedication held at Community Fire Company (85 Appleton Avenue in Leonardo). This new engine will provide Middletown's volunteer first responders with state-of-the-art equipment to respond to emergencies and keep everyone safe!



MTFD Chief John Friedmann, supported by fellow firefighters and elected officials, addresses the crowd at the truck dedication held at Community Fire Company.



GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS



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

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

CONTACT FIRE MARSHAL BUDDY SKELLY AT 732-615-2272 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

NAVESINK HOOK & LADDER COMPANY DEDICATES TRAIN DEPOT TO PARKER FAMILY



Patricia Parker Schenck and Pamela Lee Marcellus (seated) attended the ceremony honoring their parents. Pictured above, they are surrounded by members of their family, Navesink Fire Company, the Township Committee, and MTFD chiefs. Photo courtesy of Suzanna Cuccurullo

In August, members of the Township Committee attended the Parker Station Unveiling and Dedication ceremony presented by the Navesink Hook & Ladder Fire Company (NFC). NFC named the train depot for its well-known Cannonball train ride "Parker Station", a sentiment to Lee and Jessie Parker. Lee Parker was a longtime NFC firefighter before he was tragically killed in an accidental explosion at a U.S. Army Nike base in the Chapel Hill part of the Township on May 22, 1958. His wife, Jessie, served with the company's Ladies Auxiliary until she passed away in 2001.

JOHN "JACK" E. FOWLER RECEIVES KEY TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR 50+ YEARS OF SERVICE

In June, the Middletown Township Fire Department hosted a surprise BBQ to honor John "Jack" E. Fowler for his more than 50 years of volunteer service with Lincroft Fire Company. Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke presented him with a certificate and Key to the Township to commend him for both serving our nation and for his decades of tireless service to our community.



Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Honoree Jack E. Fowler with his Key to Middletown Township, Mayor Tony Perry, and Committeeman Ryan Clarke

Jack's commitment to Lincroft Fire Company and his extensive leadership roles, including Captain and Chief Engineer, his enthusiastic participation in numerous truck committees, the House Committee, and the Door-to-Door Donor Fund Drive, as well as his admirable track record of answering fire calls day and night, will forever be etched in our Township's history.

Help Your Community, Become a Volunteer!



MIDDLETOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 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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GET AHEAD OF THE STORM

Text MiddletownNJ (no spaces) to 888-777 or visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to receive storm alerts.



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!



Middletown Township Police Department held its 4th annual National Night Out in August at Poricy Park. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods even safer and more caring places to live. MTPD and K-9 officers, Township Committee members, and local organizations were thrilled to connect with the community while enjoying fun activities, delicious food, and amazing music.



MTPD HOLDS ANNUAL POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE



During National Police Week in May, the MTPD held its annual Police Memorial Service in memory of fallen law enforcement officers. The service was held at the Middletown Police Memorial, located at the corner of Kings Highway and Route 35. The memorial honored the 61 police officers who served the MTPD, five of them being K-9s.

After the service, officers Michael P. Allen, Charles J. Higgins, and Ian May were promoted. Mayor Tony Perry administered the Oaths of Office for new auxiliary officers Chase Schwerthoffer, Wilson Cartagena, Willard Potter, Rubin Walker, Steven Coll, Gary Kramer and John Zarkivach.



Sergeant Kevin Gardiner presented a Challenge Coin to this year's Senior Youth Week graduates. This graduation marked his last Youth Week class after being an integral part of the program since 2003. Earlier this month, he retired from the MTPD after 20 years of service.

MTPD HOSTS SUCCESSFUL POLICE YOUTH WEEK PROGRAMS

Over the summer, Middletown Township Police Department hosted three Youth Week camps: two for children between the ages of 8 and 11, and one for children between the ages of 12 and 13. Each program lasted one week and consisted of physical training and classroom style learning. Participants walked away with firsthand law enforcement experience, valuable lessons, and well-earned certificates they received during their graduation ceremonies held at the Brookdale Student Life Center.



MTPD K-9 UNIT RECEIVES PROTECTIVE VESTS FROM LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Representatives from two generous organizations, Capital K-9 Association and local non-profit Associated Humane Societies, visited MTPD headquarters this past spring to donate protective vests for our K-9 officers.

Tio, with his handler Patrolman Julian Reis, will now be safer thanks to this protective vest donated by Capital K-9 Association.



MTPD Participates in Torch Run Benefiting New Jersey Special Olympics

In June, the Middletown Township Police Department participated in the 38th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise funds for the Special Olympics of New Jersey. The run spans over 750 miles and 26 routes as statewide officers carry the "Flame of Hope". MTPD officers received the torch from the Red Bank Police Department and then traveled up Route 35 to pass the symbolic torch to the Holmdel Township Police Department. The annual Torch Run's completion sparks the lighting of the cauldron at the Special Olympics New Jersey Summer Games Opening Ceremony.



MTPD officers participating in the 38th Annual Torch Run. Photo courtesy of MTPD Detective Ric Cruz

MTPD OFFICER JOHN F. WALSIFER II PROMOTED TO SERGEANT



Officer John F. Walsifer II was promoted to the rank of Sergeant at a Township Committee Meeting in June. Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell administered his Oath of Office, while his father, David, held the Bible. Police Chief Craig Weber shared some details about Sgt. Walsifer's career path and spoke very highly of him. Prior to his career with the MTPD, Sergeant Walsifer served as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class I (SLEO I) for Avon By The Sea Police Department. Deputy Chiefs Robert Stefanski and John Kaiser also attended the promotion ceremony, as did fellow officers, family members and friends.

From left: David Walsifer, Sergeant John F. Walsifer II, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Police Chief Craig Weber, Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski, and Deputy Chief John Kaiser

TOWNSHIP SWEARS IN SIX NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Tony Perry swore in six police officers at a Township Committee Meeting in July. Police Chief Craig Weber and Deputy Chiefs Robert Stefanski, John Kaiser, and Paul Bailey welcomed new officers Robert J. Headden, Ryan Bruno, Shane Hosler, Dominick Librie, John Mania, and Sean Macdonald to the Middletown Township Police Department while their family members and fellow officers proudly supported them in the courtroom.



