



MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

Photo courtesy of Thorne Middle School student Madeline Pitzer



Message from Mayor Tony Perry

As Middletown Township looks to update its Master Plan this year, it is important for community members to understand the changes being proposed and how your tax dollars will be put toward open space preservation and smart redevelopment.

What's a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a comprehensive document adopted by the Planning Board that creates both a short- and long-term vision for the Township's future. It outlines a range of strategies and objectives for land use, historic preservation, recreation, transportation, and open space preservation and is updated periodically to ensure that it remains in line with the community's evolving needs.

Middletown's Approach to Open Space Preservation

The Township Committee and I are working diligently to protect environmentally sensitive areas, as well as preserve open space and expand and improve recreational facilities.

In November 2020, residents voted in overwhelming support to increase the open space tax from two cents to three cents per every \$100 of assessed property value. This money goes into our Open Space Trust Fund to help preserve the natural beauty of the Township for generations to come. The fund is utilized for acquisition of open space through a variety of means, one of which can be condemnations. The goal of land acquisition is largely to preserve farmland and natural areas as well as maintain and improve the quality of existing parks, trails, and recreational facilities. These funds have already been used to purchase and preserve Fairview Fields, which had been owned by Fairview Cemetery.

Right now, developers want to build more than 500 units near Memorial Sloan Kettering and Exit 114, which is a perfect example of why the Township would condemn a property to prevent this from happening. The West Nut Swamp Road site contains over 18 acres of undeveloped, heavily wooded land with environmentally sensitive areas such as steep slopes and wetlands. Middletown refuses to sit back and allow developers to destroy more open space.

Another example is the Mater Dei property. The high school closed in 2022 due to declining enrollment. The site contains more than 30 acres and substantial athletic facilities including baseball fields, a football field, and a track. It makes sense to put the school's already-existing recreational facilities to good use for the benefit of our community and surrounding areas rather than see it overwhelmed with new development. The former school structure is now obsolete and would be an ideal location for an indoor recreation facility as all the necessary infrastructure, including parking and utilities, is already in place. If we do not take this step to preserve this property, there is too great a risk for this land to be sold for development purposes.

Smart Development

High density housing on every vacant property will not be Middletown's future. To help mitigate that, the Township is focusing on redeveloping properties that are already developed with the goal of putting housing, including affordable housing, near existing infrastructure such as utilities, transportation, and other resources. The idea is to encourage economic growth and put development where it belongs.

The Township has some creative options to put housing in locations that are far more appropriate. Consistent with the Township's methodology for identifying sites suitable for housing, we would pinpoint areas that are already paved, near public transportation, and present an opportunity for efficient use of existing infrastructure. This mixed-use approach also helps keep large office buildings economically viable and able to pay their share of property taxes.

Balancing Act

The key for any municipality facing the reality of today's varied special interests is to balance them all, particularly the complex relationship between economic development and preservation. The Township's Master Plan and Open Space and Housing Plan amendments are essential tools in shaping the future of our community. By allocating open space funds to preserve suitable areas and being strategic about what areas to redevelop, the Township aims to create a sustainable and balanced growth pattern that benefits all residents. Your support and understanding of these plans will contribute to the ongoing success and vitality of Middletown.

Ty Perry

DENNIS BEAUREGARD RECEIVES INAUGURAL VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

At the end of last year, Middletown Township Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) Chairman and Vietnam veteran Dennis Beauregard received the inaugural Veteran of the Year Award from the Township Committee. With the help of fellow VAC member Bob Siemer, Mayor Tony Perry presented Dennis with an engraved award to show appreciation for his tireless efforts to advocate for veterans in our town and across the state. Bob spoke about his admiration for his fellow comrade and revealed that going forward the award will be deemed the Dennis J. Beauregard Veteran of the Year Award. After Dennis received the award, he and Bob presented the Mayor and Township Committee with Middletown's We Value Our Veterans Award. The Township received the award from Governor Phil Murphy at the state's official Veterans Day ceremony. The award recognizes communities, businesses, and academic institutions that honor the sacrifices, patriotism, and bravery of New Jersey's service members. Visit www.middletownnj.org/veterans for information about the VAC.

Pictured from left: Township Committee members Kevin Settembrino, Ryan Clarke, and Kimberly Kratz, VAC member Bob Siemer, 2022 Veteran of the Year Dennis Beauregard, Mayor Tony Perry, and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell



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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE 2023



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

Photo courtesy of Brian Anderson Photography

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STAY IN TOUCH



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP RINGS IN 2023 WITH ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

Middletown Township held its annual reorganization meeting on New Year's Day. Rick Hibell and Kevin Settembrino, who were elected in November, were sworn into the Township Committee to serve their three-year terms.

The Township Committee selected Tony Perry to serve his fifth consecutive year as mayor. Rick Hibell was chosen to serve as deputy mayor for his third consecutive year. The 2023 Middletown Township Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services chiefs were also sworn in by Mayor Perry. Additionally, Middletown volunteers who were appointed to various boards, commissions, and committees were given their Oath of Office.



Tony Perry stands alongside his wife, Alannah, and their children Reagan and Grant as U.S. Naval Weapons Station Earle Commanding Officer Captain Ed Callahan swears him in.



Monmouth County Commissioner
Director Tom Arnone swears in
Kevin Settembrino.



Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden
swears in Rick Hibell as the Deputy Mayor.

