

SPRING 2022

MIDDLETOWN MATTERS



Photo by Margaret Schwarz Balsamo

Message from Mayor Tony Perry



Two years ago, the Township Committee promised that Middletown would emerge from the pandemic stronger. We didn't close our parks for a single day, we didn't sacrifice much-needed investments in our infrastructure, and most importantly, we *did* deliver on the promises we made. I am proud that Middletown led by example and continued to move forward while others fell years behind.

As we look toward our community's future, the Township has many exciting projects on the horizon that will benefit residents of all ages and with varying interests:

- Our Veterans Housing project on Leonardville Road in Belford is entering the final stages of design and site preparation. We expect construction to begin later this year.
- The restoration of the historic Leonardo Beacon has begun. We look forward to unveiling this important Bayshore treasure this summer.
- We will be using Green Acres funding to renovate 16 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, as well as install a dog park at Tindall Park.
- We will also be making some capital improvements to the playground at McMahon Park in North Middletown. The funds will be used to give the playground a complete overhaul, so it offers something different for all members of our community. It will be the Township's second fully inclusive playground - the other is at Croydon Hall in Leonardo—and will include rubber surfacing, as opposed to the more common wood chip surface, creating even greater accessibility. Additionally, Middletown received \$200,000 from the County's Open Space Fund that will be used to create six pickleball courts at McMahon Park.
- A skatepark design is also in-the-works for Kunkel Park in Leonardo, and there are plans for a new ADA-friendly playground at Lincroft Acres.

Meanwhile, Township employees have started to move into our state-of-the-art municipal complex. The old Town Hall will be demolished, and the contractor will begin grading and paving a large parking lot to accompany the new building. You can visit www.middletownnj.org/municipalcomplex to view a time-lapse video of the progress of the building's exterior from start to finish.

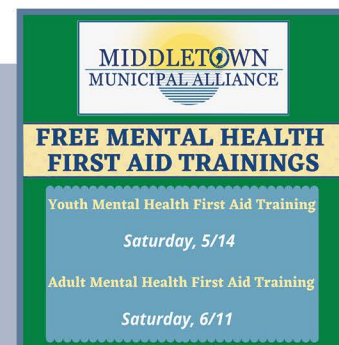
We intend to host a grand opening this summer to celebrate this new and exciting chapter in our Township's history. I am honored to serve as your Mayor and I look forward to all that we will accomplish this year together!



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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE 2022



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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OFFICIALS

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MIDDLETOWN HOLDS ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING: MAYOR TONY PERRY AND DEPUTY MAYOR RICK HIBELL SERVE IN 2022



Tony Perry holds his daughter Reagan while Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden swears him in as mayor and his wife Alannah stands by him.

On January 2nd, Middletown made history by hosting its annual reorganization meeting for the first time inside the courtroom of the new municipal building. Local dignitaries, residents, and friends and family attended the meeting both in person and virtually. Tony Perry and Kimberly Kratz were sworn in to the Township Committee by Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch. This is Perry's second three-year term and Kratz's first term.

Under the Township's form of government, the Township Committee designates two members to serve as mayor and deputy mayor for a one-year term. The Township Committee selected Tony Perry to serve as mayor for the fourth consecutive year and Rick Hibell to serve as deputy mayor for the second consecutive year. Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden swore in Perry for his mayoral role, and Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch administered Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell's oath of office.

Our 2022 fire chiefs and EMS chiefs were sworn in by Mayor Perry. All volunteers of our emergency service organizations, boards, and commissions also accepted their oaths of office at the meeting.



Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell repeats his oath of office, administered by Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch, while his family proudly watches.



Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, supported by her husband, sons, and parents, raises her right hand as Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch swears her in to office.

All photos courtesy of Tom Zapcic Photography

TAX COLLECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring! The Tax Department has completed its transition to a new online payment portal. Visit www.middletownnj.org/taxpayment to print your current tax bill, pay your quarterly tax payment, view your assessed value, as well as see your payment history over the last two years. A third-party fee will still be charged for any payments submitted through the online portal.

2018 Homestead Benefit Credits MAY be applied to the May 2022 tax quarter. If you receive an adjusted tax bill, please pay the new amount shown. Taxes are due May 1, 2022, with a ten (10) day grace period. Any payment received by mail MUST be in the office no later than 4:00 PM Monday, May 10, 2022, to avoid interest charges.

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) applications have been mailed by the state. The deadline for filing the application is October 31, 2022. For information, please visit the state's website at www.njtaxation.org and select "Senior Freeze" or call the Senior Freeze Hotline at 1-800-882-6597.

The 2022 Final/2023 Preliminary tax bills will be mailed in July. The August quarter due date is August 1, 2022. Please review your tax bill for the last day to pay without interest. If you need to reach the Tax Department, please call 732-615-2086.

THANK YOU!

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies	9-1-1
Police Department Non-Emergency	615-2100
Municipal Offices (All numbers have a 732 area code)	
Main Number	615-2000
Animal Control (Monday - Friday, 8am- 5pm)	615-2097
Animal Control (holidays, nights & weekends)	615-2100
Building & Inspections	615-2106
Communications	615-3226
Community Development	615-2281
Court Administrator	615-2036
Code Enforcement	615-2106
Crossroads (substance use services)	615-2269
Emergency Management	615-2129
EMS (First Aid)	615-2252
Fire Prevention	615-2270
Health	615-2095
Library	671-3700
Mayor's Office	615-2024
Middletown Arts Center	706-4100
Planning	615-2098
Public Works	615-2090
Recreation	615-2260
Recycling	615-2090
Senior Center	615-2265
Tax Assessor	615-2089
Tax Collector	615-2086
Township Administrator	615-2013
Township Engineer	615-2110
Township Clerk (elections, marriage/birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Twp. Committee agenda)	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	

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

GET PASSPORT READY!

