



# Middletown Minutes

## Official Township E-Newsletter

Celebrate the Grand Opening of Middletown Dog Park on  
Friday, 9/8 from 4-6 PM!



Bring your dog to Tindall Park (across from Middletown High School North) on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Middletown Dog Park Grand Opening! Join us for treats, giveaways, and to check out dog-related businesses and vendors.

Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/dogpark](http://www.middletownnj.org/dogpark) to read the rules and expectations.

If you have a dog-related business, contact [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org) to see how you can get involved in this special day!

## Middletown Hosts 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Memorial Service on Monday, 9/11 at 7:00 PM

*Middletown Remembers*

22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the World Trade Center Tragedy

Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

*Join us for a moment of silence and wreath tribute to honor our Middletown friends and neighbors lost in the World Trade Center attack.*

Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens  
36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748  
(next to the Middletown Arts Center)

Parking will be available at the Middletown Train Station. Police will be directing traffic.  
Tribute will be held rain or shine.

The community is invited to attend our memorial service to honor and remember those we lost in the the World Trade Center attack 22 years ago. There will be a moment of silence, wreath tribute, and a candlelit walk through the Middletown Township World Trade Center Memorial Gardens (36 Church Street next to the Middletown Arts Center).

**MTPD Invites Community to Support PBA Local 124's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 9/11 Memorial 5K on Saturday, 9/9**



## SAVE THE DATE

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

*Middletown Train Station*

**9/11 MEMORIAL 5K**

**3.1 MILES & KIDS RUN**

[www.911middletown5K.com](http://www.911middletown5K.com)

Proceeds from the 5K will go to a memorial scholarship fund created in honor of late Middletown Township Police Department (MTPD) Detective Lieutenant Joseph Capriotti. As "keeper of the list" of the 37 residents we tragically lost on 9/11, Capriotti personally notified every single Middletown family who had lost a loved one that day. As a result of his response to Ground Zero, he contracted cancer and lost his battle in June 2019. The memorial scholarship fund was created as a way to pay tribute to the tremendous impact he has made to the families of the victims and to our community.

Registration is \$30 for the 5K Run + Walk and \$15 for the Kids' Race (prices increase after September 7<sup>th</sup>). You can also purchase In Memory/Honor of signs for \$100 until 11:59 PM on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Visit [www.911middletown5k.com](http://www.911middletown5k.com) for more information and to register.

**Free Fall Tutoring Program for  
Income-Eligible Students: APPLY TODAY!**



# Next Generation Support Program

for income-eligible Middletown students

This fall, Middletown Township will be offering free tutoring services to students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. Visit [www.middletownnj.org/ngsp](http://www.middletownnj.org/ngsp) to see if your household qualifies and complete the application.

Tutoring will take place on Saturdays from September 30<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Middletown Township Public Library (55 New Monmouth Road). Tutoring will not be held on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Please apply by Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

If you want to apply but have some questions, please contact Middletown Community Development Manager Jill Cammarosano at [jcammarosano@middletownnj.org](mailto:jcammarosano@middletownnj.org).

*Please visit [www.middletownnj.org/ngsp](http://www.middletownnj.org/ngsp) for more information and to apply.*

**Donate to Middletown's Back to School Supply Drive by Tuesday, 9/26**



Middletown Recreation, Middletown Social Services, Middletown Cub Scout packs, and Memorial Sloan Kettering are collecting school supplies for residents in need.

There is no sales tax on school supplies through Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, so it's the perfect time to grab some!

Please consider donating and helping students get off to a great start.

*Click [HERE](#) to view our list of supplies and drop-off locations.*

*Middletown is hiring*

# School Crossing Guards

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

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/jobs](http://www.middletownnj.org/jobs) for additional information and to fill out an application.



## Crossing Guards Receive Annual Training as New School Year Approaches



*Our dedicated and professional group of crossing guards take a break from training and smile for the camera!*

On Thursday, Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominick Donatelli held a training session in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway) for over 50 guards.

The Traffic Safety Bureau is responsible for overseeing the Crossing Guards who are positioned throughout the township during the school year.