All photos courtesy of John Vitollo

Tax Collector's Message

Happy Spring! We encourage property owners to visit the Tax Collector's landing page at www.middletownnj.org/taxcollection for information, resources, and answers to some of the most frequently asked questions.

Don't have a computer? No worries! You can always call the Tax Department Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at 732-615-2086 and a staff member will be happy to assist you.

NOTE: Please call ahead before making your May 1, 2023 payment in person as the office may have moved from the Croydon Hall Municipal Complex (900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo) to Town Hall (1 Kings Highway).

Thank you!

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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| Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies | 9-1-1 |
| ALL NUMBERS BEGIN WITH THE 732 AREA CODE | |
| Police Department (Non-Emergency) | 615-2100 |
| Municipal Offices | |
| Main Number | 615-2000 |
| Animal Control (Monday - Friday, 8a-4p) | 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 | 706-4110 |
| Planning | 615-2098 |
| Public Works & Engineering/ Recycling | 615-2090 |
| Recreation | 615-2260 |
| Senior Center | 615-2265 |
| Social Services | 615-2085 |
| Tax Assessor | 615-2089 |
| Tax Collector | 615-2086 |
| Township Administrator | 615-2013 |
| Township Engineer | 615-2110 |
| Township Clerk (elections, permits, marriage/birth/death records, parking permits, passport services, voter registration, Twp. Committee agenda) | 615-2015 |
| 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 email the Mayor's Office at
mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org.

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.



FEES & PROCESSING TIMES

Passport application fees are set by the U.S. Department of State and can be found at www.middletownnj.org/njpassports. 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 Passport Acceptance Agency can take your passport photo on site for \$10.00
- Acceptance Facility Execution Fee: \$35.00
- Routine Service 10-13 Weeks: \$130.00 Adult, \$100.00 Minors 15 Years and Under
- Expedited Service 7-9 Weeks: \$60.00 in addition to Routine Service Fee

Greene Street Joinery Receives Middletown's 2022 Green Business Award



The Township Committee presented its 2022 Green Business Award to Greene Street Joinery (213 Wilson Avenue, Port Monmouth)! The furniture shop operates in an environmentally friendly way by choosing lumber that is native and sustainably harvested, using chemical-free finishes, and making pieces that are multigenerational and can be used for decades.

Pictured from left: DPW & Engineering Director Ted Maloney, Mayor Tony Perry, Greene Street Joinery co-owners Rob Barone and Jeff Krug, and former Recycling & Clean Communities Coordinator Jessi Ticino

MIDDLETOWN PROUDLY WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES!

- BAYSHORE AND THE MONTECALVO FAMILY OF COMPANIES (1041 NJ-36)
- BRIGHT EYES OPTOMETRY (500 NJ-35 UNIT 510)
- LIQUIVIDA WELLNESS CENTER (1500 NJ-35 SUITE 3)
- SATORI ACADEMY (1381 NJ-35 SUITE 21)
- UNDERGROUND GYM (327 NJ-35)



SATORI ACADEMY GRAND OPENING

Mayor Tony Perry and County Commissioner Director Thomas Arnone invite local business owners to our annual

SMALL-BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

This wonderful event will take place during National Small Business Week on Monday, May 1st. Details will be finalized soon.

Interested in attending? Email mayorsoffice@middletownnj.org or call 732-615-2024 to be added to the invite list.

HISTORIC SABATOS PRIME MEATS CLOSES ITS DOORS

In March, Sabatos Prime Meats closed its store in Campbell's Junction after 62 years of service in Middletown. The family-owned and operated business originally opened in Newark in 1918 and moved to Irvington in 1939 before opening on Main Street in Belford in 1961. It moved to its final location in Campbell's Junction in 1978, where it operated for 45 years.

Sabatos has been a longtime staple in our community. Their friendly customer service and quality products will be greatly missed.

We wish owners and cousins, Andy and John Sabatos, a well-deserved retirement!



Photo courtesy of Sabatos Prime Meats

Next Generation Support Program Wraps Up

Middletown Township and Bright Connections Tutoring Center (517 Newman Springs Road) partnered to offer free tutoring services to students who suffered learning loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Next Generation Support Program. The successful 6-week program was held at the Middletown Township Public Library and began in January. Over 200 students from elementary school through high school participated and improved in their core subjects.

Suzi's Sweet Shoppe Celebrates 25 Years of Business

In November, Suzi's Sweet Shoppe (1100 NJ-35) invited patrons to its store in honor of its 25th anniversary! Combining its love for family, community, and chocolate, Suzi's Sweet Shoppe has established itself as a fixture in our township.



Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger celebrated this "sweet" occasion by presenting proclamations from both Middletown Township and the State Assembly.

Mayor Perry, Committeewoman Kratz, and Assemblyman Scharfenberger pose in front of the delicious desserts as Suzi's Sweet Shoppe employees show off their proclamations!

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS INVITED TO 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 dozens of business owners in 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



Cub Scout Packs Stuff Backpacks with Items from Back-to-School Supply Drive

Middletown Recreation, Social Services, and Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz were thrilled to join local Cub Scout packs for a backpack stuffing event! The packs used donations from our joint Back-to-School Supply Drive to fill 50 backpacks.