Are you planning to travel abroad this year? Don't wait until the last minute to apply for or renew your passport!

For more information and/or to book your appointment, please call the Middletown Passport Acceptance Agency at 732-615-2014, visit www.middletownnj.org/passports, or head to the Middletown Town Hall Passport Acceptance Agency at the Clerk's Office located at 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ 07748.

Applications are accepted by appointment between the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. Walk-in applications are accepted between the hours of 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday. Passport application fees are set by the U.S. Department of State and can be found at www.middletownnj.org/njpassports.

Middletown's Passport Acceptance Agency can take your passport photo on site for \$10.00.

****IMPORTANT**** Fees should be the same for every official Passport Acceptance Agency. Before you agree to have a third-party passport service assist in expediting your passport, please call Middletown first to make sure you are not paying extra for a service you do not need.

Middletown Welcomes New and Returning Businesses!

Frozen Flavors Homemade Ice Cream & Italian Ice Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



In March, Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were honored to cut the ribbon at Frozen Flavors Homemade Ice Cream & Italian Ice's (490 Palmer Avenue, North Middletown) grand

opening along with owners Tatiana and Jordan Rivera, staff, family, and friends! Be sure to welcome them to our community by stopping in for a tasty treat!

SALUS GRAND REOPENING

In November, Mayor Tony Perry celebrated the grand reopening of Salus (1680 NJ-35, Fountain Ridge Plaza), along with owners Angela and Gino Salveo, staff, and supporters! Salus is a barbell club that focuses on CrossFit and nutrition. Salus originally came to Middletown in 2013 as CrossFit Salus and then rebranded as Salus in 2020.



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AND NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES EDUCATE SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS ABOUT PLASTIC BAG BAN



New Jersey Clean Communities Executive Director JoAnn Gemenden breaks down the new law for small-business owners.

This February, Middletown Township and New Jersey Clean Communities hosted an informal question and answer session for small-business owners about the new plastic bag and polystyrene ban that will be enforced in New Jersey beginning May 4, 2022. The purpose of this session was to educate local business owners about the details of the plastic bag and polystyrene ban and how it could impact their business, and provide some tips about how they can best prepare. Mayor Tony Perry hosted the event and voiced the Township's continued support for its businesses as they play a vital role in the fabric of our community. Other presenters included Township Administrator Tony Mercantante and New Jersey Clean Communities Executive Director JoAnn Gemenden, who broke down the law and answered questions.

The new law, which will go into effect on May 4th, will ban the following:

- o Single-use plastic bags, regardless of thickness, at grocery stores and retail establishments
- o Single-use plastic bags, regardless of thickness, at grocery stores and retail establishments, as well as paper bags at grocery stores equal to or larger than 2,500 square feet
- o Polystyrene foam take-out food containers and other products such as plates, cups, food trays, and utensils

The goal of the law is to reduce the amount of plastic/polystyrene pollution in New Jersey which will have long-term positive impacts on both the environment and our communities.

For more information about this law, or to watch the presentation, visit www.middletownnj.org/bagupnj.

MIDDLETOWN BUSINESS OWNERS:

Save the date for our annual

SMALL-BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE



WHEN?

Monday, May 9th at 8:00 AM

WHERE?

Training Room at New Town Hall
(1 Kings Highway)

ROSS BREWING CO. & ALMOST HOME GENERAL COLLAB TO CREATE CINNAMON BUN STOUT!



Pictured from left: Ross Brewing Co. owner John Ross Cocozza, Mayor Tony Perry, and Almost Home General owner Rob Doran

In February, Middletown-based businesses Ross Brewing Co. and Almost Home General partnered to create Buns & Barley, a cinnamon bun stout that was brewed at Ross Brewing Co. with Almost Home's cinnamon buns.

Look for Buns & Barley in stores and on tap! Follow Almost Home (@almosthome-general) and Ross Brewing (@rossbrewing) on Instagram for more details.

BUSINESSES SUPPORTING BUSINESSES



LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS:

JOIN THE THANK A VETERAN PROGRAM



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

Thank a Veteran Program

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

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



COMMUNITY CORNER



FORMER COMMITTEEWOMAN PAT SNELL RECEIVES KEY TO MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

Former Committeewoman Pat Snell received a heartfelt farewell ceremony at the October 18th Township Committee Meeting. Mayor Tony Perry highlighted Pat's accomplishments while serving on the Township Committee from 2018 to 2021 and presented her with a Key to the Township, an engraved clock, and the original rendering of the "Rise of Hope" fountain that will be installed at the Township's 9/11 WTC Memorial Gardens. Pat worked tirelessly to raise funds for this important community project. For more information about donation opportunities, please visit www.middletownremembers911.com.



Pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, former Committeewoman Pat Snell, Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Kevin M Settembrino

Bayview Elementary School Teacher Amy Jennings Receives Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award

In March, the Township Committee presented Amy Jennings with the 2021 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award in honor of her philanthropic Heroes Program. Ms. Jennings, a special education teacher at Bayview Elementary School, has fostered a positive, inclusive environment for her students and has taught them the importance of paying it forward through the Bayview Heroes Café. The heroes working at the café continue to raise money for local organizations and groups, including No Limits Café and our veterans.



The Middletown Township Committee, joined by Board of Education President Frank Capone and Bayview Elementary School Principal Tara Raspanti, surprised Amy Jennings with the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award while she was teaching.