From left: Deputy Chief Paul Bailey, Deputy Chief John Kaiser, Mayor Tony Perry, Officers Robert J. Headden, Ryan Bruno, Shane Hosler, Dominick Librie, Sean Macdonald, Chief Craig Weber, and Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski

MIDDLETOWN HOSTS CEREMONIAL GROUND BREAKING FOR VETERANS-ONLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEX IN BELFORD



Members of the Middletown Township Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, and Middletown Housing Authority at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the future 100 percent veterans-only affordable housing complex in Belford.

In October, members of the Township Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, Monmouth County Board of Commissioners, Middletown Housing Authority, Bayshore Village Senior Citizen Housing Corporation, Township staff, and community came together to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for the veterans-only affordable housing complex that will be located at 37-45 Leonardville Road in the Campbell's Junction section of Belford.

The three-story building will have 12 rental units deemed solely for the honorable individuals who have served our country. The Township will be partnering with the Middletown Housing Authority on this project, which currently manages hundreds of affordable housing units in town.

For updates and information about how to apply, visit www.middletownnj.org/ourveterans.

TOWNSHIP DEDICATES STREET SIGNS TO REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS AND UNVEILS WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL SIGN



The World War II Memorial sign is dedicated to all our veterans who served in World War II.

In May, Mayor Tony Perry, members of the Township Committee, the Veterans Affairs Committee, and Police Chief Craig Weber gathered for sign dedications for two veterans who were killed in action during the Revolutionary War, as well as the unveiling of the Township's new World War II Memorial sign located by the monument at Croydon Hall (900 Leonardville Road).

The Joseph Murray Lane sign was placed at Poricy Park in honor of Joseph Murray, who was killed in action while serving in the Revolutionary War. The Stillwell Road street sign was dedicated in memory of Obadiah Stillwell, who was also killed in action while serving in the Revolutionary War. For more information about the Township's Fallen Veterans Commemorative Street Sign Program, visit www.middletownnj.org/veterans.



Mayor Tony Perry, former Committeewoman Pat Snell, Police Chief Craig Weber, Middletown veteran John Alonso, and other officials were honored to attend the ceremony.

MIDDLETOWN REMEMBERS BATTLE OF MIDWAY AT 79TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

On June 4th, Mayor Tony Perry, former Committeewoman Pat Snell, and Police Chief Craig Weber attended a poignant ceremony at Naval Weapons Station Earle in honor of the 79th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Fought on the high seas of the Pacific in 1942, this battle altered the course of WWII in the Pacific and thereby shaped the outcome of world events. Middletown veteran John Alonso, who served in both World War II and Korea, was also invited to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony with the Commanding Officer of NWS Earle Captain Edward Callahan.

KNOW YOUR PROPERTY’S FLOOD RISK

Throughout Middletown, there are areas with a higher risk for floods than others. To find out whether you live in a flood-prone area, visit www.floodsmart.gov and click on Flood Maps and Zones (My Flood Zone) to access the Flood Map Service Center. You can search the flood map using your property’s address.

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 because Middletown 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.

For more information about CRS and floodplain management, residents can contact the Middletown Building Department at 732-615-2104 during regular business hours, Monday-Friday between 8:00am to 4:00pm, and visit www.middletownnj.org/floodinsurance.

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, easy 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.

Here are some ways you can help reduce nonpoint source pollution:

Place litter in trash receptacles. Place litter, including cigarette butts and fast food containers, in trash receptacles. Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Avoid overuse of fertilizers. Do a soil test to see if you need to add fertilizer. Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall. If you use fertilizers, follow the label directions carefully.

Use alternatives to pesticides. Many household products made to exterminate pests are toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms, and plants. Follow the label directions carefully and use alternatives whenever possible.

Clean up after your pet. Animal wastes contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause the closing of bathing beaches. This is why the Township does not allow animals on our public beaches. Pet owners or their keepers must pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people’s property. Dispose of wastes in the garbage or toilet.

Don’t feed wildlife. Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Dispose of yard waste properly. Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains. Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Refer to our website (www.middletownnj.org) for the Township’s rules, guidelines, and schedule for leaf and brush collection. You can also find the schedule on Page 12.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products. Many common household products contain toxic ingredients. Use natural and less toxic alternatives whenever possible. Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies.

Recycle used motor oil. Used motor oil contains toxic chemicals that are harmful to humans and animals, especially fish. Recycle all used motor oil by taking it to a local, public, or private recycling center.

Wash your car only when necessary. Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles its wash water. If you wash your car at home, use a non-phosphate detergent.

Inspect your septic systems annually. An improperly working septic system can contaminate groundwater and create public health problems. Inspect your tank annually and pump it out every three to five years, depending on its use.

Keep pollution out of storm drains. The Township has labeled and marked all storm drain inlets. Labels remind residents that these storm drains are connected to local waterways. Do not let sewerage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Don’t dump boat sewerage overboard. Dumping boat sewerage overboard introduces bacteria and viruses to our water. It may also be illegal. Boat owners should always use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities at marinas.

It is important to remember these easy things you can do to assist with restoring the health of our streams and environment. Please refer to Middletown Township Ordinance Chapter 423 & Chapter 540 for our adopted stormwater pollution ordinances. Additional stormwater-related topics can be found at www.cleanwaternj.org and www.middletownnj.org.



DOWNLOAD OCEAN CONSERVANCY’S CLEAN SWELL APP TO HELP KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP INTRODUCES THE CLEAN SWELL APP


JOIN A GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO KEEP BEACHES, WATERWAYS AND THE OCEAN TRASH FREE! HEAD OUT TO YOUR FAVORITE MIDDLETOWN BEACH, PARK OR ROADWAY AND USE THE CLEAN SWELL APP TO EASILY RECORD EACH ITEM OF TRASH YOU COLLECT. THEN SHARE YOUR EFFORT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WITH CLEAN SWELL, YOU CAN:

- Record every item of trash you collect.
- Share your cleanup results via social media & email.
- Track your total distance cleaned.
- Earn badges based on the type and quantity of trash and cleanups you do, like the Sea Turtle Saver!