Girl Scout Troop 60014 Partners with "The James Giving Tree" and Collects Donations for James J. Howard Veterans' Outpatient Clinic



Mayor Perry and Committeewoman Kratz were honored to attend this special event. (Photo courtesy of Troop Leader Kyle Darnell)

Girl Scout Troop 60014 hosted their annual tree lighting ceremony at Leonardo State Marina Nature Center. These Leonardo Brownies welcomed friends, family, and community members to celebrate the holidays and donate unwrapped toys and clothing for local veterans and their families. Mayor Tony Perry, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Leonardo Elementary School Principal Peter Smith, and Troops 60508 and 60238 showed up to support them. Troop 60014 partnered with nonprofit "The James Giving Tree" for this incredible fundraiser. The donations were hand-delivered to the James J. Howard Veterans' Outpatient Clinic in Brick Township by Girl Scout Troop 60014 Leader Kyle Darnell's aunt, Debby Dailey, in memory of her son James Veth who was a Marine.

BOY SCOUTS SOAR TO EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Congratulations to the following residents who were recently acknowledged at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremonies:

- Eamon Sullivan, Troop 246
- Stefan Gerin, Troop 246
- Nicholas Madden, Troop 246

Habitat for Humanity Hosts Building Event to Fundraise for Home Lot Donated by Township



Mayor Perry speaks about how proud he is of Middletown's involvement with this project.

In October, Mayor Tony Perry attended the opening ceremony for Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County's (HFHMC) 7th Annual "House that Rock Built" event in partnership with WRAT 95.9 and Monmouth Mall. The purpose of this event was to fundraise and construct frames for HFHMC's 61st affordable single-family home to be built on Ideal Avenue in Middletown. The property was donated by the Township.

Visit www.habitatmonmouth.org/volunteer to learn about volunteer opportunities with HFHMC.

INTERTRIBAL COUNCIL OF AT&T EMPLOYEES PLACE HISTORICAL MARKERS TO HONOR LENAPE NATIVE AMERICAN TRAILS IN MONMOUTH COUNTY

The Intertribal Council of AT&T Employees, a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has placed historical markers along several of the Monmouth County portions of the Lenape Great Navesink to Minisink Trail. Some of the signs are located near the entrance to the AT&T Middletown facility on Holland Road and on Kings Highway. Middletown Township, the Middletown Township Historical Society, and the Middletown Landmarks Commission, along with other organizations, provided significant support for this initiative.



Photo courtesy of Doug Ward

Cub Scout Pack 122 and Middletown Reformed Church Install "Little Free Pantry" on Kings Highway

Members and leaders of Cub Scout Pack 122, sponsored by New Monmouth Elementary School, unveiled its new "Little Free Pantry" across the street from the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway). The pack partnered with the church to create this wonderful opportunity for residents to donate and/or take nonperishables and supplies. The following quote is painted on the pantry: "Give what you can. Take what you need." We encourage everyone to check it out and follow this motto!



Committeewoman Kim Kratz was proud to show support and attend the installation ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Troop Leader Clare Russo)

Middletown Social Services also has its own food pantry. Please call 732-615-2085 to schedule a drop-off appointment and visit www.middletownnj.org/fpitems for a list of needed items.

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH GIRLS SOCCER TEAM WINS CENTRAL JERSEY GROUP III SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Township Committee recognized the players, coaches, and managers for winning the 2022 Central Jersey Group III Sectional Championship!

Mayor Tony Perry huddles in for a group picture with Assistant Coach Jody Smith and players.

River Plaza Elementary School Celebrates Centennial

In December, River Plaza Elementary School kicked off its "100 Years of Learning" celebration by unveiling a new statue in front of its property. Mayor Perry was honored to attend this community event and join the school in recognizing this milestone.



Hockey in Middletown Raises Funds for Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer in Honor of Beloved Resident Luca Iacono



Throughout January, Hockey in Middletown (HIM) held a fundraiser to raise money for Middletown-based nonprofit Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer. The organization hosted three games in which Middletown High School North and South's hockey teams competed to fundraise in memory of Luca Iacono. Luca was a beloved 11-year-old resident who passed away from cancer in 2019. More than \$27,000 was raised from the tickets sold and through fundraising pages from Middletown North, South, and Rumson-Fair Haven's high school hockey teams!

Pictured from left: Denise Carmody from HIM, Luca Iacono's parents Frank and Michele, Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer Founder/President Andrea Gorsegger, pediatric cancer fighters Brady Waltz and RJ Ferguson, Mayor Tony Perry, and "HIM" President Jocelyn Gottschalk (Photo courtesy of Infinite Love)

Middletown's No Limits Cafe Hosts 2nd Annual 5K

Mayor Tony Perry and Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell were happy to support No Limits Cafe's 2nd annual 5K this fall. No Limits Cafe (418 NJ-35) is a local 501(c)(3) organization that trains and employs adults with intellectual disabilities to run a restaurant. The lunch cafe advocates for inclusivity and empowers adults with intellectual disabilities — all while serving delicious meals!



2023 MTFD CHIEFS



Pictured from left: Chief John Waltz Jr.,
Deputy Chief William Kane Jr., First
Assistant Chief Anthony Fulciniti,
Second Assistant Chief Daniel P. Kelly,
and Third Assistant Chief
Kevin Morrissey

(Photo courtesy of MTFD Public Information
Officer Photographer Laurie Kegley)

VOLUNTEER WITH THE MTFD

Middletown Township Fire Department

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS



www.MTFDNJ.org

STAY SAFE WITH FIRE PREVENTION ADVISORIES!