We wish everyone a happy and safe school year!

## Middletown Township Committee Proclaims 8/31 Overdose Awareness Day in Our Town



*Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County volunteers placed 50 purple flags on the lawn outside our counseling center in Lincroft to honor each life lost to overdose in Monmouth County from 1/1 – 3/31 of this year. There are also 2 white flags that represent all individuals who lost their lives to an overdose throughout 2022.*

**The Middletown Township Committee recognized Overdose Awareness Day (August 31<sup>st</sup>) with a proclamation at the Middletown Township Committee Regular Meeting on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. National Recovery Month will also be observed in Middletown Township during the month of September to help educate our community about available programs.**

**If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, please reach out to Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex, a New Jersey licensed facility that provides substance use disorder services to all Middletown residents. Call Crossroads at**

732-615-2277 to speak with a counselor.

**Click [HERE](#) for more information about Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex.**

## Watch the Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> Township Committee Meeting



**Click [HERE](#) to watch the meeting on the Township's YouTube channel or catch it on our TV channel (Verizon FiOS Channel 26/Comcast Cable Channel 20) every night at 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM through Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Ahoy Me Hearties: Daddy-Daughter Mermaids & Pirates Dance Lots of Fun!



*The crowd made lots of memories while they ate, danced, and crafted! (Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation)*

**Despite the rain, Middletown Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Mermaids & Pirates dance brought sunshine and smiles to all who attended yesterday.**

**Save-the-date for the next Daddy-Daughter event at Jacques (500 Palmer Avenue) - Friday, 2/9/24 and**



*Mayor Tony Perry and his daughter Reagan had a "sea"ational time together!  
(Photo courtesy of Middletown Recreation)*

**Saturday, 2/10/24!**

**Registration for the next dance opens Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> via [CommunityPass](#).**

**Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the dance.**

**Join Us for the Middletown Day Festival & Car Show on Saturday, 9/23 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**



**Croydon Hall 11am-4pm  
[middletownnj.org/middletownday](http://middletownnj.org/middletownday)**

**Middletown Day returns to the Great Lawn at Croydon Hall this year on Saturday,**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Join us as a business, vendor, sponsor, or car show participant as we come together as a community to celebrate all that makes Middletown so exceptional.

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

## "Fall Into Wellness" with MTPL's September Series

**Fall Into WELLNESS**  
at the Middletown Public Library this September

**Simplifying Weekly Meal Planning via ZOOM**  
9/13

**The Positive Psychology Diet**  
9/18

**Kirtan**  
led by Vivian Taormina  
9/14

**Optimizing Immunity via ZOOM**  
9/20

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
55 NEW MONMOUTH ROAD MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07748  
PHONE: 732-671-3700 • [WWW.MTPL.ORG](http://WWW.MTPL.ORG)

The Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) invites the community to attend its September series of virtual and in-person wellness programs that aim to provide adults with tools and tips to help them thrive this autumn. MTPL's Wellness Series programs are free and open to all who wish to attend.

*Click [HERE](#) to read the MTPL's press release for more information.*

**Pre-Register for Middletown Animal Control's Free Cat Rabies Clinic on Tuesday, 9/12 from 5:15-6:30 PM**

 **FREE CAT RABIES CLINIC**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
TUESDAY, 9/12 FROM 5:15-6:30 PM  
CROYDON HALL GYM PARKING LOT (900 LEONARDVILLE ROAD)  
*Cats must be accompanied by owner and in its own carrier.*  
  
*Please call Animal Control at 732-615-2097 if you have any questions and visit [www.middletownnj.org/rabies](http://www.middletownnj.org/rabies) to pre-register.*

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**Report Your Missed Trash, Recycling, or Bulk Collection to DPW**

# WAS YOUR TRASH, RECYCLING, OR BULK NOT COLLECTED?

**LET DPW KNOW!**



Please complete an online form at  
[www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup](http://www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup).

## QUESTIONS?

Please call DPW at  
732-615-2090.