YOUTH RESIDENTS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS



Mayor Tony Perry stands with Madelyn Lewis, K-9 Titan, and handler Officer Mike Heaton.

Last fall, the Middletown Township Committee recognized residents Madelyn Lewis and Hailey Keiser for their amazing achievements. Madelyn is the founder of Mady's Paws and raised \$4,125 for the Middletown Township Police Department's K-9 unit. She hosted a raffle and sold an assortment of items, including handmade bracelets, t-shirts, cookies, and hot chocolate.



Mayor Tony Perry and softball player Hailey Keiser show off her award and certificate.

Softball player Hailey Keiser won in her age division (13/14) at Middletown Recreation's MLB Pitch, Hit & Run competition in August. She advanced to the Team Championship level in Philadelphia, PA where she won first place and was ranked top three in the tristate area!

TROOP 246 BOY SCOUT EARN EAGLE SCOUT RANK

James Abbes of Boy Scout Troop 246 was recently promoted to an Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor Ceremony that took place at Lincroft First Aid Station. Committeeman and Eagle Scout Ryan Clarke attended the ceremony to present James with a certificate on behalf of the Township Committee.

To attain this prestigious rank, James constructed a 4' by 8' shed for the Middletown Fire Academy instructors to store gear for incoming firefighters. Along with volunteers, James devoted over 100 hours to complete the shed, demolish an old structure that the academy didn't need, and clean up the surrounding area.



Pictured from left: Assistant Scoutmaster Joseph Valentino, Scoutmaster Michael Mead, Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Chaballa, Eagle Scout James Abbes, and Assistant Scoutmasters William Jenkins, Daniel Kon, and Vincent Hallisay. Photo courtesy of Bart Sullivan

Bayview Elementary School Students Sing Christmas Carols at Town Hall



Mayor Tony Perry enjoys Christmas carols as Bayview ASL Teacher Ms. Mary Pat Harrington signs the lyrics.

Students from three multiple disability classes (Grades K-5) at Bayview Elementary School brought some holiday cheer to Town Hall by singing and signing Christmas carols in ASL for members of the Township Committee, Middletown Township Police Department, and Township staff. The students also presented Mayor Tony Perry with \$200 they raised for our veterans. They presented the money in an envelope and paper soldier they designed, which will be featured at the incoming veterans-only affordable housing complex in Belford.

TOWNSHIP PRESENTS INFINITE LOVE FOR KIDS FIGHTING CANCER WITH DONATION FROM 2021 MAYOR'S CHALLENGE



Recreation Director Janet Dellett and Mayor Tony Perry proudly present a check from the Mayor's Challenge to local non-profit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer.

Earlier this year, Mayor Tony Perry and Middletown Recreation Director Janet Dellett presented Middletown-based charity Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer with a check for \$1,706 from the money raised through registrations for the third annual Mayor's Challenge. People were also given the opportunity to donate without registering for any of the races, which resulted in an additional \$1,390!

Middletown High School South Girls Swim Team Wins Shore Conference Championship

In February, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee, along with Board of Education President Frank Capone and Member Joan Minnuies, presented congratulatory certificates to the Middletown High School South Girls Swim Team and their inspirational coach Denise Skinner for their Shore Conference victory.



TOWNSHIP HONORS CONCORDIA FAMILY WITH FIRST MIDDLETOWN MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD



MTFD Chiefs Bernard Chenoweth III and William Kane, Jr. join Mayor Tony Perry in presenting the Township's first Making a Difference Award to the Concordia family.

In January, the Township Committee, alongside Middletown Township Fire Department chiefs, presented the first Making a Difference Award to the Concordia family for spearheading the first annual Middletown Luminaria Night. With the help of neighborhood volunteers, this family of five from Lincroft sold luminaria kits throughout town and raised nearly \$11,500 that was divided between our all-volunteer fire department and Middletown Helps its Own. What a great way to ignite our community spirit during the holiday season!

MIDDLETOWN VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PERFORMS WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT VETERANS-ONLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEX LOCATION



On Veterans Day 2021, the Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) added another location where a monument will be installed for those who fought in the War on Terror. Members of the VAC and Committeeewoman Kimberly Kratz met at the future location of the Township's veterans-only affordable housing complex in Belford to lay a wreath where the monument will be dedicated.

Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz stands with members of the Veterans Affairs Committee after the wreath-laying service on Veterans Day. Every Veterans Day, the VAC places a wreath at each war memorial/monument heritage site in Middletown to honor those who have served.

Stride and Ride Relay Tactical Team Dedicates Capriotti Plaque

In October, national non-profit Give2Those Stride and Ride Tactical Team stopped by the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street) to pay their respects and present a custom-made, wooden flag plaque that was made with "purpleheart" lumber to Greg Capriotti. Greg's father, late Middletown Township Police Department Detective Lt. Joseph Capriotti, was known as the "keeper of the list" of the residents we lost on 9/11 and personally notified every single family who lost a loved one that day. He ultimately gave his life for 9/11 and died from a related illness. Greg, who is a New Jersey State Trooper, spoke about his father's legacy and was honored to receive the plaque on behalf of his family.



The Stride and Ride Tactical Team, Greg Capriotti, and members of the Township Committee, MTPD and community come together at the monument dedicated to Detective Lt. Joseph Capriotti after the program held at the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens.

BAYSHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY HONORS VETERANS



Bayshore Middle School invited Mayor Tony Perry and Committeeewoman Kimberly Kratz to view a flag mural that their 6th and 7th grade Social Studies classes created in honor of Veterans Day. The school also donated a beautiful wooden U.S. flag that will be placed in the lobby of the future veterans-only affordable housing complex located in Campbell's Junction.