Keep your family safe by staying up to date
with Middletown Fire Prevention's advisories.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/fpadvisories to
read them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE ACADEMY'S GRADUATES



Photo courtesy of MTFD Public Information
Officer Photographer Laurie Kegley

In February, firefighters graduated from
the Middletown Township Fire Academy.
Middletown is so proud of the graduates
for going through this rigorous and
challenging program to volunteer their
time to help keep our community
members safe.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY AND PORT MONMOUTH FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 CELEBRATE CENTENNIALS



Community Fire Company

In October, two MTFD companies celebrated their 100th anniversaries:
Community Fire Company and Port Monmouth Fire Company No. 1!

Mayor Tony Perry, Deputy Mayor and Ex-Fire Chief Rick Hibell,
Committeeman and Ex-Fire Chief Ryan Clarke, and
Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz attended the companies' separate
events to present proclamations and personally thank members for
their unwavering commitment to our all-volunteer fire department.



Port Monmouth Fire Company No. 1

Dedicated EMS Volunteer Thomas P. Somerville Honored for 50 Years of Service



In October, the Township Committee recognized Thomas P. Somerville for
volunteering 50 years of service to EMS' Fairview First Aid Squad. Tom has
undertaken many different positions and designed unique ambulances for the
squad. He still teaches a variety of classes and serves as a boat handler for the
Fairview Dive Team. The Township Committee celebrated this milestone by
proclaiming October 17, 2022 as Thomas P. Somerville Day.

Pictured from left: Mayor Tony Perry, Fairview First Aid Squad Volunteer Thomas Somerville, Fairview
First Aid Squad President Richard Yarczower and Captain Scott Agrusti, and Ex-EMS Chief Floyd Goldstein

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)

2023 EMS LEADERS



Pictured from left: Deputy Mayor Rick Hibell with
Deputy Chief Brian McKittrick, Chief Peter
Procopio, Department President Diane McGowan,
and Assistant Chief Marco Fernandes

(Photo courtesy of Middletown EMS)

MTPD PROMOTES FOUR OFFICERS AND SWEARS IN SIX NEW MEMBERS



In December, Mayor Tony Perry performed a ceremonial Oath of Office for four police officers who were promoted and six officers who were sworn in. Erica Weeks and Adam Colfer were promoted to Sergeant and John Soltysik and Stephen Keller were promoted to Lieutenant. The new officers sworn in were Chad Bacek, Anthony Bartolone, Joshua Chambers, John Foy, Dana McQuade, and Thomas Stone.

Pictured from left: Deputy Chief John Kaiser, Lieutenant Stephen Keller, Sergeant Erica Weeks, Officers Thomas Stone, Anthony Bartolone, and Joshua Chambers, Mayor Tony Perry, Officers John Foy, Dana McQuade, and Chad Bacek, Sergeant Adam Colfer, Lieutenant John Soltysik, and Deputy Chiefs Paul Bailey and Bob Stefanski (Ret.)

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 OF TRAINING AT AN 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.

MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber Inducted into Fairleigh Dickinson University's Chiefs' Circle

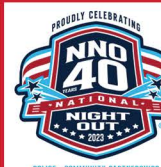


FDU President Dr. Christopher Capuono welcomed Chief Weber into the "Circle" at a red carpet event with many distinguished alumni. (Photo courtesy of Bill Blanchard Photography)

Police Chief R. Craig Weber was recently inducted into the Fairleigh Dickinson University Chiefs' Circle. The Chiefs' Circle recognizes honored alumni who have graduated from the School of Public and Global Affairs with a Master of Administrative Science Degree and have achieved the outstanding career status of Chief of Police in their respective law enforcement agencies.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Tuesday, August 1st
5:00 - 9:00 PM

Middletown High School North
63 Tindall Road

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

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

Please ensure that you OPT IN to the Township's emergency communications platform to receive real-time emergency alerts regarding public health and safety, traffic detours and severe weather by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777.

Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register via email.



VFW Post 2179 & Auxiliary Recognizes Middletown OEM Coordinator Charles Rogers III at Four Chaplains Service

In February, Middletown Township's Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Charles (Charlie) Rogers III was recognized at VFW Post 2179 and Auxiliary's annual Four Chaplains Service. The event was held in honor of the four chaplains who selflessly sacrificed their lives to save the troops aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, which was struck by a torpedo during World War II. Charlie received "The Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award" in recognition of his dedication to helping people.



Pictured from left: Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger, Committeewoman Kimberly Kratz, Charles Rogers III, Mayor Tony Perry, Assemblywoman Vicky Flynn, VFW Post 2179 Trustee Frank Cannon, and MTPD Chief R. Craig Weber (Photo courtesy of Anita Rogers)

Charlie is a lifetime member of the Middletown Township Fire Department, having served as Fire Chief in 1992 as well as a number of ranks in the Port Monmouth Fire Company, including Captain, President, and Trustee.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AND VFW POST 2179 HOST 65TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE

Middletown Township and VFW Post 2179 partnered to host their 65th annual Veterans Day Parade, which stepped off at Bayview Elementary School and ended at VFW Post 2179. The theme was "For Those Who Fought for Our Tomorrows".