Keep a historical record of your Cleanup efforts.
Create ocean trash solutions by contributing to a global database and helping to identify trends.
Learn scientific facts about the impact of trash on ocean animals and what you can do to help.

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CLEANSWELL FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Sea Turtle Saver
Thanks to you, sea turtles can forage free from the threat of plastic bags. You have bagged over 25 jellyfish impersonators.

The Middletown Department of Public Works & Engineering is using Ocean Conservancy’s Clean Swell app for litter tracking and cleanup! Clean Swell is an easy way for the Middletown community to be proactive in making our town a more beautiful place while assisting in the worldwide effort to keep our oceans clean. Visit www.middletownnj.org/cleanswell for more information!

PORT MONMOUTH FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UPDATE



The dune, utility upgrades, levee, floodwall, pump station, road closure gate, regrading of Route 36, and tide gate have been constructed and turned over to the NJDEP for their operation and maintenance of the project.


The final contracts of the project on the Compton Creek side could start as soon as January 2022.

Property surveys, appraisals, permits, and easement acquisitions are underway to allow the construction of a floodwall & levee system along Highway 36, Creek Road, and Main Street. This will include the construction of a levee, floodwall, mitigation, Port Monmouth Road being raised, road closure gates on Broadway and Campbell Avenues, and a pumping station on Main Street, across from Renfrew Place. Work is expected to resume by 2022 and is scheduled to be completed by 2024.

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 of 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.

2021 Household Income Limits

Household Size	Max. Gross Income
1 person	\$55,950
2 people	\$63,950
3 people	\$71,950
4 people	\$79,900
5 people	\$86,300
6 people	\$92,700
7 people	\$99,100
8 people	\$105,500

CONTINUE PROPER HYGIENE AND SANITATION TO FIGHT DISEASES

By Rich DeBenedetto, Health Director

While battling COVID-19 since last March, we saw cases of seasonal influenza decrease dramatically due to the extra precautions and proper hygiene we have been practicing to combat the virus.



Hand sanitizer has played a significant role in our lives since the start of the pandemic. Jugs and jugs have been plentiful, and almost every facility offers it to customers, visitors, and employees. Most people keep a bottle handy in their car and on their desk at work.

Additionally, crews were deployed to continually clean and sanitize high-touch surfaces in offices and facilities, including counters, desks, phones, and door handles. Wipes were also provided for people to use to disinfect their office area, shopping carts, etc.

Prior to the pandemic, most people did not clean their hands or sanitize surfaces to such a drastic extent. Many of us gravitated toward hand sanitizers to prevent COVID-19, not thinking about how it could also protect us against seasonal influenza.


Let's maintain these healthy habits and continue to properly wash our hands, use hand sanitizer, and disinfect all high-touch surfaces. Together, we can help fight COVID-19 as well as reduce or eliminate cases of Influenza and other diseases, such as Norovirus.



**Middletown Partners with VNACJ to Provide Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Shot Clinics**

WHERE: Community Room, Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road)

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM for the remainder of 2021

SIGN UP: Use the QR code to pre-register or visit middletownnj.org/vnacj

COMMUNITY ACTION NEEDED TO SLOW SPREAD OF SPOTTED LANTERNFLIES

The Health Department advises the community to be aware of the Spotted Lanternfly, a serious invasive pest that feeds on sap from over 70 different plant species. It excretes honeydew while feeding, which results in mold covering the plant and anything nearby. While Spotted Lanternflies do not directly hurt humans or animals, they can negatively impact our agriculture, economy, and everyday life.



To help slow the spread, the NJ Department of Agriculture is urging anyone who comes across the insect to destroy it immediately and report the sighting. If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, take a photo of it and report it by calling 833-4BADBUG (833-422-3284).

For more information about the Spotted Lanternfly, and to access the link to report it, visit www.middletownnj.org/spottedlanternfly.



How to Help this Holiday Season

The holiday season is approaching and many families in Middletown don't have the financial resources to put hot meals on their tables. Through generous donations, the Middletown Township Health Department's Social Services Division is able to provide meals for these families through their annual food drive.

What to Donate

All types of canned/non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products are welcome throughout the year, but especially around the holidays. Another way to help during this season of giving is to donate a turkey or ham, especially the free ones you may earn through supermarket promotions, to a family in need.

Adopt-A-Family

Middletown Social Services is always looking for individuals, groups, and businesses to adopt underprivileged households during the holiday season. Many families face the tough choice of paying bills over seeing their children's faces light up when opening a gift – your donations can help ease some of that stress.

The Family Adoption Program is simple but very rewarding. The Social Services Department provides a small shopping list of items that a child would like, as well as a few ideas for parents. As a "foster" family, they ask that you kindly purchase a few of the listed items or gift cards, in hopes that your adopted family may have a special holiday season.

Donations are accepted at the Health Department's office (180 Main Street in Port Monmouth). Call Kathy Straniero at 732-615-2085 to arrange for your donation to be picked up.