Pictured from left: Committeeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Mayor Tony Perry, Army Servicewoman and Bayshore Middle School Special Education Language Arts teacher Sgt. Cheyenne Sommers, Bayshore Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Gannon, and Bayshore Middle School Principal Michael Scarano

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES THREE OFFICERS

In January, Mayor Tony Perry performed the ceremonial swearings-in for three officers being promoted by the Middletown Township Police Department. Officer Anthony J. Gigante was promoted to Lieutenant, Officer Brady M. Carr was promoted to Sergeant, and Officer Stephen G. Greenwood was promoted to Sergeant.

Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Chief John Kaiser, Sergeant Brady Carr, Sergeant Stephen Greenwood, Lieutenant Anthony Gigante, Deputy Chief Robert Stefanski, and Police Chief Craig Weber



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AND VFW POST 2179 HOST 64TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE



In November, Middletown Township and VFW Post 2179 partnered to host its 64th annual Veterans Day Parade. This year's theme was "Thank You for Guarding the Gates of Freedom" and was dedicated to all veterans for their service. The Color Guard, Grand Marshal, Buddy Poppy Queen and King, and VFW Post 2179 Commander and Auxiliary 2179 led the parade with honored guests, including the Middletown Township Committee and Naval Weapons Station Earle Commander Ed Callahan and his wife Krista.

The parade continued with Middletown High School North and South's marching bands, antique cars, local VFW Posts, VFW Riders, American Legion Post 515, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 721, Middletown Elks 2179, and local scout troops. Emergency personnel vehicles, including our First Aid and Rescue, Fire Department, Police Department and Explorers, and Office of Emergency Management followed. The parade concluded with a lunch at Post 2179 where members of the community bonded with local veterans and signed cards for hospitalized veterans who couldn't be there to celebrate.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Tuesday, August 2nd

Time & Location - TBD

A national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships.

"Together, we are making communities safer, more caring places to live."

MIDDLETOWN AUXILIARY POLICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! RECEIVE FIRST HAND EXPOSURE TO POLICE WORK

REQUIREMENTS:

- MINIMUM OF 18 YEARS OLD
- NO CRIMINAL RECORD
- GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION
- COMMIT TO 160 HOURS TO THE AUXILIARY ACADEMY
- MINIMUM OF 150 HOURS A YEAR OF ACTIVE DUTY
- WILLINGNESS TO WORK LONG HOURS IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS



FOR INQUIRIES CALL LT. ANTHONY GIGANTE AT 732-615-2075 OR EMAIL AUXILIARY CHIEF DAVE DEIGERT AT PDEIGERT01@COMCAST.NET.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



MEET OUR 2022 MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEFS!



Volunteers of the Middletown Township Fire Department, along with friends, family, and members of the Township Committee attended the 2022 Fire Chiefs Election at Belford Engine Fire Company in December. Congratulations to elected Fire Chief Bernard Chenoweth III, Deputy Chief John Waltz Jr., First Assistant Chief William Kane Jr., Second Assistant Chief Anthony Fulciniti, and Third Assistant Chief Daniel P. Kelly on their appointments.

Pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Third Assistant Chief Daniel P. Kelly, Second Assistant Chief Anthony Fulciniti, First Assistant Chief William Kane Jr., Deputy Chief John Waltz Jr., Fire Chief Bernard Chenoweth III, Mayor Tony Perry, and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell

MTFD FIREFIGHTER ROBERT A. CARHART AWARDED KEY TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

In December, Mayor Tony Perry and the Township Committee presented volunteer firefighter Robert "Bobby" A. Carhart with a plaque and Key to the Township for his 50 years of dedicated service to Middletown Township Fire Department Company #1. Bobby led Company #1 as both Captain and President, and is one of the founders of the Special Services Unit. He continues to make an impact by serving on the Fire Safety Unit and Office of Emergency Management.

Key to the Township recipient Robert A. Carhart proudly stands with First Assistant Fire Chief John Waltz, Committeeman and Ex-Chief Ryan Clarke, Mayor Tony Perry, Ex-Chief John Gorseigner, Jr., and Deputy Mayor and Ex-Chief Rick Hibell.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MIDDLETOWN FIRE ACADEMY'S GRADUATES!



Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were honored to attend the Middletown Fire Academy's graduation in December. This program lasts for five months and trains incoming firefighters throughout Monmouth County. Seven out of the seventeen graduates are Middletown residents and are now serving on the Middletown Township Fire Department.

Pictured from left: Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, 2022 First Assistant Chief William Kane Jr., 2021 Fire Chief John Friedmann, MTFD graduates and newest recruits Ashley Glenn, Francis Szklarski, Matt Morton, Steven Rodermann, Russell Levi, James Franzek, Mayor Tony Perry, 2022 Fire Chief Bernard Chenoweth III, and 2022 Deputy Chief John Waltz Jr.

On Veterans Day, Lincroft Fire Company stopped by Lincroft Elementary School to fly its large 35' x 20' American flag hanging from Tower Ladder 200. Fire company members then worked with about forty 5th grade students to teach them proper flag folding etiquette.

Students at Lincroft Elementary School learn how to properly fold the American flag with members of Lincroft Fire Company.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.



[FACEBOOK.COM/MIDDLETOWNNJEMS](https://www.facebook.com/middletownnjems)

Middletown Township Fire Department

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS



www.MTFDNJ.org



Volunteers Wanted

Emergency Management

Monthly Meeting

Train Online

732-615-2129

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 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 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. 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 the Township's website (www.middletownnj.org) for the 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. Refer to Chapter 423 & Chapter 540 for Middletown's adopted stormwater pollution ordinances. More stormwater-related topics can be found at www.cleanwaternj.org and www.middletownnj.org.