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 29TH

THE ANNUAL PARADE BEGINS AT BAYSHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL (834 LEONARDVILLE ROAD) AT 10:00AM.



KNOW YOUR PROPERTY'S FLOOD RISK

Throughout Middletown there are areas with a high risk for floods from both bay and riverine flooding. To see your flood zone and base flood elevation, please visit www.msc.fema.gov/portal/home and search your address. Residents should reference the preliminary mapping for local building code purposes. To compare effective and preliminary mapping for a property, please use the FEMA Preliminary Flood Map Comparison Tool.

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 since the Township 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. Please contact a licensed insurance agent for more information.

For more information about CRS and floodplain management, residents can contact Stacy Krause, CRS Coordinator, at 732-615-2000 ext. 2167 or 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 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 waste contains bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause bathing beaches to close. 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 www.middletownnj.org/collection for the rules, guidelines, and schedules for leaf and brush collections. You can also find the brush 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 Chapters 423 and 540 for Middletown's adopted stormwater pollution ordinances. More stormwater-related topics can be found at www.cleanwater.nj.org and www.middletownnj.org/ordinances.

PORT MONMOUTH FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT UPDATE




The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Port Monmouth Flood Control Project continues with active construction of Contract 5 along Main Street and Park Avenue. A levee-floodwall system and pump station is currently being built along Compton's Creek, and work will soon begin to elevate a portion of Port Monmouth Road between Main and Church Streets.

Contract 4, which includes construction of a floodwall along Highway 36 and Creek Road as well as road closure gates at Campbell Avenue and Broadway, is the final contract of the project and will be awarded to a contractor this summer. Completed phases already protecting the area consist of a floodwall along Port Monmouth Road, a pump station and floodgate in Pews Creek, and a road closure gate at Old Port Monmouth Road. The entire Port Monmouth Flood Control Project is expected to be completed in late 2025.

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 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.

| 2022 Household Income Limits | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Household Size | Max. Gross Income |
| 1 person | \$62,600 |
| 2 people | \$71,550 |
| 3 people | \$80,500 |
| 4 people | \$89,400 |
| 5 people | \$96,600 |
| 6 people | \$103,750 |
| 7 people | \$110,900 |
| 8 people | \$118,050 |

The 2023 income limits will be added to www.middletownnj.org/income.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP & MONMOUTH COUNTY PARTNER TO OFFER ENHANCED HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS

Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee recently authorized an agreement with the Monmouth County Board of Health, through the Monmouth County Health Department, for the provision of state-mandated local public health services. Through this new agreement, Middletown will enhance its services while saving nearly \$100,000 annually.

Beginning in April, the Township partnered with the County to offer free TB Skin Tests (Mantoux) on the first Monday of every month. These tests are only available to school-aged children up to 18 years old.

Appointments for the tests are required and last ten minutes. The nurse will schedule a follow-up appointment with you after the exam. Test readings will be done on the first Wednesday of every month. You can schedule an exam appointment by visiting www.middletownnj.org/tbtest.

988
SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE

988 is the nationwide 3-digit dialing code for crisis and suicide prevention. It is available 24/7. When someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, they can dial or text 988 to be connected to a mental health professional. People can also visit www.988lifeline.org/chat.

Middletown Township encourages residents to reach out to 988 if they need assistance.

CO-EXISTING WITH WILDLIFE IN SPRINGTIME

By Robert Card, Animal Control Officer



Along with spring comes baby season for our diverse wildlife population. Most of our local wildlife species are getting ready to nest or den to prepare for their babies. It is not uncommon to see even generally nocturnal species during daylight. For example, there are many reasons why a nocturnal animal like a raccoon would be out during the day – especially this time of year.

Please keep your distance if you notice wildlife. Do not feed or touch them. If you think there may be an issue with wildlife being sick, injured, or baby wildlife being orphaned, call Middletown Township Animal Control at 732-615-2097. After 4:00 PM and on weekends and holidays, contact the Middletown Township Police Department at 732-615-2100. Let a professional determine if the animal needs intervention.

During this time of year, you may also experience issues with nuisance wildlife such as animals living under decks/sheds, nesting in attics, or eating gardens. Animal Control does not trap and relocate wildlife and it is illegal to do so on your own. The only legal way to have healthy wildlife removed is to hire a private service that is licensed to do so.

Middletown is an area that is ecologically consistent with habitats for wildlife, so it is important to respect these habitats and find ways to co-exist.

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/MUNICIPALLIANCE.



If you suspect a loved one may have a substance use disorder, please reach out to Crossroads at 732-615-2277 to speak with a counselor.



Middletown Municipal Alliance Educates Students About Dangers of Drug & Alcohol Misuse

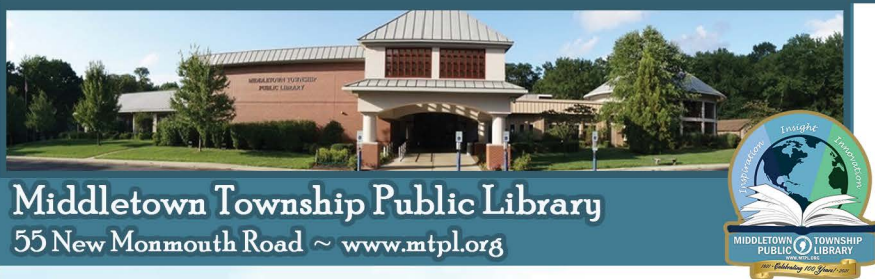


Photo courtesy of MMA

The Middletown Municipal Alliance (MMA) is a community-based volunteer organization that works to prevent substance use disorders, underage drinking, alcohol use disorders, vaping, and other at-risk behaviors through education and awareness. The organization's mission is to eliminate the stigma of mental health and substance use disorders through targeted events and programs.