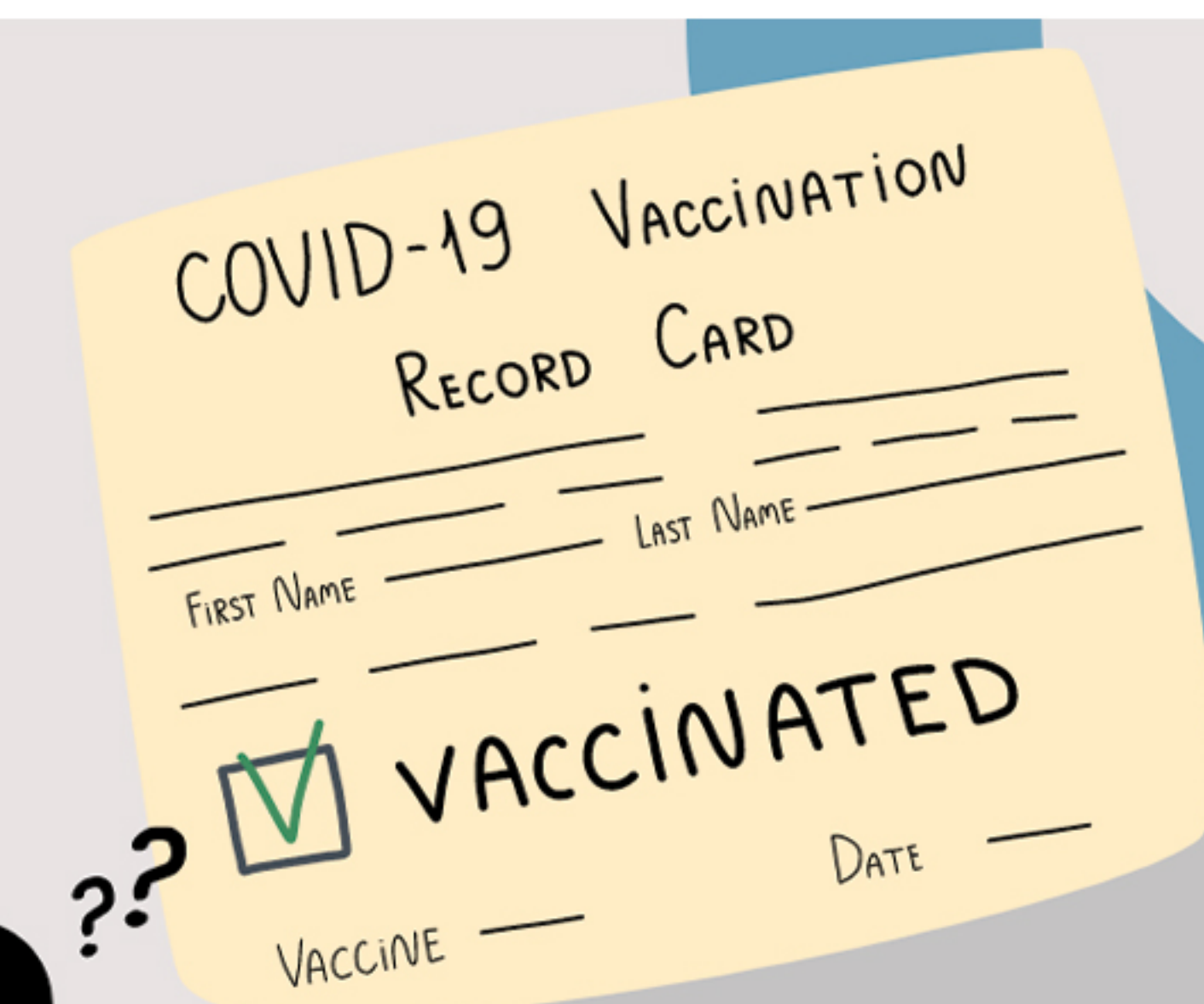
What to do if you lose your vaccine card

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

1. Via phone - download & register with "Docket" app to obtain an electronic record of your vaccination.

2. Via mail - visit web address below, PRINT and fill out the 1-page form, mail to the address at the top of the form.

www.state.nj.us/health/forms/imm-46.pdf



For printed forms or additional assistance, visit the Middletown Township Public Library Reference desk or Town Hall.



Middletown Recognizes International Overdose Awareness Day

Middletown recognized International Overdose Awareness Day (August 31st) with a proclamation at the August 16th Township Committee Meeting. Angela Pepe-Lage, Director of Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex accepted the proclamation along with Kimberly Kratz, Chairperson of Middletown Municipal Alliance (MMA) and now Township Committeewoman. Crossroads is a New Jersey licensed facility that provides free alcohol and drug abuse service to all Middletown residents. MMA is a community-based volunteer organization that works to prevent substance abuse and other at-risk behaviors through education and awareness.



Town Hall was illuminated purple throughout August in recognition of overdose awareness.

The Township partnered with the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County to set up a purple flag display along Highway 35 in front of Town Hall to honor the 51 lives lost to overdose in Monmouth County as of March 31st this year.

If you or a loved one need help with battling addiction, call Crossroads at 732-615-2277 or email crossroads@middletownnj.org.

The Middletown Municipal Alliance wants to help you

DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATION SAFELY

Dispose of unused medication from:





- DEATH OF LOVED ONE
- PAST SURGERIES OR DENTAL WORK
- VETERINARY MEDICATION

Please Note:

- 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.





DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL? DO NOT FEAR, THE ARTS CENTER IS HERE!

The MAC will continue to offer day camp programming for elementary school students when the 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

2021 Dates: Nov. 11, Dec. 27-31 (Dec. 31 is a half-day for New Year's Eve)

2022 Dates: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Apr. 15, Apr. 18-22



Join the MAC!

Volunteers are needed for events and to serve on the Board of Trustees, Art Advisory Council, and Teen Arts Council at the MAC. Part-time instructors are also needed. If you have a skill or talent that you would like to share with the community, please reach out to the MAC at artscenter@middletownnj.org and help them grow!

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! \$30 per child (sibling discount). For children ages 3+ (MUST be potty trained). Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited so register early!

November 19th - Descendants 3 (6-9 pm)

Come have a wickedly good time!

December 4th - Gingerbread Houses (Two sessions: 10am-2pm and 5-9pm) *extra fee

Decorate and take home your very own full-sized gingerbread house!

December 17th - Elf on the Shelf (6-9 pm)

Come dressed in your favorite holiday pajamas and make a present for your Elf on the Shelf!

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.

December 10th at 7pm, December 11th at 3pm and 7pm, and December 12th at 3pm

Have a Blast at Doodle Dude, Doodle Dawn, and Miss Fish Parties!

This terrific trio takes the party to a whole new level! Watch for upcoming dates for their special drop-off parties. Come to one of the MAC's parties or schedule your own custom birthday party packed with fun and creativity.