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 June 2022. Property surveys, appraisals, permits, and easement acquisitions are underway to allow the construction of a floodwall & levee system along Route 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. Construction 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.

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



Pictured from left: Patrolman Doug Habermann, Patrolman Michael Pintille, Corporal Janine Kennedy, and Patrolman Felipe Caamano

MTPD Participates in Operation Take Back New Jersey

In October, Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) participated in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's Operation Take Back New Jersey. Officers greeted and thanked residents who dropped off unused and/or expired medications to help prevent drug addictions, overdoses, and combat the opioid epidemic.

We encourage residents to dispose of any unwanted medications through our "Project Medicine Drop Box" located in the lobby of the Middletown Township Police Station (1 Kings Highway).

HOW TO FIGHT THE BITE THIS MOSQUITO SEASON

Now that spring has sprung, we can count on a few things -- warmer days, spring showers, May flowers, baseball games -- and mosquitoes! Since many diseases can be spread by these insects, remember to take time this season to focus on controlling the mosquito larvae before they become biting adults.

Instead of relying on pesticides, you can help break the mosquito breeding cycle by getting rid of anything on your property that can hold water. Even tiny items that don't allow water to drain have the potential to allow mosquitoes to lay eggs and their larvae to grow.

Remove or turn over any containers such as buckets, unused kiddie pools and bird baths, wheelbarrows, old toys, or planters that don't drain. Clogged gutters and flexible downspouts should be addressed to allow water to completely drain. All pool covers need to be drained, and if pools are not being used and properly filtered/sanitized, they should be drained or covered.

After only seven days, adult mosquitoes emerge from the larvae that grow in stagnant water. By eliminating standing water now, less effort will need to be placed in ridding your yard of them when they become flying adults.

If mosquitoes still end up buzzing around your property after all standing water has been addressed, you can contact the Middletown Health Department at 732-615-2096, Code Enforcement at 732-615-2104, or the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division at 732-542-3630 for possible mosquito control solutions.

1 in 5 American teenagers and adults live with a mental illness.



Learn how to help through Middletown Municipal Alliance's

FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

The Middletown Municipal Alliance is partnering with the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County to provide free Mental Health First Aid Trainings in May and June. Trainings will take place at Crossroads (730 Newman Springs Rd.)

Youth Mental Health

First Aid Training

Saturday, 5/14 - Time is TBD

Register by Saturday, 4/30



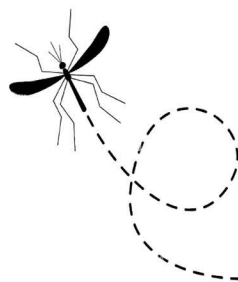
Adult Mental Health

First Aid Training

Saturday, 6/11 - Time is TBD

Register by Saturday, 5/28

Training sessions are open to all, regardless of experience, and capped at 30 participants. Visit www.middletownnj.org/mhfa for more information about the program and to apply.

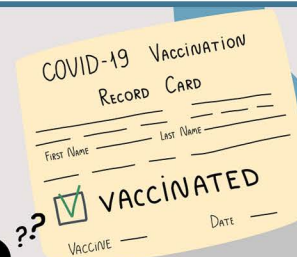


What to do if you lose your vaccine card

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.



What do I do with my

UNUSED MEDICATION?

IF YOU HAVE UNWANTED, UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATION, WE HAVE EASY DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR YOU.

Drop off

ANONYMOUSLY DROP OFF IN THE "PROJECT MEDICINE DROP BOX" IN THE LOBBY OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE STATION.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
• 1 KINGS HIGHWAY MIDDLETOWN



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
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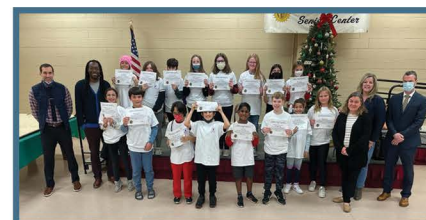
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AT 732.615.2277 OR VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MUNICIPALALLIANCE.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE'S PROJECT P.L.U.S. GRADUATES!

Over the winter, 5th graders from Bayview, Fairview, Leonardo, and Navesink elementary schools graduated from Middletown Municipal Alliance's (MMA) Project P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students). Project P.L.U.S. is a free, after-school peer leadership program that teaches students the personal, health, and legal consequences of dangerous substances and how to become a leader in their community.

MMA's ever-growing program has since expanded to include 8th graders and 11th graders. Please contact Angela Pepe-Lage at apepe-lage@middletownnj.org or 732-615-2277 if you are interested in the program and have any questions about registration dates.





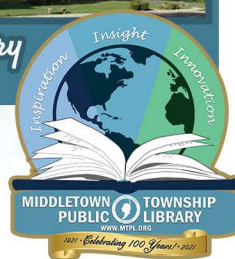
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55 New Monmouth Road ~ www.mtpl.org

MTPL DONATES TO WTC MEMORIAL GARDENS FUND



The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) donated a \$5,000 check to the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens Fund in December. While presenting the donation, Library Board President Bill Bucco spoke about the library's mission to preserve history during its centennial year and how this contribution can help.