MMA runs Project P.L.U.S. (Peer Leaders Understanding Students) programs several times throughout the school year. There is a free 7-week after school program for 5th grade students and a 4-week after school program for 8th grade students. The goal of both programs is to teach students about the personal, health, and legal consequences of dangerous substances and how to be effective leaders in our community. Both programs feature guest speakers from the Middletown Township Police Department, prevention specialists, and members of the MMA who help students prepare for the upper grades.

Questions about upcoming sessions and how to sign up?
Email middletownprojectplus@gmail.com.



Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Road ~ www.mtpl.org

Save the Date: Programming for Children & Teens

SUMMER READING 2023: ALL TOGETHER NOW

June - August

Visit www.mtpl.org to join a Summer Reading Challenge or to sign up for summer reading programs.

JENKINSON'S AQUARIUM: PENGUIN POINTERS

Wednesday, 6/28
For all ages

DINOMAN: EDUCATIONAL SCIENCE SERIES ON DINOSAURS

Monday, 7/24
For all ages

ANDREW'S BIG SHOW: FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMEDY, CIRCUS, AND JUGGLING SHOW

Thursday, 8/10
For all ages

Save the Date: Programming for Teens & Adults

ARTIST CAFE SHOWCASE

Saturday, 5/20

Join the MTPL for an Artist Showcase spotlighting artists, musicians, poets, and writers from previous Artist Cafe sessions as they perform their crafts.

Save the Date: Programming for Adults

CONSIDERING HOMEOWNERSHIP

Tuesday, 5/2

A workshop to familiarize first time or future homeowners with the home buying process.

SPRING AND SUMMER COASTAL BIRDING

Wednesday, 5/10

Join author and photographer Susan Puder on an exploration of coastal New Jersey for spring and summer birds.

LOCAL AUTHOR VISIT: PATRICIA HEYER

Tuesday, 5/16

Join the MTPL for an evening conversation with local author Patricia Heyer. She will talk about her books *Ghosts Along the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers* and *Haunted Jersey Shore Beaches, Boardwalks and Lighthouses*.

SPRING INTO JAZZ FEATURING THE VFW JAZZ BAND

Monday, 5/22

A free live jazz concert featuring the VFW Jazz Band in the Community Room. This concert will feature a tribute to military branches.

MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY PROGRAM CELEBRATING NEIL DIAMOND

Wednesday, 5/24

Hear about Diamond's early career to the present day along with performances of his most popular songs!

SHORE VOICES CONCERT: SONGS BY THE DIVAS

Tuesday, 5/30

Enjoy the sounds of this popular local a cappella group's spring performance!

THE BAND OF THE TWO RIVERS: PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

Wednesday, 6/14

Celebrate Flag Day with a patriotic performance from Monmouth County's own The Band of the Two Rivers.

TO FIND OUT MORE OR TO REGISTER FOR THESE PROGRAMS, VISIT WWW.MTPL.LIBCAL.COM/CALENDAR.



DON'T MISS AN EVENT OR NEW PROGRAM!

Visit www.middletownarts.org to sign up for the MAC's weekly e-blast to receive the latest news.

JOIN THE MAC'S TEAM

The MAC is looking for individuals to join its team in several different capacities. It is seeking instructors and teaching artists in the visual and performing arts, individuals to fill assorted part-time staff positions, volunteers, and new Board of Trustee members. Come be a part of the amazing things happening at the MAC! Letters of inquiry and resumes can be mailed to the MAC or emailed to mobrien@middletownnj.org.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MAC

Watch out for announcements about the grand re-opening of the MAC's newly-renovated lower education level which includes a beautiful new dance room, expanded multi-purpose classroom space, and an upgraded art studio. The opening of this new space will allow for additional programming.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER ARTS CAMPS!

Camps start Monday, June 19th and run through Sunday, September 3rd. The MAC's talented and caring staff offer half day and full day options. Parents can also combine a morning camp and an afternoon camp to make it a full-day experience. Before and after care is also available. Locations include the MAC's main facility and its MAC Annex location on Kings Highway. Visit www.middletownarts.org to view camps available in music, dance, theater, visual arts, and STEAM.

COMING UP IN THE GALLERY

APRIL - American Watercolor Society

MAY - Art Society of Monmouth County

JUNE - Middletown Schools ART MONTH Exhibit

SEPTEMBER - New Jersey Watercolor Society

OCTOBER - Manasquan River Group of Artists

NOVEMBER - Black Glass Gallery Photography

DECEMBER - NJ Teen Arts Festival Exhibit

THE MAC PLAYERS CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY



The MAC is extremely proud of its growing community theater company, The MAC Players, for completing its first season under the direction of Kathy Connolly! Productions included *Shrek the Musical*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, and *The Addams Family* — all of which were a huge success! *Seussical* opened in March and The MAC Players will continue to bring new performance opportunities for older teen and adult actors while also expanding theatrical entertainment for the community in 2023.