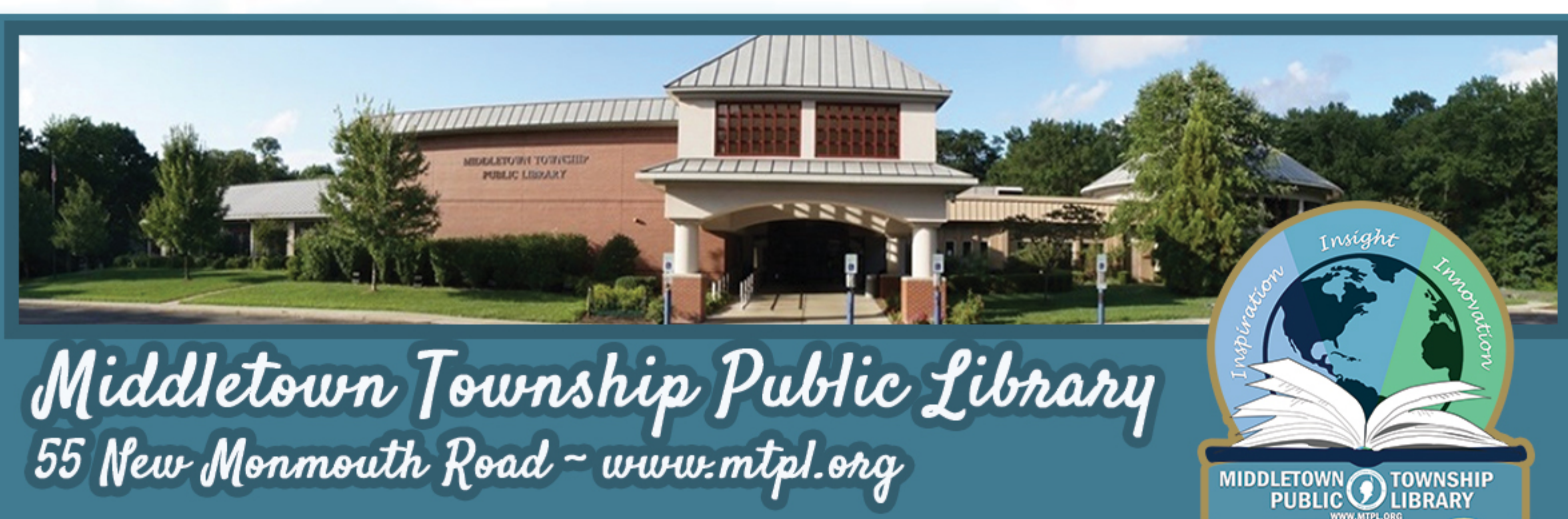
DUNBAR REPERTORY 2022 SEASON ANNOUNCED

Dunbar Repertory Company is a resident theater company that brings diverse, entertaining, and educational theatrical events to the community.

Their 2022 season will include:

- "Minstral Show," a Black History Month Production, February 18-20 & February 25-27
- "Colored Girls," a Women's History Month Production, March 18-20 & March 25-27

For more information and to buy tickets, please visit www.middletownarts.org.



Save the Date: Programming for Adults

Genealogy for Adults via Zoom: 11/9, 7-8pm

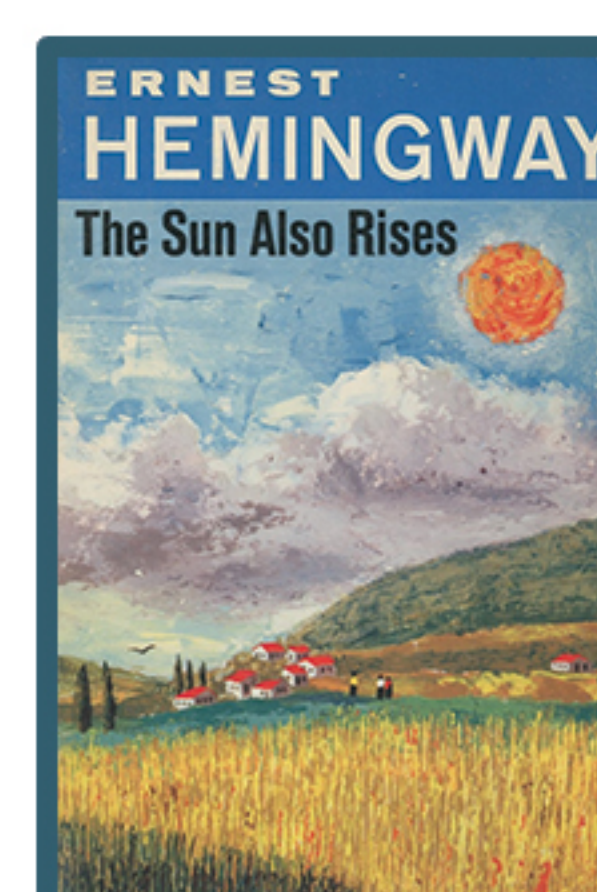
Painting Class - Seasonal Tea Light Candle Holder: 11/17, 3:30-5pm

1920's Book Club - *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway: 11/22, 7-8pm

Band of the Two Rivers Holiday Concert: 12/11, 2-3pm

Shore Voices Holiday Concert: 12/14, 7-8:30pm

1920's Book Club - *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf: 12/20, 7-8pm



Save the Date: Family Programming

Centennial Bingo Reading Challenge ~ ages 2-12

September - December

Pick up or download a Centennial Bingo board and participate in bingo challenges through December! Separate boards are available for children (ages 2-12) and teens! Submit your completed bingo boards to be entered into monthly raffles!

Centennial Storywalk ~ featuring pictures from the 1920s

September - December

To celebrate 100 years of MTPL, revisit the 1920s through the Centennial Celebration Storywalk. Get outside and breathe in the fresh air while you read and look at pictures inspired by the 1920s.



GIRLS WHO CODE (& BOYS, TOO!) ~ grades 6-12

November - December

Learn the fundamental concepts of coding in a supportive and positive environment with Girls Who Code! No prior coding experience necessary.