Pictured from left: Committeeman Ryan Clarke, Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell, MTPL Board President Bill Bucco, Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Committeeman Kevin Settembrino



Save the Date!
10.28.22
Middletown Township Public Library
GALA
For sponsorships, tickets or information contact
alindner@mtpl.org or call 732-671-3700 x. 354

MTPL RECOGNIZES FOUR HONOREES AT CENTENNIAL GALA

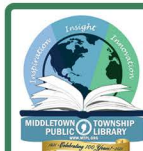
The MTPL presented four prestigious inaugural awards at its 100 Year Celebration Gala to the following recipients: Linda and Abe Littenberg (Joyce Murphy Imagination in Education Award), the Kolber family (Outstanding Philanthropist Award), Whirl Construction (Business Generosity Award), and Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. (Historic Preservation Award). The gala was held in October.

"As our library celebrates 100 years of service, it is essential that we also look to honor those in our community whose care and service have contributed so much to the people of Middletown," said Library Director Heather Andolsen.

The MTPL will be hosting another gala on Friday, October 28th. Follow the library on its social media channels and visit www.mtpl.org for more information.



Donned in 1920s apparel, the MTPL's gala honorees pose with their awards. Pictured from left: Whirl Construction, Abe and Linda Littenberg, the Kolber family, and Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq.



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TRY SELF CHECK-OUT
with the MTPL mobile app



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



New for You
IN '22

CHROMEBOOK & HOTSPOT KIT



Computer and internet access at home -
FREE with your Middletown Library card!!

Contact the reference desk for more information
732-671-3700 ext 320

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55 New Monmouth Road
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Middletown Arts Center
36 CHURCH STREET
732-706-4100
WWW.MIDDLETOWNARTS.ORG



Celebrating 15 Years of Community & the Arts
15 YEARS
MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

DID YOU KNOW...
The award-winning Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year! The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) is also celebrating a milestone of 15 years since opening its doors in 2007. The MAC would like to thank friends near and far for their ongoing support and commitment to the arts.

JOIN THE MAC!
The Middletown Arts Center is looking for individuals to JOIN THE MAC! The Center is seeking instructors and teaching artists in visual and performing arts, part-time staff, volunteers, and new Board of Trustee members. Letters of inquiry and résumés can be mailed to the MAC (36 Church Street) or emailed to mobrien@middletownnj.org.

Celebrating 20 Years of Community & the Arts
20 YEARS
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP CULTURAL & ARTS COUNCIL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SAVOR THE ARTS: INDIA
SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 1:00-4:00P



SAVOR INDIA

An immersive experience in the arts and culture of India.

AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE ARTS AND CULTURE OF INDIA
FEATURING PERFORMANCES, MUSIC, FOOD TASTINGS, ART EXHIBITS, CRAFTERS, VENDORS, AND MORE!

**REGISTER NOW FOR
SUMMER ARTS CAMPS!**
CAMPS BEGIN IN JUNE.

DON'T MISS AN EVENT OR NEW PROGRAM!
VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNARTS.ORG TO SIGN UP FOR THE
WEEKLY E-BLAST AND RECEIVE THE LATEST NEWS!

MAC INTRODUCES NEW THEATER COMPANY: THE MAC PLAYERS

The Middletown Arts Center is extremely proud of the enormous success of its new community theater company: The MAC Players. The community's support for its first production, *Shrek the Musical*, was amazing and the show received rave reviews. The MAC has been a cultural and artistic hub in Middletown for 15 years now and this new, intimate theater company has become a core part of its programming. While the MAC will continue to bring a wide range of theatrical performances through its popular Children's Theater Program, The MAC Players offers new and exciting performance opportunities for older teens and adults.

The MAC is operated by the non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, the Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council. The council's mission, which directly aligns with that of The MAC Players, is to enrich the community through arts programming. Please visit www.middletownarts.org for more information about The MAC Players, including upcoming auditions and performance schedules.





MIDDLETOWN RECREATION



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Special Events

MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

APRIL - OCTOBER

VARIOUS MIDDLETOWN LOCATIONS

The 2022 Mayor's Wellness Campaign will help guide our community to live happier, healthier lives! In-person activities will be available during select months. Registration is required for all activities, regardless of pricing. For additional details, dates, and registration information visit: www.middletownnj.org/wellness.

MAY - YOUTH BIKE RODEO

In partnership with the Middletown Township Police Department, the Youth Bike Rodeo teaches children various bike safety skills by using simulated real-life situations. Children will have their bicycles and helmets inspected and fitted, then ride through a skills course to learn bike safety techniques. Open to kids in grades K-6.

JUNE - SENIORS CONVERSATION OF YOUR LIFE

In conjunction with New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute, the Conversation of Your Life presentation for seniors speaks to the importance of advance care planning and end-of-life preferences. Advanced care planning offers seniors and their families clarity and piece of mind. A boxed lunch will be provided for all who register.

AUGUST - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out (NNO) will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 2nd. NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Middletown Township Police officers will be on site to engage with the public, give demonstrations, and have fun! Stay tuned for the announcement of more interactive activities.

OCTOBER - MAYOR'S 5K CHALLENGE

The 4th annual Mayor's Challenge will take place on Saturday, October 22nd. The race route meanders through one of the hidden gems of Middletown - Poricy Park! Join Recreation bright and early for a 5K Fitness Walk, a family-friendly 1-mile Fun Run, or gear up for the 5K Race - the choice is yours!

MOTHER-SON CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH | 5:00-8:00P

CROYDON HALL TURF FIELD, 900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD, LEONARDO

Team up with your son for an exciting night of cornhole! Double elimination format guarantees each team at least two games. Games will be played under the lights on the turf field as the sun sets. A custom cornhole set will be awarded to the top mother-son team in each grade! Registration includes a boxed dinner.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH & SUNDAY, MAY 15TH | 8:30A- 4:00P

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

Pre - registration required to be included on the map.