Next up: *Spongebob the Musical* scheduled for July 14-16 and 21-23. Visit www.middletownarts.org for more information about auditions and the rest of the 2023 season.



MIDDLETOWN RECREATION



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

Special Events

Pre-registration is required for all paid programs at www.middletownnj.org/signup. *Denotes free event for residents.

StoryWalk Grand Opening*

Sunday, 5/7 | 11:00a-12:00p
Poricy Park



Town-Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, 5/20 & Sunday, 5/21
8:30a-4:00p

Middletown Soccer Showdown

Saturday, 6/3 | 3:00-8:30p
Normandy Park



Daddy-Daughter Beach Bash

Friday, 6/9 | 5:30-8:00p | Ideal Beach



Summer Concert Series*

Tuesdays, 7/11, 7/25,
8/8 & 8/22
7:00-9:00p | Middletown Arts Center

Beach Party & Movie Night*

Thursday, 7/27 | 6:30-10:30p
Ideal Beach

Middletown Night at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws

Friday, 7/28 | 7:00p | Lakewood

Youth & Adult Kickball Tournament

Friday, 9/15 | 4:00-9:00p
Croydon Hall



Middletown Senior Center

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

www.middletownnj.org/seniors

Events at the Senior Center range from daily exercise classes, weekly art classes, educational speakers, bingo, seasonal themed parties, entertainment, and more!
Come visit - membership is free for residents 60+.

Tuesday, 5/9 - How to Avoid Scams - 11:30a

Tuesday, 5/23 - Older Americans Month Luncheon - 11:30a

Wednesday, 5/31 - Ice Cream Social with the Girl Scouts - 3:15p

Wednesday, 6/7 - Birthday Celebrations - 12:30p

Wednesday, 7/26 - Luau Luncheon - 12:00p

September TBD - Healthcare Fair

Tuesday, 10/31 - Halloween Costume Party - 12:30p

VOLUNTEER!

Need volunteer hours or just looking to give back to the community?

Check out Recreation's ever-changing volunteer opportunities online at www.middletownnj.org/volunteer. Volunteers must be 12 years or older.



SAVE
THE DATE

MIDDLETOWN DAY

Saturday, 9/23 | 11:00a-4:00p

The 2023 festival returns to Croydon Hall featuring the Business & Community Showcase, first responder touch-a-trucks, live music, children's activities, food court, craft vendors, and more! Exhibitor and sponsor information can be found at: www.middletownnj.org/middletownday.

MAYOR'S CHALLENGE 5K

Sunday, 10/15 | 8:45a

Join Recreation for a trail run benefiting RallyCap Sports.
Choose between the 1 mile fun run, 5K walk, or 5K run.
Support a great cause and register at www.middletownnj.org/5k.



FOLLOW RECREATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA



@middletownrec



@middletownrecnj

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MIDDLETOWN RECREATION



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SCOUTS & PARTIES!



SCOUT PROGRAMS

Poricy Park offers guided programs for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts starting at \$90.00 for a 90-minute program or a 30-45 minute guided hike for \$5.00 per child. Whether you're a Brownie or a Bear (or any other level), Recreation has a badge-specific program for you! Visit www.middletownnj.org/scouts for bookings.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate with a unique outdoor adventure! Choose between themed science and nature parties (for ages 4-10) including Fossil Hunting, Pond Netting, or Wild Kratt Adventures. Party includes 90 minutes of instructor-led activities, 30 minutes of "party room" time, and basic paper goods for \$315.00 for the first 15 children. More information: www.middletownnj.org/birthday.



SUMMER CAMPS 2023

Traditional and Science Camps run weekly from Wednesday, 7/5 - Friday, 8/11 for kids in grades PreK-9.

Pricing, themes, and availability: www.middletownnj.org/camp

Check out Recreation's specialty camp offerings!



PORICY PARK PROGRAMS

Pre-registration is required for all paid programs at www.middletownnj.org/signup.



Guided Fossil Hunts at the Fossil Beds

Great for all ages | \$5.00 per participant

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| Monday, 4/3 11a-12p | Sunday, 6/25 11a-12p |
| Thursday, 4/6 3-4p | Sunday, 7/23 11a-12p |
| Sunday, 4/23 11a-12p | Tuesday, 8/15 10a & 4p |
| Sunday, 5/28 11a-12p | Sunday, 8/27 11a-12p |
| Wednesday, 6/14 4-5p | Sunday, 9/17 11a-12p |

Drop in Monday-Friday 9a-4p at the Nature Center to rent your fossil hunting kit for a DIY experience on your own schedule. \$5.00 rental includes equipment and field guide.

Pond Netting at the Murray Pond

Grades PreK-6 | \$5.00 per participant

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday, 4/4 3-4p | Thursday, 7/20 4-5p |
| Wednesday, 4/5 11a-12p | Thursday, 8/17 10a & 4p |
| Tuesday, 6/13 4-5p | |

Open Colonial Farmhouse Weekend

Part of "Weekend in Old Monmouth", visit this example of a middle-class, colonial-era farmhouse and barn. Staff will provide short tours. Free for all.

Saturday, 5/6 | 10a-5p & Sunday, 5/7 | 12-5p

Colonial Games at the Farmhouse

Grades PreK-6 | \$5.00 per participant

Old-fashioned fun! Play with colonial children's toys, see where they slept and lived, and play group games.