DIY Thankful Tree: It's a Centennial Celebration

11/9, 6:30-7pm

Reflect on your blessings and create your own "Thankful Tree" to use in your holiday celebrations!

Materials, including real branches, will be provided for this fun craft. Open to children ages 9-12.

ORGANIZED CRIME: PROHIBITION ERA WITH EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY

11/10, 3:30-4:30pm

Embark on an in-depth virtual exploration of vice, scandal, and the struggles Eastern State faced in the early 20th century. This guided program highlights organized crime figures who spent time at Eastern State, including "Scarface" Al Capone.

Eyes of the Wild Animal Program presented by Wallaby Tales

11/11, 11-11:45am

Travis Gale, owner and main presenter of Wallaby Tales, will bring an assortment of interesting animals to the library. This show is always a family favorite. Prepare to be entertained and learn something new!



Centennial Multi-Generation Ornament Making

12/2, 3:30-4:30pm

Create an MTPL-themed ornament in the Community Room! Fun for all ages!

Holidays Around the World

12/6, 6:30-7:15pm

Celebrate holidays from all over the globe—the Lohri Festival, St. Lucia Day, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and more with Bright Star Touring Theatre of Asheville, NC, a national professional touring theater company.



Millennial vs. Gen Z Battle of the Books

12/8, 7-8pm

Do you love book trivia? Compete in an epic battle between generations! Open to teens and adults.

CHECK OUT THE MTPL'S NEW MOBILE APP!



The MTPL Mobile App

Available on the App Store and Google Play Store



Now with built-in self check-out!

Visit mtpl.org/mobile-apps to watch a tutorial and learn more!





MIDDLETOWN RECREATION



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

Special Events

TURKEY SOCCER SHOOTOUT

Saturday, 11/20 (10:00am)



Think you've got the best penalty kick in town? Put your skills to the test at Middletown Recreation's Turkey Soccer Shootout & Food Drive! Players will shoot from the designated area that is 12 yards away from the goal line. Aim for the target to score points. Open to participants ages 5-99. Awards will be given to the top three scorers in each age group.

Letters From Santa

Nov 15 – Dec 15

Our Middletown Elves will once again be collecting letters and delivering them directly to the North Pole! Special mailboxes will be placed around town. To help our elves, please download the "Letter to Santa" template from our website and then deliver the letter (postage free) to any of our mailboxes. Santa will respond with a personalized letter to your child! Letters are free, but please consider making a donation to the Middletown Arts Center. To ensure delivery by Christmas, mailboxes will be removed on Thursday, December 16th. For complete details, please visit Recreation's website (www.middletownnj.org/recreation) in November.



Menorah Lighting and Santa & Friends Drive-By Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, 12/5 (4:30pm & 6:00pm)

Celebrate a night full of holiday festivities! Hop online or head to the MAC for a Menorah Lighting at 4:30pm. Join Middletown Recreation at 6:00pm virtually or find a viewing spot along the route for a Christmas Tree Lighting. The Tree Lighting will be followed by a holiday performance and a Christmas-themed Kahoot Trivia Game!



11TH ANNUAL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

December

Come on out for a jolly good time while Middletown Recreation collects toys this holiday season! All toys will be given to Middletown residents in need. Due to COVID-19, Recreation is extending the usual 1-day tournament to span the course of two weeks. The first week will consist of practice games and the second week will be the tournament. Please visit Recreation's website for the exact schedule in November. Registration closes Monday, November 29th.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TURKEY TROT HIKE

Wednesday, 11/24/21 (2:00pm)

Come stretch your legs before your Thanksgiving feast! Participants will hike the trails of Poricy Park, enjoy the beautiful scenery, and keep their eyes peeled for wildlife. The hike will take about an hour and will be roughly two miles. Adults are required to stay with all children. Geared for children ages 5+, but younger hikers are welcome.

LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR – MOONRISE HIKE

Monday, 12/20/21 (4:30pm)

Join Recreation for a hike on the longest night of the year! Bundle up and enjoy beautiful Poricy Park in the early evening. A headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Warm up after with hot cocoa by the fire and then watch the moon rise.

MURRAY FARMHOUSE OPEN: STORIES BY CANDLELIGHT

Thursday, 12/23/21 (4:00pm)

Celebrate the holidays at the Murray Farmhouse! Sip hot cider and enjoy the warmth of the hearth fire as you listen to a costumed instructor read seasonal stories. Fun for all ages!



TRACK-HUNTING HIKE

January 2022, TBA Weekday (4:00pm)

A few days after snowfall is a great time to see which animals are active in the winter. We'll wait for the snow, and then schedule a hike! The hike will last approximately one hour and cover 1.5 miles of easy terrain, with only one large hill. Warning: the amount of snow will make walking more strenuous.



MAPLE TREE-TAPPING

Thursday, 2/10/22 (4:00pm)

In the dead of winter, trees begin to prepare for spring. Join Recreation to drill holes, hammer in tappers, and hang buckets – the first steps of making maple syrup! The walk down and back is approximately .5 miles total.

FOSSIL HUNT

Sunday, 4/24/22 (11:00am)

Early spring, after the freeze-thaw erosion cycles of the winter, is often when the best fossil finds are unearthed! The Poricy Brook Fossil Beds will have Cretaceous-Era marine fossils in abundance. A guide will supply equipment for screening fossils and identifying your treasures.

Fall Exercise Programs

GONE RUNNING FALL TRAINING

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:30pm, Poricy Park
Gone Running, LLC is a youth program that provides positive experiences through running and fitness training that ultimately leads to living a vibrant and healthy lifestyle! The program is designed to make fitness enjoyable so children get the best, most consistent and lasting results. Registration includes a t-shirt, end-of-season competition and award. Please wear running shoes and bring water.