Join Recreation for a town-wide garage sale! By registering for this event, you'll be able to add your items to the database. Price includes a lawn sign and your items featured on a mobile-friendly webpage to advertise your sale. Sellers have the option to participate on either Saturday, Sunday, or both dates. In the event of inclement weather, you can decide whether to continue with your sale. If you wish to donate any items that did not sell, please contact the United War Veterans Council at 1-888-821-8982.

Daddy-Daughter Luau

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH | 5:00-8:00P

IDEAL BEACH, BAYSIDE PARKWAY, NORTH MIDDLETOWN

Calling all dads and daughters! Join Recreation on the beach for a fun evening of music, dinner, dancing, and games. This year's Daddy-Daughter Dance is luau-themed. Bring your beach chairs, blankets, and best Hawaiian apparel for this great event.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

THURSDAYS | JUNE 23RD, JULY 28TH, AUGUST 25TH | SUNSET

6/23: Space Jam A New Legacy - Poricy Park Nature Center Lawn

7/28: Jungle Cruise - Ideal Beach

8/25: Sing 2 - Croydon Hall Great Lawn

Join Recreation to watch a family film in the park! This free and fun event is held at various locations throughout Middletown. Make sure to pack your chairs and blankets. Movie snacks are welcome.

Middletown Night at the BlueClaws

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND | 7:05P

FIRSTENERGY PARK, 2 STADIUM WAY, LAKEWOOD

Join Recreation for a night of baseball and fun! Watch Mayor Tony Perry throw the first pitch and cheer on the home team. Make it a family night - the special theme is Marvel!

MIDDLETOWN DAY

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

CROYDON HALL GREAT LAWN, 900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD

Halloween Hullabaloo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH | 4:00-6:00P

Poricy Park, 345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown

Free! Middletown Residents Only

Tonya Keller Community Center



MIDDLETOWN PRESCHOOL

LOCATED AT THE TONYA KELLER COMMUNITY CENTER

ADDRESS: 50 BRAY AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN

Join in on the fun and love for learning in Middletown Preschool's small teacher-to-student ratios. Its certified Early Elementary Education teachers have over 30 years of classroom management. The age-appropriate curriculum includes: social skills, arts & crafts, stories, music, numbers, letters, shapes, colors, science, sight words, writing skills, physical education, and games.

Typically, the preschool's schedule mirrors the Middletown Board of Education's schedule. Classes are expected to span 10 months, beginning mid-September and ending mid-June. Please be aware that your child's age on October 1, 2022 will determine the class they will be registered for. The preschool offers full and half day options. Rolling admissions available. Visit www.middletownnj.org/preschool for more information and pricing.



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Poricy Park Drop-in Programs

Drop-in programs are available Monday-Friday (9:00a-4:00p) without reservations at the Poricy Park Nature Center (345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown).

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

Looking for an outdoor adventure for your child's next birthday party? Poricy Park has themed science and nature parties appropriate for ages 4-10. Popular topics include Fossil Hunting, Pond Netting, and Wild Kratt Adventures. Each 2-hour party includes 90 minutes of instructor-led activities and 30 minutes of "party room" time.

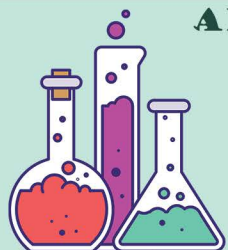
Basic paper goods provided; all food is supplied by birthday family.
Price is \$315.00 for 15 children (\$8.00 per additional child, up to 25 total).

FIND FOSSILS IN MIDDLETOWN!

Ready to head out to the Poricy Brook Fossil Beds but not sure where to start? Drop by Poricy Park Nature Center to see the types of fossils you will find and rent an equipment set (\$5.00/set) that includes a screen, trowel, field guide, and directions.

Ever Tried Geocaching?

If you've heard about geocaching, but aren't sure where to start, Recreation's geocaching challenge course is an amazing introduction. Recreation will supply you with a GPS Garmin Device (\$5.00 rental/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.



AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

Tuesdays (4:00-5:00p) | Grades K-3 | \$90.00
Spring Session (6 weeks | \$90.00) 4/5/22 - 5/17/22
(no class 4/19/22)
Fall Session (6 weeks | \$90.00) 9/20/22 - 10/25/22

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

Mark Your Calendars!

Pre-registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middletownnj.org/signup.
Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees.

MURRAY FARMHOUSE OPEN HOUSES

Saturday, 4/30/22 (10:00a-5:00p) and Sunday, 5/1/22 (12:00-5:00p)

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 at Old Monmouth". See this outstanding example of a middle class colonial-era farmhouse and barn. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to give short tours and answer questions. Free!

HALLOWEEN HULLABALLOO

Saturday, 10/29/22 (4:00-6:00p)

For Halloween, the Murray Farmhouse is going spooookey as part of Middletown Recreation's Halloween Hullabaloo. Free!

PUBLIC FOSSIL HUNTS

Wednesday, 5/11/22 (4:00-5:00p)
Sunday, 5/22/22 (11:00a-12:00p)
Wednesday, 6/15/22 (4:00-5:00p)

Sunday, 6/26/22 (11:00a-12:00p)
Sunday, 7/24/22 (11:00a-12:00p)
Sunday, 8/28/22 (11:00a-12:00p)
Sunday, 9/25/22 (11:00a-12:00p)

Check out fossil hunting for great family fun all summer long! The Poricy Brook Fossil Beds have Cretaceous era marine fossils in abundance. Recreation's guide will supply screening equipment for fossils and help you identify treasures. \$5.00 per participant (ages 5+).