Monday, 6/12 | 4-5p

Exploration Week at the Nature Center

Grades K-6 | \$5.00 per participant

Sample all of the fun at Poricy Park. All classes 2-3p.

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|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| MON., 6/26 | TUES., 6/27 | WED., 6/28 | FRI., 6/30 |
| Owl Pellet Dissection | Slime Making | Watershed Hike | Butter Churning |

After-School Science Club at the Nature Center

Spring Session: Tuesdays, 4/11-5/30 | Grades K-2 | \$120.00

Summer Session: Mondays, 9/18-11/13 (Off 10/9) | Grades K-2 | \$120.00



Middletown Preschool

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 20+ years of combined classroom management.

Call Middletown Preschool at 732-615-3230
50 Bray Avenue, Middletown, NJ 07748
www.middletownnj.org/preschool



2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

PREK3 (3 YR) & PREK4 (4 YR)

FULL DAYS & HALF DAYS
9AM-3PM 9AM-12PM

IT'S BACK!

OPEN RECREATION



Mon.-Thurs. | 3-5p | Grades 1-5
Mon. & Wed. | 3-5p | Grades 6-12
Tonya Keller Community Center
Drop-In Play, Homework Help & Snack
Free for Residents



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WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?

LET DPW KNOW!

Please complete an online form at
www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup.

QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at
732-615-2090.

THANK YOU!



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP RECERTIFIED BY SUSTAINABLE JERSEY AT THE SILVER LEVEL



Mayor Tony Perry, Township Administrator Tony Mercantante, and Township employees from both the Planning Department and the Department of Public Works & Engineering show off Middletown's recertification!

In November, Middletown Township was honored at the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon for becoming recertified as a silver town! Sustainable Jersey is a program that provides municipalities, schools, and school districts with tools, training, and incentives to pursue sustainability programs in New Jersey. Municipalities must meet a minimum of 350 points to achieve silver status. Middletown is humbled for this recognition and very proud to work toward a greener and healthier township!

SPRING 2023 BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

*COLLECTION START DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER-DEPENDENT.

| COLLECTION ZONE <small>TO FIND YOUR BRUSH COLLECTION ZONE, VISIT WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ZONEMAP.</small> | START DATE <small>PLEASE HAVE YOUR BRUSH AT THE CURB BY THIS DATE.</small> | COLLECTION RANGE <small>BRUSH MAY BE COLLECTED AT ANY POINT DURING THIS DATE RANGE. PLEASE LEAVE BRUSH OUT AT THE CURB UNTIL ZONE IS COMPLETE.</small> |
|---|---|---|
| E,G | MARCH 20 | MARCH 20-APRIL 2 |
| I,K | APRIL 3 | APRIL 3-APRIL 16 |
| J,L | APRIL 17 | APRIL 17-APRIL 30 |
| A,B,C,D | MAY 1 | MAY 1-MAY 14 |
| F,H | MAY 15 | MAY 15-MAY 28 |

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 DROPOFF BY LANDSCAPERS IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

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

Need Wood Mulch? It's Available!



DELIVERY:

- \$6/cubic yard (available in 5 CY increments)
- Mail check & Mulch Delivery Request Form to DPW (52 Kaness Lane, 07748)
- Delivery on Tuesdays - Thursdays

OR

MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER:

- FREE if you load your own vehicle
- Residents only - No business vehicles permitted

732-615-2090

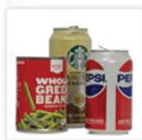
www.middletownnj.org/mulch

Mulch can be delivered from the beginning of April to the end of September unless supply runs out sooner.

FIND OUT WHICH ITEMS ARE & AREN'T ACCEPTED AT THE MIDDLETOWN RECYCLING CENTER AND REMEMBER TO...

RECYCLE: STRIVE FOR FIVE!

CANS



Aluminum, Tin and Steel Cans (empty and rinse)

GLASS



Bottles and Jars (empty and rinse)

PAPER



Newspaper, Magazines and Mail

PLASTIC



Bottles and Containers (empty and rinse numbers 1,2,5)

CARDBOARD



Cardboard, Cereal Boxes, and Paper Tubes (flatten boxes)

NOT ACCEPTED:



No Recyclables in Plastic Bags



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap



No Tangles, Cords, Hoses or Chains



No Yard Waste



No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)

QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT GOES WHERE?

Visit www.middletownnj.org/recycling or download the Recycle Coach app. You can also call DPW at 732-615-2090.

DOWNLOAD



FOR UPDATES SENT VIA TEXT OR EMAIL INCLUDING:

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

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

PORICY PARK BECOMES CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT

Mayor Tony Perry and members of the Poricy Park Conservancy unveiled its newest sign designating Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) as a certified wildlife habitat! The Conservancy was granted this special designation by the National Wildlife Federation and the New Jersey Audubon.

The Poricy Park Conservancy is a nonprofit with the mission to preserve and enrich the park as well as educate the community about its historic and recreational resources.



Pictured from left: Poricy Park Conservancy Trustee Teresa Johnson, President Elaine Hinkley, Mayor Tony Perry, Trustee Linda Maresca, Trustee Janet Currie, and Secretary David Waite

UPCOMING & COMPLETED



ROAD PAVEMENT PROJECTS



Please visit www.middletownnj.org/roads to see a complete list of road pavement projects in Middletown Township.