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

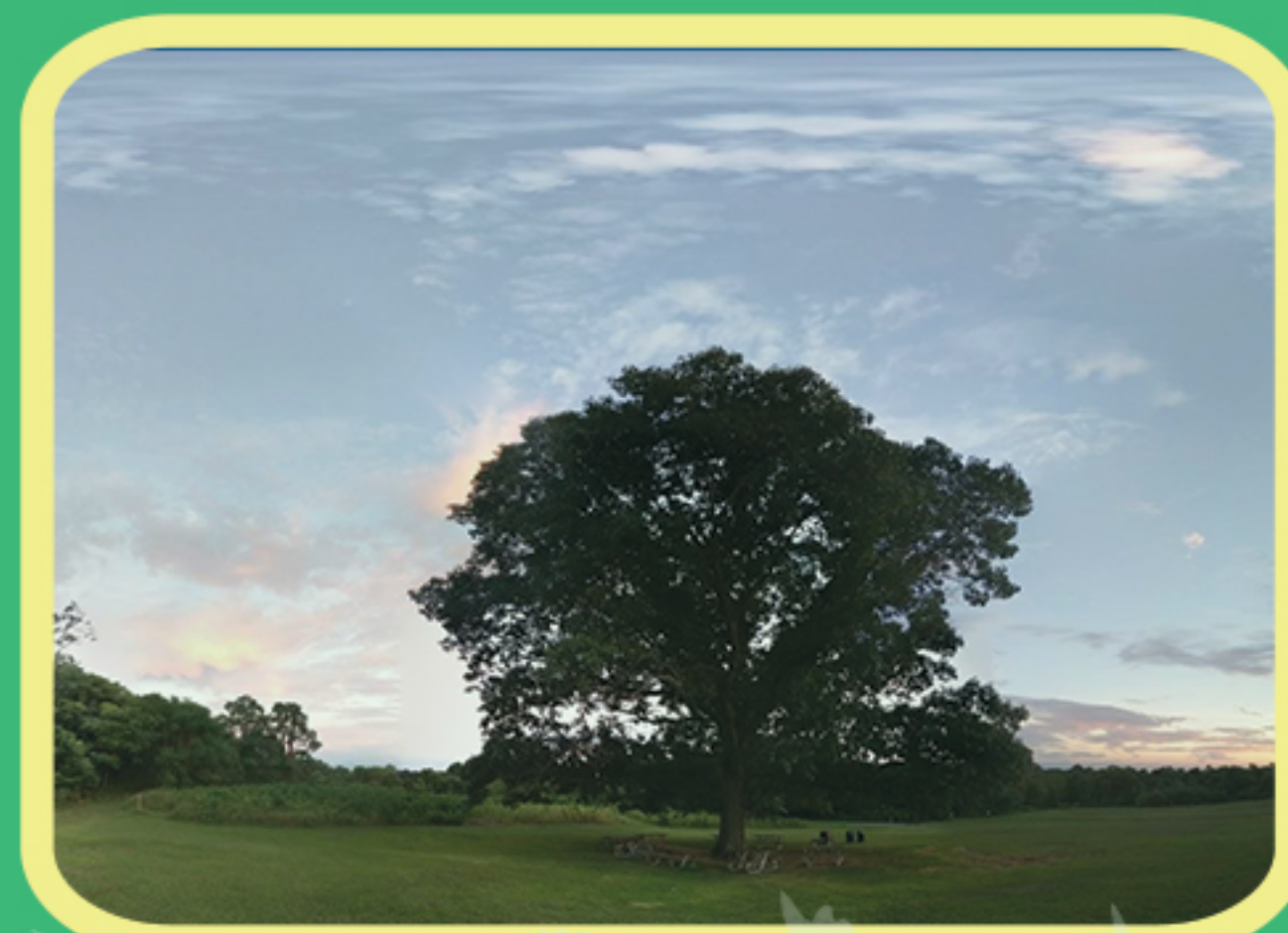
Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:30pm, Croydon Hall Gym
Great exercise and socialization! Enjoy this co-ed sport with teams picked weekly. No prior experience is necessary.

YOGA

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30pm, Croydon Hall Gym
Join June Somma of Hot and Soul Yoga in this weekly class. Work through 60 minutes of yoga to awaken and restore your body. This total body workout targets and tones every muscle group while elevating the heart rate to create cardiovascular endurance.



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Ever Tried Geocaching?

If you've heard about geocaching but aren't sure where to start, Middletown Recreation's geocaching challenge course is the perfect introduction! Recreation will supply you with a GPS Garmin Device, instructions, map, and challenge. Find all three locations hidden in the park and win a prize. The course takes about an hour to complete on easy trails.

Snow Day? We've Got Cross-Country Skis to Rent!

If school is closed, but municipal offices are open, drop by Poricy Park to rent cross-country skis. Easy for beginners and no lift ticket required! Recreation stocks a range of adult and child sizes (boots, skis and poles); availability is first-come, first-served.



AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB



Tuesdays (4:00pm-5:00pm) | Grades K-2
Wednesdays (4:00pm-5:00pm) | Grades 3-5

Don't wait for next summer to continue your Poricy science adventures. There are STEM activities to do, nature to explore and fun to be had!



**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION
BEGINS MARCH 22!**

Middletown Seniors



The Middletown Senior Center is excited to be open again! Membership is free for residents ages 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. The Center's goal is to provide a place where activity and participation will improve your quality of life.

The Senior Center offers a variety of trips, classes, clubs, and games. This includes educational speakers, arts and crafts, painting, chorus, bowling, billiards, knitting, Mahjong, Pinochle, weekly movies, and fitness classes. The Senior Center also hosts bi-monthly birthday parties, seasonal events and so much more! To learn more or to register, please call (732) 615-2265 or visit www.middletownnj.org/seniors.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday – 12:30pm Move to the Groove/ Chair Cardio
Tuesday – 10:15am Brain and Body Class
Wednesday – 10:00am Gentle Strength
Thursday – 10:00am Chair Yoga
Friday – 10:00am Tip, Toe, Tap and Gentle Strength (Alternating Weeks)

SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM
THE GRAMERCY AT LAKESIDE MANOR (410 NJ-36, HAZLET)
TICKETS REQUIRED

CALLING ALL SCOUTS!

Poricy Park offers guided programs for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Whether you're a Brownie, Bear or any other level, Middletown Recreation has a badge-specific program for you!