**THANK YOU!**

We encourage you to complete a form at [www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup](http://www.middletownnj.org/missedpickup) if  
your trash, recycling, or bulk was not collected.

Please call DPW at 732-615-2090 if you have any questions.

*Click [HERE](#) to complete DPW's form.*

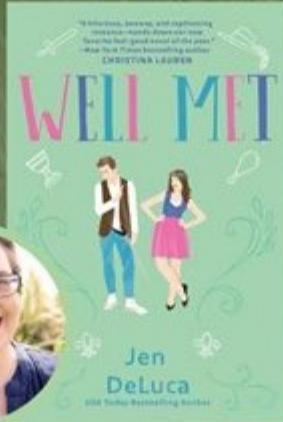
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Register for MTPL's Virtual Author Talk with Jen DeLuca  
Happening on Wednesday, 8/30 at 7 PM**

**THE MEET CUTES:  
*A Romance Book Club***

**Virtual Author Talk  
with Jen DeLuca**



Ebook and Audiobook Editions of *Well Met* by Jen DeLuca are also available on Libby!



**August 30 @ 7PM**  
via [zoom](#)  
and in the Computer Lab

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT [MTPL.ORG](http://MTPL.ORG) FOR A ZOOM LINK!



Join the Middletown Township Public Library's (MTPL) Meet Cutes Romance Book Club next week as author Jen DeLuca discusses her book *Well Met!* Jen will be joining virtually, but patrons have the option to participate in person in the MTPL's Computer Lab (55 New Monmouth Road) or via Zoom.

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.*

**Sign Up for Middletown Recreation's Kickball Tournament  
Happening on Thursday, 9/14 & Friday, 9/15**



The poster features a red and white logo for "MIDDLETOWN RECREATION" with a stylized "M" and "R" icon. Below it is a large, bold "MIDDLETOWN KICKBALL TOURNAMENT" logo with a star at the bottom. The background is a blurred image of a baseball field. The text "THURS, SEPT 14TH + FRI, SEPT 15TH" is prominently displayed in white. Below that, "4pm-9pm / M.T. Thompson Park" is written in a red box. To the left, under "Divisions", are listed "Youth (3rd-5th Grade)", "Middle (6th-8th Grade)", "High (9th-12th Grade)", and "Adult (18+)". To the right, under "Teams", are listed "10 players/team" and "At least 2 females/team". Next to this is a white box for the "MAYORS Wellness CAMPAIGN".

**Divisions**

- Youth (3rd-5th Grade)
- Middle (6th-8th Grade)
- High (9th-12th Grade)
- Adult (18+)

**Teams**

- 10 players/team
- At least 2 females/team

**\$50 /team**

Middletown Township  
**MAYORS**  
Wellness CAMPAIGN

Grab your team and compete to be crowned Middletown champs of this playground favorite! Divisions range from Junior (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade), Middle (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) to Adult (18+). Medals and glory to the winners!

*Click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up.*

**Register for the Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run  
Happening on Sunday, 10/15**



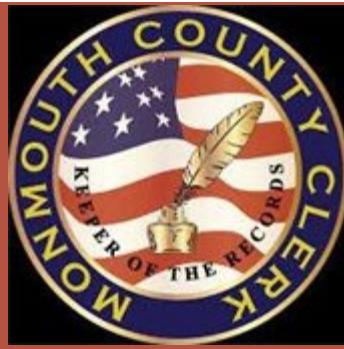
The poster features the Middletown Township New Jersey seal on the left. The main title "Mayor's CHALLENGE" is in a large, stylized font. Below it, "5K + 1 MILE" is in a red box, and "FUN RUN" is in a green box. The location "PORICY PARK, 345 OAK HILL RD RED BANK" and date "SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15" are also included. A green long-sleeve t-shirt with the race logo is shown. Logos for Middletown Arts Center, Middletown Recreation, and Mayor's Wellness Campaign are at the bottom, along with the RallyCap Sports logo featuring two cartoon children.

Exercise for a great cause at the annual Mayor's Challenge 5K + 1 Mile Fun Run! Race the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road) to compete for an awesome prize while raising money for RallyCap Sports, a nonprofit that brings recreational opportunities to children and young adults with special needs while also providing life-changing volunteer opportunities. Long sleeve t-shirts will be given to the first 150 participants!

Sign up today at [www.middletownnj.org/5K](http://www.middletownnj.org/5K).



The word "RESOURCES" is prominently displayed in large blue letters. The Middletown Township New Jersey seal is positioned between the "E" and "S" in "RESOURCES".



## Vote by Mail Opt Out Deadline for General Election is Friday, 9/1

Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is advising voters who are enrolled to automatically receive mail-in ballots for voting that Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to opt out of receiving mail-in ballots for the 2023 General Election. These voters can opt out by completing the Vote by Mail Opt Out form, available on [MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com) and “[Monmouth County Votes](#)” Mobile App, and submitting it to the [County Clerk’s Election Office](#) by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

After September 1<sup>st</sup>, voters who are currently enrolled to receive mail-in ballots will be unable to vote in person on a machine, however, they may still vote during early voting or on Election Day via provisional paper ballots. In addition to voting by mail, New Jersey voters have the option to cast their ballots for the 2023 General Election in person during early voting at one of the County’s 10 designated polling locations from Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, or the traditional way of voting in person on Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at their assigned polling location.

For more information, please visit [MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com), download the County Clerk’s free “[Monmouth County Votes](#)” Mobile App, or call the County Clerk’s Election Office at 732-431-7790.

**Become a Monmouth County Poll Worker for the November General Election**



**Help Your Community  
Exercise Their  
Right to Vote!**

**Become a Monmouth County  
Poll Worker Today!**

The Monmouth County Board of Elections is seeking poll workers. Call us today to find out more about taking part in this important civic responsibility.

To qualify, you must be a registered voter in Monmouth County and attend a poll worker training class.

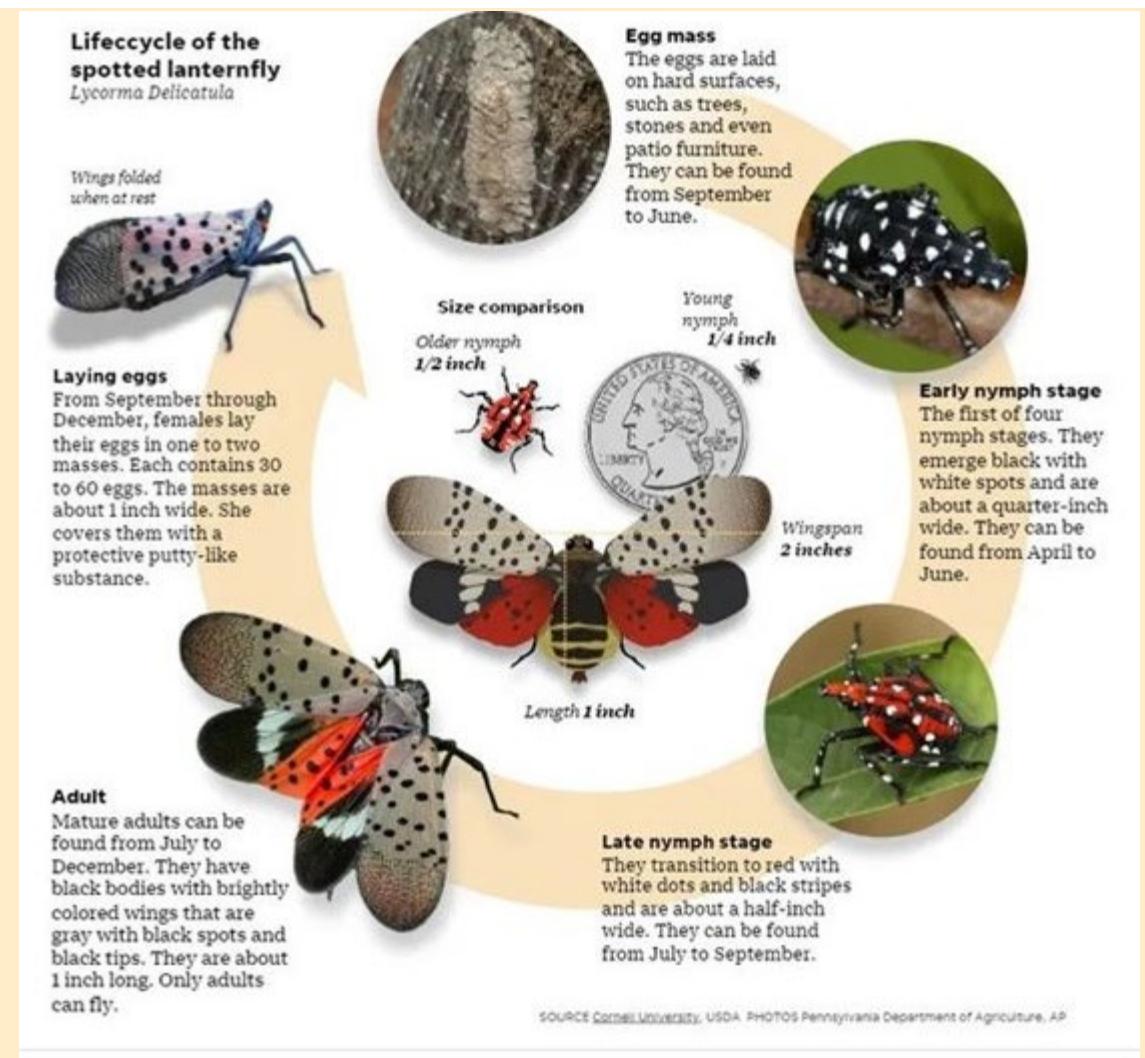
You will be paid \$300 for working a Primary Election or General Election. Call us today at 732-431-7802 x7150 to register for a training class.

 Monmouth County Board of Elections  
300 Halls Mills Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
732-431-7802 x7150

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*Click [HERE](#) to complete the application.*

**Help Stomp Out the Spotted Lanternfly**



**You have probably noticed Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), an invasive planthopper native to China, India, and Vietnam, everywhere you turn. Starting in September, SLF will lay eggs and die out by October or November (see lifecycle chart above).**

**This insect is an invasive pest that has the potential to greatly impact agricultural crops and hardwood trees. They feed on the plant sap of many different plants including grapevines, maples, black walnut, and other important plants in New Jersey. While it does not harm humans or animals, it can reduce the quality of life for people living in heavily-infested areas.**

**As SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and more.**

**If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, help us Stomp it Out!**

**Be Prepared: Register for Middletown Township's**

## Emergency Alerts!



Middletown Township encourages all residents to register for Nixle, our emergency communications platform. Once registered, you will receive alerts about traffic detours, severe weather, criminal activities, missing persons, and more.

Text MiddletownNJ to 888-777 or visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register.

## Monmouth County Accepting Written Comments About South Laurel Ave. Bridge Study until Monday, 8/28

**Concept Development Study**

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**Operational Safety Improvements  
to South Laurel Avenue (CR 52)  
At the Railroad Bridge**



**Public Information Center**

June 27, 2023  
5 – 7 PM

Township of Holmdel & Township of Middletown



0:03 / 19:38

Monmouth County, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), hosted a Public Information Center (PIC) meeting in June to inform local residents, officials, businesses, and the general public about the Concept Development Study for the Operational Safety Improvements to South Laurel Avenue (CR 52) at the Railroad Bridge, located in the townships of Holmdel and Middletown.

The presentation from the PIC can be found on YouTube. Written comments regarding the study and presentation will be accepted through Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Comments may be mailed to the Community Involvement Facilitator, Nicole Pace-Addeo, Stokes Creative Group, 1666 Route 206, Vincentown, NJ 08088. You may also email them to [npace@stokescg.com](mailto:npace@stokescg.com).

*Click [HERE](#) for more information about the PIC and click [HERE](#) to watch the presentation on YouTube.*

**Click [HERE](#) to access hi-res photos from this e-newsletter.**



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