Middletown Seniors

900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737
732-615-2265



SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH - OLDER AMERICANS LUNCHEON

Tickets on sale beginning Monday, April 18th.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH - FATHER'S DAY MINI GOLF OUTING & LUNCH AT TST BRO

TUESDAY, JULY 5TH - ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MUSIC BINGO, PATRIOTIC SONGS

Wear your red, white & blue!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST - SO LONG TO SUMMER PICNIC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST - HALLOWEEN & COSTUME PARTY

"HAND KNITTING CLASS" Tuesdays, May 3rd, 10th & 17th from 11:00a-12:00p
This class is beginner level and will help improve cognition and dexterity.

"BREATHWORK CLASS WITH MEGAN" Tuesday, May 24th at 11:00a
Breathwork reduces stress, improves energy levels and sleep, and helps reduce pain.

Events at the Senior Center range from daily exercise classes, weekly art classes, monthly "Paint & Sip" classes, educational speakers, card games, Mahjong, bingo, seasonal themed parties, and entertainment. Come to the Center - a place where friendships are made and there is something for everyone to enjoy!

CALLING ALL SCOUTS!

Poricy Park offers guided programs for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, both weekday and weekend afternoons. Rates start at \$90.00 for a 90-minute program. Whether you're a Brownie or a Bear (or any other level), Recreation has a badge-specific program for you!

Fossil hunts are by far Recreation's most popular program and perfect for an outdoor adventure! The guide will supply materials for fossil screening, take the lead in identification, and tell you where to dig to find the best stuff.

Want something shorter? Recreation offers 30-45 minute guided hikes that are ideal for a quick after-school meetup. \$5.00 per child. Topics include: Evergreens, Tracks, Nature Photography, Invasive Plants, and many more!

Permits are available for these rental spaces: Fire Pit, Fossil Beds, and the Green Pavilion.

Hint! Hint! Scout programs also make great trips for homeschool groups or outdoor birthday parties!



SPRING 2022 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT.

COLLECTION ZONE TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP .	START DATE PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.	COLLECTION RANGE BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE RANGE. PLEASE LEAVE BRUSH OUT AT THE CURB UNTIL ZONE IS COMPLETE.
A,B	MARCH 21	MARCH 21-MARCH 27
C,D	MARCH 28	MARCH 28-APRIL 3
F,H	APRIL 4	APRIL 4-APRIL 17
E,G	APRIL 18	APRIL 18-MAY 1
I,K	MAY 2	MAY 2-MAY 15
J,L	MAY 16	MAY 16-MAY 31

RESIDENTS MAY BRING BRUSH AND LEAVES TO THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER (52 KANES LANE) FREE OF CHARGE.
BRUSH IS ACCEPTED YEAR ROUND AND LEAVES CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1ST - JUNE 1ST.
BRUSH AND LEAF DROP-OFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

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

CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE AM I IN?

Visit www.middletownnj.org/zonemap to find your brush collection zone.

2. WHERE DO I GO FOR THE BRUSH COLLECTION STATUS?

Visit www.middletownnj.org/collection to find where crews are working.

3. HOW MUCH BRUSH CAN I PUT OUT?

Maximum volume of brush is 4 cubic yards (3 ft. wide, 2 ft. high, 18 ft. long).
Maximum limb length is approximately 3 ft. See picture as a reference.

4. WHEN CAN I PUT MY BRUSH OUT?

Place loose brush (not in bags) and tree parts at the curb no more than one week prior to your collection date. Do not place material on the street and/or sidewalks. This creates a serious hazard for children walking to school and other pedestrians, as well as an unsightly condition in your neighborhood.

Do not set brush out after your street has been collected.



5. THEY DIDN'T COLLECT MY BRUSH ON MY ZONE START DATE - WHAT SHOULD I DO? Hang tight! It takes approximately 10 days for crews to get through each collection zone.
6. WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED IN CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION?

- Stumps and logs greater than 8 inches in diameter will not be accepted curbside and are not accepted at the Middletown Recycling Center. Residents are responsible for removal of these items.
- Railroad ties, fence posts, and lumber are not accepted in curbside bulk collection or at the Middletown Recycling Center. These items are often coated in chemicals that make them toxic and therefore unusable as mulch. Residents are responsible for removal of these items.
- Leaves will not be collected in curbside brush collection. Curbside leaf collection occurs in the fall.

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FOR UPDATES SENT VIA TEXT OR EMAIL INCLUDING:

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

VISIT

WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/RECYCLECOACHAPP

TO DOWNLOAD ON
APPLE OR ANDROID DEVICES

Effective May 4, 2022, NJ Law will ban single-use plastic bags at all retail stores, food service businesses and grocery stores, as well as paper bags at grocery stores that are larger than 2,500 square feet. The law also bans food service businesses from providing polystyrene foam food products.

As of November 4, 2021, plastic straws are only available upon a customer's request.

For more information on the NJ Bag Ban Law, visit www.middletownnj.org/bagupnj or scan the QR code!



NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES COUNCIL REMINDS YOU TO

PLAN FOR THE
BAG BAN
MAY 4TH



**DON'T
FORGET
YOUR BAGS**

ADOPT-A-GARDEN PROGRAM

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP IS SEEKING GARDENERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPT-A-GARDEN PROGRAM FOR THE 2022 SEASON!

PERKS OF ADOPTING:

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
VOLUNTEER HOURS
SCOUT BADGES

BE A PART OF KEEPING MIDDLETOWN BEAUTIFUL!

EMAIL JTICINO@MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PARTICIPATE!