BOOK YOUR PROGRAM TODAY!

- Fossil Hunts
- Guided Hunts
- Badge-Specific go-Minute Adventures
- Space Permits

SCOUT MAPLE SUGARING PROGRAMS



Saturday, February 19th (8:30am-2:30pm) & Saturday, February 26th (8:30am-2:30pm)

Registration begins Wednesday, December 1st

With cold nights and warm days, the later months of winter is the perfect time for maple sap in New Jersey. Join Recreation to learn why you can collect sap only during this time of the year, how to identify maples and other trees in the winter, and how boiling increases solution concentrations to create syrup! The one-hour session includes a hike, experiment and checking on tapped trees. These programs will also be available during the week for homeschool groups from Friday, February 11th - Thursday, March 3rd. Pick the day that works best for you!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Programs require pre-registration.

For a complete listing of fees, times, locations and more information, please visit Middletown Recreation at

www.middletownnj.org/recreation.



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW ECOLOGICAL GARDEN

In September, the Township of Middletown celebrated the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Ecological Garden located at the Department of Public Works & Engineering (52 Kanes Lane). The Ecological Garden was created to serve as an extension to the Recycling Center tours the Township provides to children of all ages to highlight the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling.



To kick off the event, the Township invited two local Girl Scout Troops, Troop 127 from Leonardo Elementary School and Troop 61124 from Nut Swamp Elementary School, to take the first tour. The girls had the opportunity to walk through the “Garbage Garden” to see the creative ways items that were discarded at the Recycling Center can be repurposed.

“I am so grateful to work in a town that values sustainability and education,” said Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino. “It is only through education that we can make a lasting change, and we hope this garden will inspire children to be proactive and innovative in their approach to sustainability and recycling.”

The Eco-Garden is part of the Township’s plan to upgrade the Middletown Recycling Center later this fall, and represents its ongoing commitment to a greener tomorrow. If you would like to schedule a tour of the Recycling Center, please contact Jessi Ticino at 732-615-3223 or email jticino@middletownnj.org.

THE MIDDLETOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS SEEKING

SEASONAL WORKERS

ROAD MAINTENANCE
PARK MAINTENANCE
BUILDING MAINTENANCE
FLEET MAINTENANCE
RECYCLING & CLEAN COMMUNITIES

VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/JOBS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

NEED WOOD MULCH?

Mulch delivery is available for residents.
Visit www.middletownnj.org/mulch
or call 732-615-2109 for more information.



FALL 2021 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

COLLECTION ZONE	START DATE
A, B, C, D, J, L	Monday, 11/22
I, G, E	Monday, 11/29
F, K, H	Friday, 12/10

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

COLLECTION START DATES OF INDIVIDUAL ZONES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT.
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE COLLECTION IN EACH ZONE.

LEAF COLLECTION ONLY - NO BRUSH UNTIL SPRING!

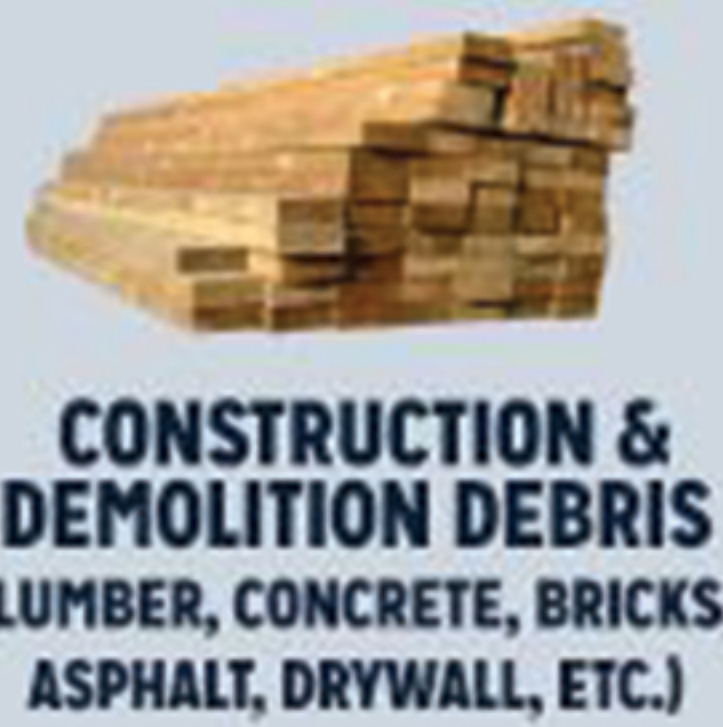
DO NOT SET OUT LEAVES AFTER YOUR ZONE HAS BEEN COLLECTED - Violators will be charged up to \$1,250 for a separate individual collection. Do not place material at the curb earlier than 7 days before your zone's start date. Brush, tree stumps, lumber, plywood, fence posts, railroad ties, or garbage will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

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN BULK COLLECTION:



THESE ITEMS MUST BE RECYCLED BY BRINGING THEM TO THE RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) OR BY CALLING DPW AT 732-615-2090 TO HAVE THEM PICKED-UP CURBSIDE FOR A FEE (YARD WASTE AND STYROFOAM EXCLUDED). PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS CURBSIDE WITH REGULAR RECYCLING OR BULK.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT CONSIDERED BULK AND ARE NOT RECYCLED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER:



THESE ITEMS MUST BE DISPOSED OF AT THE PROPER SOLID WASTE OR RECYCLING FACILITIES.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

UP TO 4 PIECES OF BULK AT 75 LBS MAXIMUM, EACH, ARE PERMITTED FOR BULK DAY. ITEMS MUST BE LESS THAN 6 FEET IN LENGTH.



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FOR UPDATES SENT VIA TEXT OR EMAIL INCLUDING:

- ✓ PERSONALIZED COLLECTION CALENDARS
- ✓ EMERGENCY COLLECTION NOTIFICATIONS
- ✓ WHAT GOES WHERE LOOK-UP TOOL

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STILL NOT SURE IF YOUR ITEM IS BULK? EMAIL A PICTURE TO BULK@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG.